THE BOMB-SHELL

BYRON RIFE

To my good friend: Colonel Byron Rice,
Commanding Officer,
Elwood Ordnance Plant.

As a reminder of our very pleasant association.

Sincerely,
Harrison Smith,
Partner.

March 28, 1945.

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ORDNANCE IS THE HEART OF VICTORY

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ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT

LETS GO! U.S.A. KEEP 'EM SHOOTING!

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Operators of Elwood Handle Many War Jobs

S & P Build Plants For Army-Navy In Other States

Curiosity of Elwood Ordnance Plant employees, who consider themselves wedded to their job, concerning the "family" into which they have married will be satisfied to some extent by the preliminary results of questioning which is to be continued from time to time.

Like all good families, Elwood Ordnance Plant has two parents, the Ordnance Department of the United States Army and Sanderson & Porter. Who is papa and who is mamma isn't important here. They're both fine people. But, since most citizens are more or less acquainted with the United States Army, preliminary questions have dealt with Sanderson & Porter.

Sanderson & Porter is a partnership widely known in engineering and management circles throughout the country as the result of its accomplishments during 46 years of successful operation. The firm was organized in 1896 by **Edwin N. Sanderson** and **H. Hobart Porter.**

Design Loading Line

Designing and construction projects of various kinds soon attracted national attention and before long the firm began to specialize in public utility work including street railways, steam and hydro-electric power plants, and oil and natural gas pipe lines. Sanderson & Porter pioneered numerous types of construction, including the assembly line method of loading shells and bombs put into practice at the Elwood Ordnance Plant.

As the firm grew, other engineers and management experts were taken into the partnership. Among them was **Harrison Smith,** resident partner in charge at Elwood, who became a partner in 1929 after several years of association with the concern.

Mr. Sanderson died in 1932, but Mr. Porter is still active, appearing almost daily at the offices in New York. Mr. Porter, who visited the Elwood Plant recently

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100% War Bond Mark To Be Maintained

Sale of War Bonds at the Elwood Ordnance Plant is to be a continuous activity, with no thought of resting on the laurels of the 100 per cent record achieved in all departments in the recent intensive campaign.

More than 10,000 employees are now investing $250,000 a month in War Bonds through the payroll allotment plan. All workers, except those away from the job because of illness or out-of-town duties, are participating. New employees will be invited to keep the record at the 100 per cent mark after they have been at work for two weeks.

EOP Controller **John J. Cole** said a number of workers have bought bonds for cash, in addition to participating in the payroll allotment plan. One employee invested $4,000 and several have bought $1,000 and $500 bonds.

CHECKS BRING BROAD SMILES

WINNERS ARE CONGRATULATED by W. E. Canniff, manager of operations at EOP, when he presented duplicate awards to Kathryn E. Reubart, War Department Administrative Office, and Vincent Cantarella, Paymaster's Office, for naming THE BOMB-SHELL.

Three Employees Share in Award of Prizes For Naming Elwood's New Tabloid

Kathryn Reubart and Vincent Cantarella Receive $10, Michael Gorman $5; Canniff Hails Project

Cash awards originally announced in the contest to select a name for the new newspaper at the Elwood Ordnance Plant were more than doubled as the result of the great interest manifested.

Duplicate prizes of $10 each were presented to **Kathryn E. Reubart,** Administrative office, Ordnance Department, and to **Vincent Cantarella,** Paymaster's office, for their entries as the judges decided on the name, *THE BOMB-SHELL.* **W. E. Canniff,** EOP manager of operations, presented checks to the winners.

Guard **Michael Gorman** was awarded a $5 cash prize because his contribution, "Bomb and Shell," was so near to the name chosen by the judges. Later he confided that he almost sent in "The Bomb-Shell," but decided it was too "corny." (Note to Mr. Gorman. . . . You have a right to your opinion, but it cost you $5. —Editor.)

Production Is Lauded

"I think the name selected," said Mr. Canniff, "is the most appropriate which could have been chosen. It tells the Elwood story, is easily remembered and lends itself to artistic and editorial treatment.

"My personal appreciation goes to every employee who entered the contest. This advance interest forecasts a splendid welcome for the paper, and I'm confident that the publication soon will be a popular feature with everyone at EOP.

"In this first issue of *THE BOMB-SHELL,* I want to take advantage of the opportunity to express to EOP workers the appreciation felt in Government circles for the splendid production being maintained here. It is the talk of the Ordnance Department.

"Construction of production units at the plant have been completed and operation is now on the basis originally planned. That production schedule, compared with the accomplishments in World War I, is phenomenal. It has been achieved only by the manner in which every employee has done his particular job. It is good to know that EOP is contributing its full share to 'keep 'em shooting.'"

Employees who received honorable mention for their entries are: **Ann Kulpa, Willard J. Arseneau, E. Marion McConnell, Bud Resler, J. J. Fitzpatrick, Donald J. Kane, Joe Caveny, Alfred Emiley, Woodrow W. Davidson, St. Elmo Stewart, Guy F. Brunacci, J. F. (Jerry) Walsh, LaVern T. Conroy, Edmond H. Vanwinkle, Earl R. Steen, Jr., Harry S. Walters, Jacob L. Storhow, Ernest Myers, William J. Denver, Ray Shipley, Pearl M. Marston, Maxine L. McBride, Joseph J. Peters, Edward F. Washburn.**

Paul K. Orosco, Joseph P. Motta, William J. Stanley, James P. Murphy, Thomas V. Brennan, I. G. DeMoss, Willis C. Pitzer, Paul D. Newey, Eugene T. Bennington, Henry Fatland, Thomas Tomaszewski, Harriet L. Wise, Orville J. Baron, Viola Arlene Schloendorf, Frank W. Shurte, Joe Elledge, Charles Evans, William D. Hartley, Wilda Willis, J. V. Wall, F. F. Christianson.

Bernard J. McShane, M. Ralph Hatch, Kathleen T. Conway, Orman K. Olson, Geraldine M. Ward, Charles H. Ross, Frank H. Costello, Robert Muir, Harold A. Whitmar, J. E. Fisher, John L. Fister, Grover H. Koppelman, Harry J. Babb, Anthony B. Toliuszis, Nick Belluso, James Nolan, Joseph Sacig, John J. Barry, Wesley L. Peebles, N. J. Cleary, Ikey Liker, George F. Zelke, Adhemar R. Lambert, Lewis C. Schuck.

Terms First Issue Another Milestone

"Only 20 months have passed since this great plant was started and each of those months has furnished a new and added triumph to the laurels of Sanderson & Porter at the Elwood Ordnance Plant. The initial publication of *THE BOMB-SHELL* is another milestone and amply verifies the determination of every single person at this plant to 'Keep 'em Shooting.'"

—Don M. Hoffman,
Lieut. Col., Ordnance Dept., Commanding.

Elwood Tops All Ordnance Plants of U. S.

Executive Acclaims Employees for Achievement Here

Elwood Ordnance Plant is an important unit in the Ordnance Department's program of furnishing to our armed forces adequate supplies of the best ammunition procurable, according to **Harrison Smith,** resident partner of Sanderson & Porter, EOP builders and operators.

"A primary consideration in the selection of the Elwood site by the Ordnance Department," said Mr. Smith, "was the availability of a high type citizenship, fathers, sons and daughters, who it was felt would give their best efforts toward making the Elwood Plant one of the best operated plants in the entire program.

"We who have been associated with the Ordnance Department since initial construction was started November 18, 1940, are proud of our association. Wholehearted cooperation and encouragement have been given us at all times, the results of which are apparent in the results of our work. We believe Elwood 'tops' all other similar plants in the United States, in all respects.

Shells Being Fired

"Our first loading line was put into operation July 12, 1941, seven months and 25 days from the starting of construction work. Since that date we have brought all of our lines into operation and have loaded many millions of components going into ammunition which our Allies and ourselves require. Each loaded piece has an Elwood mark, and already reports have come back in letters from far-distant places, written by Will and Grundy county boys, that they prefer Elwood ammunition to all other kinds.

"We Elwood workers have a right to be proud of our Ordnance Department, our plant, our continuing increase in production, our production methods—and our people. The combination cannot be beaten and we may expect that with increasing familiarity with our work, closer acquaintance and

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Group 2 Employees Show EOP Spirit

EOP spirit is dramatically illustrated by the spontaneous action taken by employees of Group 2 following the death of one of their co-workers.

Edward Schultz, 54 years old, died May 17 at the City Hospital. He had been ill but two weeks. Friends who called on him during his illness reported he made a brave fight, displaying the same attitude he had shown in his daily work as a member of the "Keep 'Em Shooting" army.

Ed is survived by his wife and 18 children. His friends decided they would show their sorrow for his passing in a practical way. Guided by Superintendent **James J. Murphy** and aided by Assistant Superintendents **Eugene Hunt, John Johnson, Jr.,** and **John T. Kelehan,** Group 2 employees raised a purse of $315 and presented it to Mrs. Schultz.

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YOU AND THE WAR

Well, here we are, a bunch of fellows and girls holding down jobs at the Elwood Ordnance Plant. Most of us are making more money than we ever did before. The war, even at this munitions plant, sometimes seems far away—something that comes in over the radio or you see in the news reels or in headlines in the papers. Sure, a lot of the boys have gone into the army or expect to go in soon, we have to do with less sugar and we've got to go easy with that car on account of tires. But with all that, life goes on a lot like it did before. And just give us time, we'll knock off those Japs and Nazis—but good.

O.K., O.K., I'm not trying to hint that you're smug or complacent or not taking all this seriously enough. This is not a pep talk. Honestly, you're doing fine. What I do want to say, and nobody can say it too often, is that you think hard for a few minutes about what all the shooting is for.

We've all heard a lot about what we're fighting *against*, but just what are we fighting *for?* What kind of a world are we fighting for with all our nerve, our wit, our men, our money?

We're fighting, I say, for the democratic way of life. And that means the right to live and work as free men and women, so that no one gets pushed around, or goes hungry, or is ill-clothed or lacks decent housing. For a world in which no gangsters prating about "that dirty deal at Versailles" or "living-space" or "a new world order" can ever again crush decent people who want only to live in peace and raise families and go to the movies and take trips on Sunday in the car and give the next guy an even break. The right, that is, to live our lives and work out our destinies as free human beings in a free world.

This is what America—the American Dream—has always meant and stood for. This is what we can all pitch in and fight for—on the battle front or at the Elwood Ordnance Plant—with all our brain and muscle and heart.

—Seymour Kurantman,
Ordnance Department.

CONCERNING WAGGING TONGUES

Talk about your operation; talk about your children; talk about your prowess as an athlete or glamour girl, but don't talk about your job and the work that goes on here.

Of late many persons have been doing too much talking about strictly government affairs. While on a recent visit to a restaurant in a nearby city, a conversation between an EOP employee and an outside individual was overheard. This individual asked the employee how many shells were being loaded daily by the groups. The employee reminded the person that it was not permissable to reveal such information. The individual then indignantly reminded the youth that it didn't make any difference if he revealed the information or not, because he already knew approximately the number of shells being loaded daily by each group. This information undoubtedly was obtained from some careless, thoughtless employee who did not guard his idle chatter.

With less than 7 per cent of the world's population and less than 7 per cent of the world's land area, we of the good old U. S. A. have enjoyed more than a third of the world's wealth and income and 100 per cent of its pleasures.

Now during this period of sacrifice and doing without and with an all-out effort for victory, let's not spoil it with a wagging tongue.

One person may start a rumor but a dozen may not be able to stop it.

—James Glade, Group 61.

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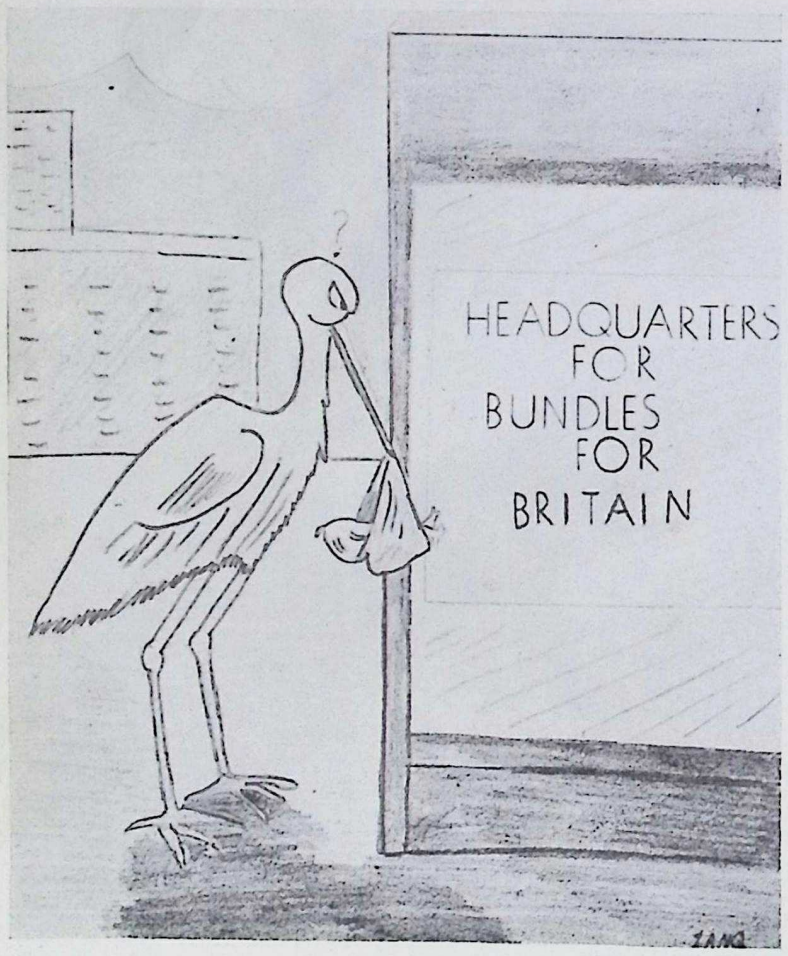


Say, now that's just carrying things a little too far.

Many Novelties Will Feature June 13 Dance

Committee Busy Arranging for Social Affair

By Harold "Red" Bowler

Interest in the dance to be held for all employees of the Elwood Ordnance Plant and their guests in the EOP Recreation Building Saturday night, June 13, is at fever pitch.

Announcement of the date immediately set tongues wagging, especially when it was learned that the arrangements committee is tying its plans in with the "Keep Them Shooting" campaign which got off to a splendid start with the buffet supper and dance held May 15.

The dancers will glide over the softly lighted floor to the music of Keith Gale and his orchestra, one of the most popular groups in this section. Red, white and blue spotlights playing on the spinning surface of a crystal ball will highlight the decorative theme of patriotic treatment.

A brief entertainment program will be featured by the awarding of a $25 War Bond and other prizes. Novel dances and specialties are included. **John E. Olson** (Ole, to his many friends) will be master of ceremonies.

In charge of the affair are: Honorary chairman, **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman**; general chairman, **Harold H. Bowler; Ann Kulpa, Kathryn Reubart, Michael Kelly, Helen McGinnis, Jennie Vernetti, G. B. Lyons, Carl Anker, Frank McCarthy, Josephine Rush** and Mr. Olson.

Tickets are $1.10 a couple. The committee is looking forward to welcoming all employees and their guests to this gala affair. One of each couple must be an employee of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. Formal dress for the ladies is expected to prevail.

NOTES FROM THE INSPECTORS GROUP 61

Inspection Department, Group 61, in its first contribution to the Company periodical, extends its best wishes for untold future success to the editor and staff. We shall do our level best to cooperate fully in making this periodical an instrument of great merit.

In our inaugural contribution, it is fitting to introduce **Harold Rouff**, senior inspector; **James Glade, Paul Newey** and **Ed Rashid**, shift captains, who will exercise their literary talents to the best of their ability in bringing to the readers a wealth of information from Group 61.

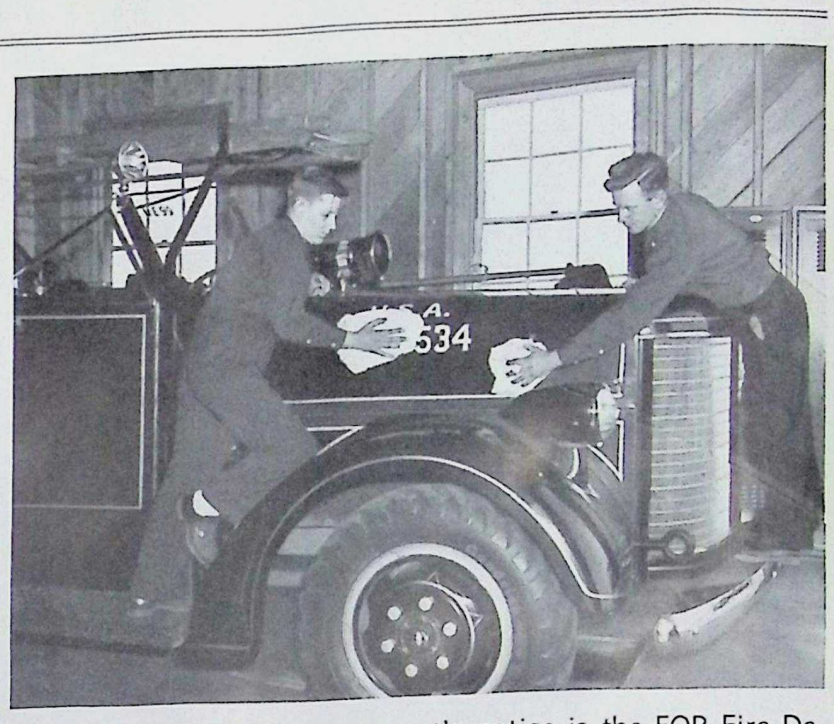
Also, by way of introduction, it is fitting to present Group 61 as the group which processes that Ammonium Nitrate which has made life so pleasant to many men in the loading lines.

While but two of our men have had experience in loading a shell, it was our recent privilege to have an inspection tour which enabled our men to appreciate the importance and convenience of Ammonium Nitrate which met government specifications and which was easy to handle.

We of the inspection Department, Group 61, along with every employee in the Production Department, are well aware of the value of workable and almost chemically perfect Ammonium Nitrate. It is with that knowledge that in the future, as in the past, we shall continue to put forth our best efforts in our work.

Has Art Talent

The cartoon to the left is the work of **Viola Arlene Schloendorf**, mimeo chief, Office Management, who does the cartoon on the daily menu for the cafeteria.



READY FOR DUTY at a moment's notice is the EOP Fire Department. Charles Alton (left) and Charles Jiskra (right) are shining a truck at Station No. 2.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT

War Department employees, in the recent "all out" campaign for the purchase of War Bonds under the Payroll Allottment Plan, pledged themselves 100 per cent.

Rita Hatting McCloud has left us. She and Dick will move to La Grange, where he is employed. It is rumored that she plans to excel in the culinary arts.

Some former EOP people whose presence is missed these days are **Captain Irvine**, who is now Executive Officer at Pantex Ordnance Plant; **Bill Quimby, Elaine Berglund, Bob Jirousek** and **Captain Watkins**, who are now at the Gary Armor Plate Plant, and **Leo Offerman** and **Jack Staub**, who were transferred to the Wabash Ordnance Plant.

Bob Rogers' many friends wished him the best of luck when he left to join Uncle Sam's air force a few weeks ago. Bob is but one of the many young men from EOP who have answered their country's call. Others who have joined the fighting forces are **Bob Winchell** and **George Lipotich** of the Auditing Department and **Bob Seelinger** of the Time Section. **Jay Reynolds** and **Bernie Lyons** have received commissions as Ensigns with the U. S. Navy, and are awaiting instructions to report for active duty.

Welcome!

Recent additions to the Administrative staff include **Josephine Vilt**, who succeeded **Wilda Gilbert** as secretary to **Major Johnston**. Wilda is now with the Santa Fe. **Mavis Emerson** replaced **Hazel** O'Connor, who is now in the Adjutant's office.

Cecil Wheeler, Purchasing, has time on his hands these evenings since Mrs. Wheeler and Judy are visiting relatives in Southern Illinois. He misses that home cooking, too.

Ann Lipsar, Operations & Engineering, is vacationing in Louisiana.

Who had a better time at the recent dance than **Johnny Welch?** . . . He and **Helen Harmon** were doing some fancy stepping. **Mary Jesberger**, the Colonel's secretary, and **Harold O'Keefe** were cutting capers, too.

CUPID'S CORNER

Dorothy Thompson, Operations & Engineering, and **John (Ole) Olson**, Pay Roll Audit, were wed in a surprise ceremony at the Immanuel M. E. Church in New York City May 5. They recited the nuptial vows on Ole's mother's seventieth birthday anniversary. Congratulations, newlyweds!

The good neighbor policy prevailing in this locality was demonstrated by the recent marriage of **Gertrude Fritz**, Auditing, and **Truman (Lindy) Lindeman** of K.O.W.

Old Dan Cupid's arrows have been finding their mark at EOP. Wonder when **Hazel O'Connor** and **Anne Kulpa** will walk down the aisle to the strains of Lohengrin?

Betty Lewis, Stores & Transportation, will wed **William Borr** of Chicago June 14. Her husband-to-be is a chemical engineer at Plumbrook Ordnance Plant. Numerous parties and showers honoring the bride-elect have been planned by her many friends.

Eleanor Fox, Operations & Engineering, became the bride of **Robert Corniels**, Yorkville, at a candlelight service at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Lockport May 23.

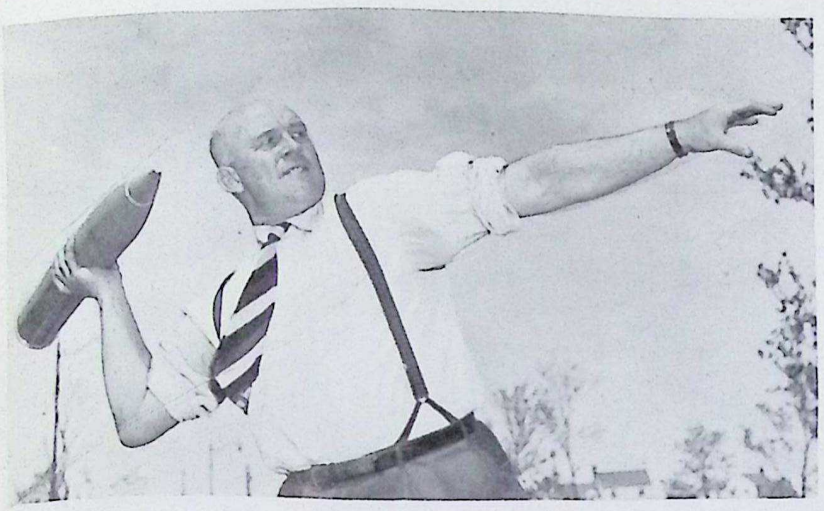
—Kay Reubart.

FRAGMENTATION BURSTS

Scenes from the Shindig . . . or . . . who was there that memorable Friday night. . . . **Colonel Hoffman**, looking as a Commanding Officer should look, mingling with the crowd at the mess hall . . . really showing everyone how welcome they were. . . . **Major Johnston**, the Colonel's right hand, jovial as usual and making all feel "at ease." . . . **Captain Tunstall** . . . looking a mite serious . . . but with the ever-present twinkle in his eye. . . . **Mr. Zagade** (Audit King) . . . showing the boys and girls how to conga. . . . Must have been too much for him . . . couldn't get down to work the next day. . . . **Johnny Welch** . . . his able . . . assistant . . . really having the time of his life. . . ."**Red" Bowler** (Planning Peer) walking down the floor, hand in hand with a cutie pie . . . wait 'til Joan hears about this. . . . **Lieutenant Brandon** (the Blonde Adonis) and **Bea Berge** (Personality Kid), beating a boogie woogie. . . .

Debonair **Mr. Filips** (Stores & Transportation) . . . looking the sights over while puffing on his perennial pipe. . . . How didja like the Hawaiian dancer Mr. Filips ?????? . . . **John E. Olson** (Pay roll Playboy) or Ole to you and gals . . . with his brand new wife, having the time of his life as usual. . . . By the By . . . Mrs. Ole is the former **"Dotty" Thompson** of Operations and Engineering. . . . **Captain Grant** and **Josephine Kush** rushing the rhumba. . . . He's a peach of a guy and head of Operations and Engineering. . . . Joe is the chief of Mail & Record, and a good scout in her own right. . . . Off the Record. . . . What Lieutenant has been seen in the vicinity of the Kush domicile lately. Should we tell?????? . . .

Ask **Flossie Babecke** of Personnel how she liked the Bear Hug. . . . I bet Friday night was the first



A SHELL FOR SCHICKELGRUBER, said Recreation Director "Tiny" Cahoon as he hoisted an EOP product to please the photographer and you (it is hoped).

time a 600 pounder ever sat in her lap. . . . **Bernie Lyons** . . . looking cute with that crew haircut . . . dashing around . . . seeing the sights . . . news has it that he and **Jay Reynolds** are practicing "Anchors Aweigh" . . . **Lieutenant Durrenburger,** handsome as ever, with his constant companion **"Jymmie R."** . . . Gossip has it that this is quite serious . . . how about it Lieutenant ?????? . . .

Francis McCarthy of Auditing keeping it departmental, by traipsing the tango with **Kay Rosenbaum** . . . cupid cooking with gas there . . . says we. . . . **Mr. Bull** from Planning Division and pert **Marge Kangley** from Personnel . . . cutting a rug once or twice. . . . **Joe Puppel** and **Marie Maren** (Mail & Record) having a whale of a time . . . where was **Jimmie Veatch** about that time, Marie??? . . . Takes the jitterbugs to whoop it up, doesn't it??? . . .

Wonder where "Tommy" from Inspection was while her heart

PERTNESS PERSONIFIED is vivacious Helen McGinnis, Ordnance Department reporter. Attention of prospective reporters is directed to Helen's smile, which may be due to the fun she is having as a newspaperwoman.

throb, **Warren Weithofer,** was enjoying the entertainment??? . . . **"Duke" Douville,** Inspection Chief . . . suave and meticulous as per schedule . . . surveying the situation with interest. . . . How's the chicken on Broadway these days, "Duke" . . . or have you been there lately??? . . . **Edna Millweard** (Personnel Queen), keeping her boy friend waiting at the gate until after the dance. . . . **Ray Marquardt** of Mail & Record all dressed up for the occasion. . . . As for the dance as a whole . . . everyone enjoyed themselves . . . and sincerely hope the Plant continues the policy. . . .

THROUGH THE GUN BARREL

Frank Branger, of the Government Stock Room, has been seriously ill with pneumonia, but has recovered sufficiently to be on the job again . . . welcome back, Frank. . . .

Phil Keller of the Payroll Department, has taken off for Gary to take up similar duties . . . shure miss his pleasant smile around these here parts. . . .

Marge Horning has gone Hoosier too, seeing as how her boss, **Mr. Wylly,** took to the sand dunes too. . . . She was a well dressed gal, don't you think? . . .

Who's the man in the blue suit that **Bess Moore** (Personnel Chief) has a yen for??? . . . We understand that he reciprocates, too. . . . Shall we let our hair down and tell all?????? . . .

Speaking of well dressed people . . . take a gander at **"Sy" Kurantman,** Administrative Assistant . . . as he passes by. . . . Looks like a page from *Esquire* most of the time. . . .

Wonder what **Kay Reubart** does with her time now that **"Bud" Lancaster** has departed for Decatur. . . . He is also 1A in the Army but still A1 in Kay's heart. . . .

Tessie Townsend of the Traffic Section took up the duties of being a housewife seriously and up and quit . . . good looking **Charlotte Matheny** is now right hand gal to **Jim Pavel.** . . .

Diamond rings are the vogue this month. . . . **"Molly Baker,"** Teletype Operator, now has one on the right finger. . . . **Bob Kennedy** of Captain Grant's crew . . . hung one on **Betty Wilhelmi** of Miss Moore's office. . . . One time Betty won't be able to say "Why?"

Harriett Malloy, Sol Jacobs secretary, has gone and did it . . . she is now Mrs. John W. Dunn. . . .

INSPECTION NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Krissman announce the arrival of a baby girl. Mr. Krissman is acting Group Inspector in Group 5.

It's a 9-pound 7-ounce baby boy at the Hallihans. **Roy B. Hallihan** is Group Inspector at Group 3A.

Chalmers S. Wooley has finally joined the Benedicts. Best of luck, Chalmers!

Stanley L. Eisler, Chief of the Technical Section, seems now more his rotund self, having completed the landscaping of his new home.

Would you walk a mile down a country road alone at 12:30 a.m. and *past four cemeteries* after attending the party given by the Employes Service Committee Friday night? **Helen Boula** did just that! She says the party was worth it.

J. G. George went to an Efficiency Rating Meeting and lost his new green hat. Has anyone seen it?

Poor **L. E. Myers** has been kept so busy with moving and BUSINESS that he hasn't even had time to get a haircut in weeks. Is there a barber in the crowd??

We missed **Mr. Douville** and **Paul Smith** last Friday. They took a little jaunt down to Savanna Ordnance Plant but hurried back to attend the big party.

Carl Anker, Technical Division, attended the formal given by the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority of Northwestern University at the Sunset Ridge Country Club. He drove to Holland, Mich., to see the Tulip Festival the following day.

—Ethel Dirker.

Volunteers Requested, Contributions Welcome

All EOP groups have not assigned reporters to represent them on *THE BOMB-SHELL* staff. As soon as this has been done, the names of group reporters will be carried over their department columns and in the paper's editorial masthead. If you're interested, see your superintendent, and send in your contributions. They are wanted and will be welcomed.

Additions for Office Building Are Started

Extension of Wings Planned For More Space

Construction of extensions to the two wings of the Administration Building is under way and completion is expected in a few weeks.

The extensions were made necessary by the increased staff required to take care of management and administrative tasks. The extensions will add 60 feet to each of the wings and there will be two floors as in the existing building.

Employees attached to the Administration Building will greet the enlargement with pleasure as some offices and quarters are considerably crowded at present.

SWING AND SWIPE is the slogan of George E. Curtis, janitor, who was snapped at work at Richards' Farm.

Operators of Elwood Handle War Jobs

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and became acquainted with many on the local staff, is also chairman of the board of American Water Works & Electric Company, one of the larger utility holding corporations.

In addition to building and operating the Elwood Ordnance Plant, Sanderson & Porter is engaged in a number of other projects for the Government. The firm designed and is building the Pine Bluff Arsenal for the Chemical Warfare Service at Pine Bluff, Ark. A power plant for a huge aluminum plant, to be operated by the Aluminum Corporation of America, is being built for the Defense Plant Corporation at Lake Catherine, near Hot Springs, Ark. A shell loading plant is being designed and constructed for the U. S. Rubber Company at Charlotte, N. C. This plant will be operated by the U. S. Rubber Company for the United States Navy.

Sanderson & Porter engineered and managed the exhibit of the glass industry at the New York World's Fair. **Richard T. Bassett,** now assistant to Controller **John J. Cole** at Elwood, was resident manager in charge of the exhibit.

Mr. Bassett's adventures in handling some 13,000,000 visitors from over all the world make a thrilling story, just as do the experiences of many others now concerned with loading shells and bombs at Elwood. These stories will be unfolded as questioning regarding the EOP "family" progresses.

Swap Column Planned

Do you have anything you want to swap? There will be a "Trading Post" in the next issue of *THE BOMB-SHELL* for the convenience of employees. Nothing will be offered for purchase or sale, but trades will be advertised. There is no cost, so send your items to the Editorial Office.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Some members of the Purchasing Department—the P. A., etc.—and their wives were honored with the presence of **J. P. Simpson** at the White Sox Ball Park Sunday, May 24. Mr. Simpson, a native of the Ozarks, was greatly impressed, from all indications, with the superb playing of the Detroit Tigers.

This isn't late news, but just in case you haven't heard—**Jimmy Forrest** and **Rube Medin** of the Expediting Department both had the same idea, they dood it—the victims: **Marge Hayden,** Personnel, and **Kathrine Guthrie** of Gerlach-Barklow. Also, **Don Lewison,** Electrical Department, and **Marjorie Cox** took *that* step. *Congratulations!*

Verne Schoenenberger, Production Cost Department, is basking in the California sunshine.

Word has been received from **Jean Mostyn Stefanich** that she and her husband, Private **Bill Stefanich,** are now residing at San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Mrs. Anita Scott of R. T. Bassett's office is back with us again after a four months' leave. We all hope that good health is now with her to stay.

Marjorie Brennan is vacationing at Baton Rouge, La.

Via the grapevine: Understand **Art O.** and **Gerry D.** are getting to be a popular twosome.

How do you like your rides in the big, brown Oldsmobile, **Eleanore D.**? We understand he is the Chief!

How's the GLAUDELL-GAFFEY combination getting along?

When are **Evelyn Reed** (the bear rider) and **Bill Murphy** of Fuze & Booster walking down *that* aisle? Soon, we heard!

Bob Bailey, buyer, is busy getting in the hours in the air for his wings.

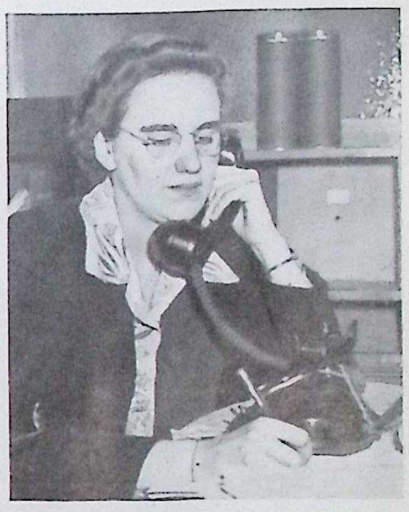
Helen Baker, Telephone Building, and **Wrongway Corrigan,** now stationed at Ft. Brad, engaged!!!

Supervising Sergeant **Raymond Harper,** Plant Police, has received orders to report to the United States Army in Chicago June 3 for military service. Sergeant Harper made many friends during his long EOP service.

The hospital group seem to enjoy their ice cream, cake and coffee!!! They celebrated the birthday anniversaries of **Dr. George Luke** and **William D. Bryant,** insurance manager, May 18 and May 25 none other than **Dr. H. L. Schultz** was the honored hospitalite.

The hospital gang ganged up and had a steak fry Sunday, May 24. **Roscoe Sidell,** pathologist, allowed (?) the gang to have this fry at his home in Elwood.

Dr. George Giel acted as godfather to a baby girl at Gary, Ind., May 24.



RIGHT TO WORK went Maebelle Anderson, secretary to Purchasing Agent E. C. Carlson, when she was named reporter for the Administration Building. (Note . . . Pictures of all reporters will be published soon.—Editor.)

Dr. George Luke, who hails from Georgia, is becoming quite a fisherman. He and **Don Wright** of Group 3A tried their luck at a small "lake" north of Joliet. Dr. Luke claims the fish were just not biting that day.

The hospital has a "full time patient." Name is Pidg. Pidg was found injured in some wire over at Group 64. Pidg is or was a carrier pigeon. The crew at the hospital did a little praying, etc., and now Pidg's wing is all splinted up and getting along splendidly. By the way—Pidg likes orchids.

Guest's "Chatterbox" Called Appropriate

Edgar A. Guest's well-known poem, "The Chatterbox," has been quoted frequently as descriptive of the type of person no member of the EOP family wants to be. Do you remember it? It goes like this:

"A chatterbox is a man or maid
Upon whose tongue no check was laid.
A chatterbox, the truth to state,
Quite obviously was born to prate
And disregarding friends or foes
Insists on telling all he knows.
A chatterbox, with time to spare,
Will talk to strangers anywhere
And spill the contents of his brains
On buses, trolleys, ships, and trains.
On chatterboxes should be hung
This warning: 'I've a wagging tongue.'
I'm dangerous! So careful be,
Don't mention any facts to me.
Because, no matter where I go,
I can't help telling all I know."

ACTION IS FAST when the soft-ballers play. This tense moment in the Group 1 - Group 2 fracas shows Stuart Marlette of Group 2 at bat, Jim Robinson of Group 1 behind the plate and Umpire Fred Perri.

CHECKING THEMSELVES are two timekeepers, James J. McHugh (left) and J. F. Walsh (right) at Richards Farm.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF GROUP 1

We wondered about the epidemic of bruised fingers, chest and head colds, pains in the ear, and pains in the neck which have afflicted a great many of the men in Group 1 in recent weeks. When these big bullies were little fellows they did not lead normal lives unless they fell out of a tree, were kicked by a horse, got a bloody nose, or had something similar happen to them every day or so. The only time the folks found out about these happenstances was when clothing was torn.

We started to say that we wondered about this and curiosity became so strong that we dropped in at the First Aid Station a day or so ago. We don't wonder any more, for we found the nurse on duty, **Sylvia Hamper,** to be a very charming person indeed. All this is just kidding and we know that all are supposed to report injuries however slight. Any similarity to common sense or seriousness which may be found in this little squib is strictly coincidental and, by the way, we're not feeling so well ourselves.

Franklin Lewis, Group inspector, is endeavoring to line up some good ball teams among his men in an effort to encourage a spirit of rivalry on and off the job. His efforts have advanced to the point of christening the proposed teams as follows: Slack's Beligerents, Harris' Idlers and Kelly's Sleepers.

It could be that the Beligerents have earned their name on account of their ability to get into hot water which at times requires the combined efforts and talents of both Lewis and **Mid Slack** to pour oil upon the waters and restore peace and good will. On the other hand Harris contends that the company inspectors on his shift are the hardest and most conscientious workers in the entire plant. Kelly too is up in arms, figuratively speaking. He claims that his men have never been caught sleeping and that they are known far and wide for their wakefulness. Be that as it may, there will be a lot of baseball played by the inspectors in Group 1 before the football season rolls around.

WRITE TO MARINE

There is posted upon the bulletin board of the inspectors' office in Building 10 a rather interesting letter from Private **Clarence Trierweiler,** Recruit Depot, M.C.B., Platoon 405, San Diego, Calif. Until a short time ago, Clarence was a company inspector in Group 1 and he is now learning that Sherman was right. We have always heard that the Marine Corps was a tough outfit and we now have first hand testimony to that effect. The recruits or "Boots," as they are known to the old-timers in the Corps, are put through a stiff course of training and it does not end with the day's drill. In their leisure hours they are required to take care of all the other little jobs about the barracks for which they get nothing in the way of payment.

Anyone reading this notice who is acquainted with Trierweiler would make him very happy about the whole thing if he or she would jot down the address and drop a line or two. Letters are most welcome to the men in service and we have never heard of any complaint from a soldier who was receiving too much mail.

STORY OF CHALLENGE

Emmett Kennedy, popular man about Building 13, is back on the job after a few days at home where he battled a mild threat of pneumonia. Building Foreman **John Kinsella** must have figured that Kennedy's former job at the taping table contributed to his high temperature, for now the smiling Mick is going all-out for end-plate assembling.

George Gibson, assistant group superintendent, attended a recent safety meeting and thereby hangs a tale. During the course of the evening the subject of baseball came up and Group 2 stuck its chin out in the matter of a challenge to Group 1 for a set-to in the manly (?) art of softball. It was decided that Group 2 would issue the challenge in writing and then send a man along to read it just in case we didn't have anyone capable of reading. **Joseph Salmon,** superintendent of Group 1, had a pat answer for that one. "If Group 2 is able to compose and write a letter which is intelligent and legible we will be able to read it with the greatest of ease and why does Group 2 lack confidence and so forth and so forth," said Mr. Salmon.

The softball schedule has been knocked caterwampus by old Jupiter Pluvius, but we finally did manage to get one game off our chest. The Magazine team won over Building 10, but whether or not the better team won is a moot question. **Mid Slack,** senior company inspector, who umpired the game, obligingly allowed one of the Magazine batters an extra strike after three were out, and four scores, which constituted victory, trickled over the plate during the excitement. If memory serves, a somewhat similar occurrence took the heart out of the Brooklyn Bums last fall.

Johnny Nicola, who puts in his time at Building 8 change-house, is quite active in the affairs of the Cantigny Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Joliet. Rumor has it that he was officer of the day at a military burial not so long ago. He got along in splendid fashion up to a certain point. That was when he issued the following commands to his firing squad. . . . "Ready—Aim—Shoot." Even at a funeral that sounded funny to the old soldiers attending.

Henry Novak, company inspector in Building 13, has a lucrative sideline. An article of his on the subject of paints and painting appears in the current issue of the trade magazine *Industrial Finishing* and the editors have informed him that another offering has been accepted and will be published in a forthcoming number. He is displaying a check in the amount of $27 for his May opus and, as Hank expresses it, "That ain't hay."

NEWS OBTAINED QUICKLY

Please accept apologies from your group reporter if it appears that he has no thought for anyone else in the group beyond the company inspectors and the men in building 13. Make allowances for the facts that this is all new, that preparations for the first issue were rushed, and that this reporter has not yet had the opportunity to go up and down the line getting acquainted.

It is the expressed desire of Superintendent Salmon that the getting-acquainted process be pursued and that this reporter will visit all the buildings on the line at frequent intervals securing items of interest and assuring each building an even break in the news columns. It's not a bad idea for the various foremen and assistant foremen to familiarize themselves with the celebrities working with them and to get their men active in turning in items of interest to the readers.

Group Supers Cover Lots of Territory

Reporter Writes About Story He Didn't Get

By Jack Barry

This writer was sent to the office of Superintendent **Joseph Salmon** to obtain a biographical sketch for the first issue of *THE BOMB-SHELL.* Well, we went there twice in an effort to make good on the assignment, but it was no soap and no sale for many and various reasons. We cooled our heels on both occasions but didn't get the interview on account of because there were too many more important affairs for the superintendent to give his time and attention to.

It had always seemed that the super had a pretty soft snap with nothing to do but come around once in a while and see if the buildings were there and that the men were getting enough fresh air and one thing or another like that. It seemed that production just took care of itself automatically and one wondered how to go about finding such a sinecure. Well, brothers and sisters, all that has been changed and the change came about during the aforementioned waiting periods.

There were two assistant group superintendents, **George Gibson** and **Mark Davis,** one putting his shift to bed and the other starting his to rolling. There were men with troubles and men with requests about being changed to other buildings or being assigned to other work. There were the safety men checking on this and that. Then there were the telephones and they were the real pay-off.

Many Decisions Made

They kept ringing on the average of a couple of times a minute and what stories they had to tell. A conveyor belt was broken down, cars had to be moved and the engine was missing, there were not enough men here and not enough there, there were tools to be turned down and tools to be turned up, there were trucks to be ordered here and sent there, in short there were a million and one things to be acted upon and ordered done after split-second decisions.

We will keep on trying and some day we will get that interview so that we will know a little more about the man we work for. This will give a general idea of a small fraction of the activities of a group superintendent during his spare time. What was that we said about a sinecure? Ho Hum! Being a company inspector and a group reporter seems more our size.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF GROUP 2

In our initial contribution to our new paper, your correspondents from Group 2 take this opportunity to wish the Editor and his entire staff the very best of luck for a successful publication.

"Pete" Fleming, Group 2 truck driver, was married Saturday at Manteno, Ill. After honeymooning through the Southern States for a few days, he and his bride will reside in Minooka, Ill.

Did you know there are two former major league baseball stars working in Group 2? Well, in case you didn't, you might check the name of **Joe Pate** and **Bob Burke** in any of baseball's record books. Pate played with the Philadelphia Athletics and Burke with the Washington Senators.

Burke was outstanding, especially for his no-run, no-hit game against the Boston Red Sox.

Frank Liker, who works at this Group on the 11:30-7:30 shift, is the proud father of a baby boy.

The Safety Banquet held at the Y. M. C. A. in Joliet was a complete success and every one agreed the program was very interesting. Superintendent **Joseph J. Murphy** and all foremen working on the day shift attended.

THINGS WE ARE PROUD OF

That we were 100 per cent in signing for War Bonds.

No lost time accidents for the month of April.

Only four lost time accidents since the start of the Group.

The magnificent way all the fellows responded toward the collection for Edward Schultz, laundryman in Group 2, who died May 17.

Our Victory over Group 1 by a score of 12 to 5, in the first intergroup game.

And last, but not least, **The Elwood Ordnance Plant.**

THE REAL LOWDOWN

There is a certain young man who works in Building 16 answering to the name of **"Bob"** who has been seen at some of the better nite-spots and is acquiring quite a tan.

Ask **Leo, Bill** or **Ed** about **Streator.** It seems funny they would have to go to Streator to do their nite-clubbing.

Did you know our Chief Company Inspector in Group 2 is about to desert the bachelors' ranks? Well, it's so. The big day is scheduled for June 17.

They say Safety Engineer **Al H.** and Production Clerk **Hilbert N.** are two of the best second guessers as far as the "ponies" are concerned. What about this, boys?

Say, **Gene,** what's this we hear about you and **Rudy** picking up a couple of lady hitch-hikers who can do 138 shirts an hour?

Now that Leon Henderson has placed a ban on the sale of rubber girdles, Assistant Superintendent **John Johnson** is really up against it. Too bad, John, but you'll have to use adhesive tape or some other substitute for the time being.

"Archie" Le Borence is scheduled to go on tour with **Paul B. Hallock** of Chicago shortly. It is rumored the tour will be sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. How about that, Archie?

"Racketts" Brophy was the unfortunate victim of a pickpocket in Wilmington a few days ago. It seems Racketts was cashing in on his selections for the day and the pickpocket cashed in on him.

In the event you are looking for some one to play the part of a bashful bride at a mock wedding, just contact **Merle Hack** at Building 3. He has the figure and everything to go with it. Of course, **Art Jennings** will gladly fill in as the groom.

SOFTBALL NEWS

The Group 2 softball team is known to those up in their sports as "Murphy's Boys." They have turned in several star performances already this year. Here are a few of the scores—Murphy's Boys 9, New Lenox 1; Murphy's Boys 11, Barrett's Sports 4; Murphy's Boys 12, Group 1 5; Murphy's Boys 18, Group 2 Scrubs 4.

The boys have many games booked ahead. Why not come out and give them a little support? Some of the boys on the team are **Eddie Keenan,** a star player from Aurora; **Georgie Zobel,** from the Joliet Rivals; **Bill Galbraith,** from Kenosha, Wis.; **Ray Murray, Bob Mcguire, Ken Peterbok, George Schoppee,** from Joliet, and Big **Otto Koch** and **Ray Bell,** from Wilmington.

They are looking for games, so if any of you superintendents have a team and would like to play "Murphy's Boys," give them a ring, because they take on all comers. The team is managed by **Gene Hunt** and **Bill Galbraith** and their captain is **George Zobel.**

We have future bookings with Group 1, New Lenox, Brown Bombers, Barrett's Sports, Dame's Aces and others.

INSPECTION ITEMS

THINGS WE KNOW — That Uncle Sam's armed forces have gained some valuable men since Inspectors **Harry Miles** and **Leonard Rosen** entered the Navy, **D. W. Casey** the Army and **Dick Conlon** the Merchant Marine. A letter to these boys would be greatly appreciated by them. We know that the "ole gray Gob" isn't what he used to be, but **Ben Rice** declares it's TNT and not red colorback.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW—When will the Navy decide that **Willy Robinson** looks better in, the Blue or the Green? When will Inspector **Jilek** be able to patent his inventions before someone else puts them in operation?

If you haven't seen our cinders you've missed an eyeful.

GOSSIP

Gossip is just what you hear,
Yet it can cause alarm and fear.
Some one says this, another adds that,
By the time you hear it, it doesn't amount to a drat.
So please let's not be guilty of this
Because your guess might be a miss.
You should listen and then be quiet
And please don't add your little mite,
Because it might create an awful site
And could cause the loss of a great fight.
So let's all join the "button our lips"
And put this strength behind our "mits."

—L. T. C., G-564.

QUICK SERVICE is given at the Richards Farm garage by Leo Scoggin (left) and William Dix (right), shown here checking up on Police Sergeant Matthew Mueller's car.

HERE'S HOW TO DO IT, said Superintendents J. E. Salmon, Group 1 (batting), and James J. Murphy, Group 2 (catching), at the opening inter-group softball game. Fred Perri is the umpire.

Murphy's Boys Defeat Group 1 To Open EOP Softball Season

Opposing Superintendents Watch Result of Challenge

By Jack Barry

It could be that Group 2 really did mean business when they challenged Group 1 to a game of softball. They have made good their proud boast and taken Group 1 into camp by the one-sided score of 11 to 6. They sent over a good team and were helped no end by a lot of errors on the part of the home team. We did give them big league entertainment in the matter of a well-rolled ball field and full benefit of the press. Ray Gora, staff photographer, was on deck to snap some pictures which appear on this page and Page 6.

The dramatic high of the day was reached when **Joseph Salmon,** Group 1 superintendent, posed at bat while **James Murphy,** superintendent at Group 2, occupied the catcher's box. They looked like real ball players and Salmon proved that looks were not deceiving in his case by knocking a few out of the lot. We do not know whether or not Murphy can catch, for none of the balls got past Salmon's bat.

The starting line-up for Group 1 was **Mitchell,** second base; **Waidley,** right field; **Keller,** left field; **Goss,** third base; **Kane,** first base; **Robinson,** catcher; **Wolf,** center field; **Farnsworth,** short field; **Smith,** short stop, and **Duclis,** pitcher. For Group 2, **Marlette** played left field; **Peterbock,** second base; **Keenan,** short stop; **Zoble,** third base; **Golden,** short field; **Shoppe,** catcher; **Koch,** pitcher; **Gilbert,** right field; **Lund,** center field, and **Murray,** first base.

As mentioned, that was the starting line-up and it didn't last long. After the second inning a bewildering array of players worked for both sides. They came and went about as fast as Rockne used to switch teams at Notre Dame. In fact they came and went so fast that this reporter could not keep track of them. The official scorekeeper could though, and when he caught Group 2 putting a man back in who had been taken out of the game a little earlier it was just too, too much. The particular man, Keenan, short stop for Group 2, knocked the ball galley west and drove in two runs. Then one of the old-time variety of arguments started and the umpires were so excited that they forgot to drive anyone back into the dugout. The two scores were disallowed just before the argument reached the bloody-nose stage.

It was a pretty fair ball game up until the fourth inning. With two out in the fourth the Group 1 pitcher let go a wild pitch and the fat was in the fire. Before the inning ended everyone on the old home team contributed something to the general result. Errors and wild throws followed one another in rapid order and it looked for a while that the only way we would get them out would be to demand their badges and then sic the guard on them. We have some good pitchers and some promising material for a group team which should acquit itself well in future contests. It will take some practice to wear off the rough edges and to find the round pegs for the round holes, but we will do it and avenge ourselves at some later date.

IVAN (TINY) CAHOON is busily engaged as EOP Director of Recreation.

If we want to get technical about the whole thing we can take Group 2 before the Judge Landis of softball and have him deliver an opinion as to disallowing the victory.

Group 2 must have figured that we had something special in the way of heavy hitters, whom we were going to spring in the seventh inning.

At the end of the sixth they put on their hats and disappeared in a storm of dust. They refused to come back to finish the game, claiming that it had seemed like seventy innings instead of only six. A very creditable job of umpiring was turned in by **Fred Perri** at the home plate and **Herb Tuttle** on the bases. Something has been said about the fair, but by no means weaker, sex being interested in the ball game. Only a few attended the May 25 game and we need them out there to give our lads an inspiration.

Plant-wide Recreation Program Under Way With Naming of Cahoon as Director

Former Football Coach Plans Activities to Meet Varied Interests of All Men's and Women's Groups

"Recreation for everyone,
Everyone for recreation."

Here is a six-word outline of the comprehensive plant-wide recreation program now in progress under the supervision of **Ivan "Tiny" Cahoon,** EOP director of recreation, and other members of the Employees' Service Committee.

Sports, music, dramatics and social affairs are included in the activities scheduled, and Director Cahoon announced that any recreational activity desired by any group of men or women will be worked into the program.

Completion of an athletic field near the Administration Building is being rushed, and many of the inter-group games and contests will be staged there. Work also has been started on other fields, especially for softball, near each group.

Softball is attracting most attention just now and any superintendent who wants help in getting his own group program started is asked to communicate with "Tiny." His office is in the Recreation Building, telephone extension 4109.

In the sports field, "Tiny" will have something to offer devotees of baseball, track, golf, tennis, badminton, horseshoe pitching and swimming. Other recreational activities will include singing, radio dramatics, bridge tournaments, chess and checkers, amateur shows, dancing, picnics and archery. Groups interested in these projects or any others are asked to get in touch with "Tiny" for information and arrangements.

"Tiny" has had a spectacular career in sports. After graduation from Gonzaga University, where he won letters in football, track and basketball, he played for five seasons with the Green Bay Packers and was named on several All-Pro honor elevens. He has coached at West DePere and Green Bay high schools and at Monmouth College.

"Tiny" also was active in dramatics in college and appeared in several productions with his classmate, **Bing Crosby,** of radio, stage and screen fame.

In announcing "Tiny's" appointment, **John J. Cole,** chairman of the Employees' Service Committee, said plans were being worked out to raise a recreation fund by charging admission to sports contests and dramatic productions. The funds so raised will be used to extend and widen recreational activities. In this way, said Mr. Cole, spectators as well as players will feel they have a part in making the program possible.

Elwood Tops All Ordnance Plants

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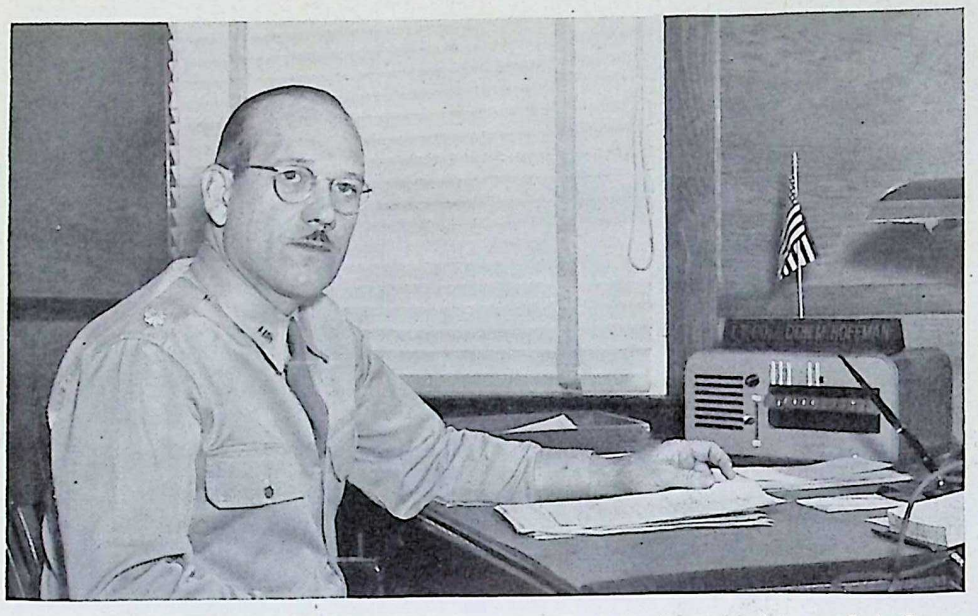
better understanding of our immediate associates, the place of Elwood will continue to rise in importance.

"*THE BOMB-SHELL* was originated as our Plant publication in order to bring us closer together and as an aid in inspiring us to greater achievements. We are determined that it shall be a good publication — otherwise, it will not fit into our scheme of producing nothing but the best. It must measure up to the other attributes of Elwood!"

EXPRESSIVE FACES TESTIFY to the interest of this gathering of Group 1 fans as they watched softball get under way.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY are these Group 2 supporters and this spirit helped their team to make good on the challenge they issued.

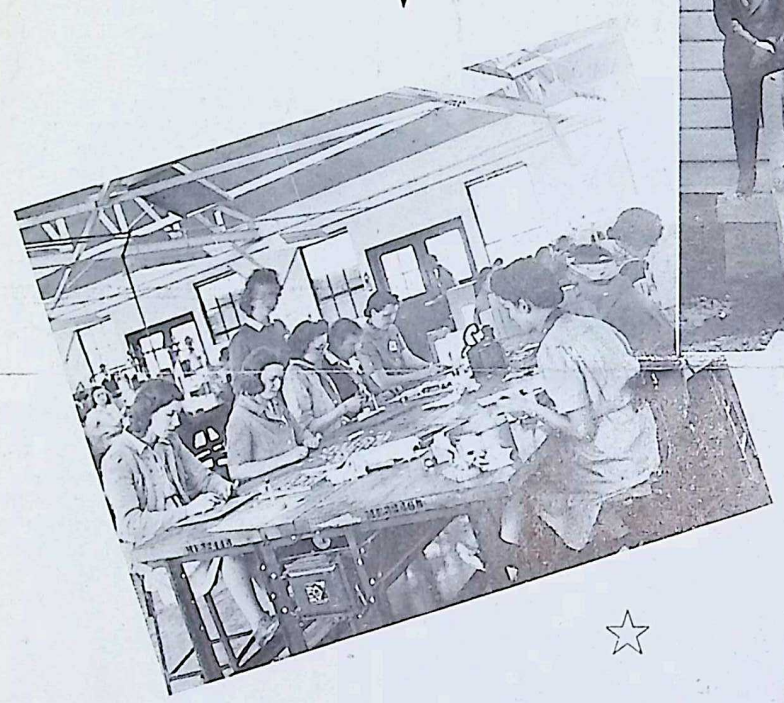
ELWOOD ON PARADE

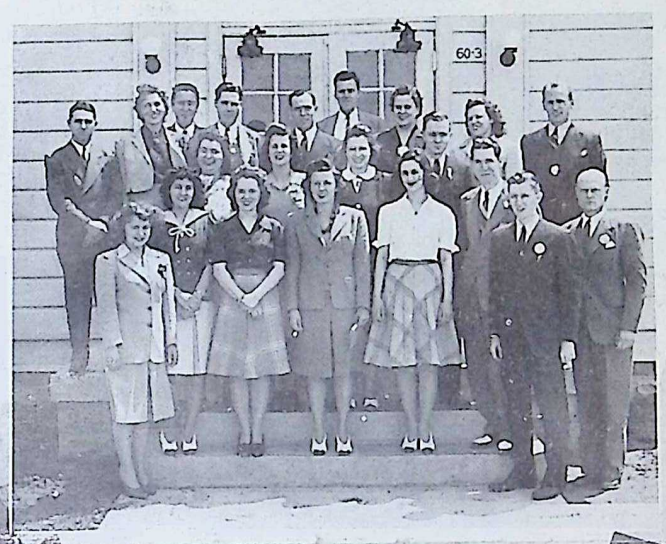


ANOTHER MILESTONE ADDED to EOP record is the way Lieut. Col. Don M. Hoffman, commanding officer, describes advent of new paper.

EMPLOYEES ARE ACCLAIMED by Harrison Smith, resident partner of Sanderson & Porter, in describing esteem Government holds for EOP.

GIRLS PLAY important part at EOP as this busy scene from the fuse and booster lines indicates.





PERSONNEL GROUP plans to present the operetta, H. M. S. Pinafore, soon. Shown left to right are:
First Row — Helen DeLach, Eula Weaver, Bernadine Phelan, Charlotte Doxsee, Norma Fratia, John Barford, Lynn McCoskey, Donald Peters. Second Row — Edna Goldthwaite, Dara Prew, Marcella Burnham, William Johnson. Third Row — Charles Barr, Helen Bardi, Lee Reynolds, Loren Ross, Floyd Schauland, Robert Hamlin, Kathleen O'Connor, Helen Greene, David Graves.

CONSOLATION PRIZE is presented to Guard Michael Gorman by Chief M. C. Baughman as Guard Charles Griffin looks on.

SHELLS BY THREE roll off the end of the loading line at Group 1, packed and ready to "keep 'em shooting." Similar scenes are in evidence throughout the plant. In some of the buildings, girls are pushing ammunition components along, and all are as enthusiastic in "keeping 'em rolling" as the soldiers of ordnance shown here. *(Photos by Al Gora, Joliet Herald News)*

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New Ordnance Chief Knows Elwood Well

General Campbell's Career Colorful Since Graduation

Major General Levin H. Campbell, Jr., whose picture and inspiring statement appear opposite, assumed the post of Chief of Ordnance on June 1, 1942, succeeding Major General Charles M. Wesson, retired. Prior to his appointment as Chief of Ordnance, General Campbell held the post of Assistant Chief, Industrial Service Production in the Ordnance Department. General Campbell negotiated contracts totaling billions of dollars, including that with Sanderson & Porter for the design, construction and operation of Elwood Ordnance Plant.

General Campbell has visited Elwood on numerous occasions, beginning shortly after inauguration of construction November 18, 1940. He watched the Elwood site change from a group of farms into a mammoth industrial plant, and finally saw the placing in operation of many of the loading lines.

General Campbell is an inspiring leader of men and knows ordnance production in all its details. With intimate knowledge of the plant and the people, he has a deep personal interest in Elwood. To Elwood he is known as "our chief."

Graduate of Annapolis

General Campbell was born in Washington, D. C., November 23, 1886. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy June 7, 1909. On December 2, 1911, he was appointed Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps.

General Campbell was promoted to First Lieutenant on July 1, 1916, and to Captain on May 15, 1917, to Major (temporary) on May 11, 1918, to Lieutenant Colonel (temporary) on October 10, 1918. He reverted to his regular rank of Captain on March 15, 1920, and was promoted to Major July 1, 1920, to Lieutenant Colonel August 1, 1935, to Brigadier General (temporary) on October 1, 1940, to Major General (temporary) on April 1, 1942, and to Major General (permanent) June 1, 1942.

General Campbell first served at Fort Monroe, Virginia, followed by duty at Fort William, Maine, until the autumn of 1915 when he was ordered to the Panama Canal for duty with Coast Artillery troops. He returned to the United States in April 1918 and was ordered to duty in the office of Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. In September 1920, he was ordered to Stockton, Calif., for a study of artillery materiél production at the Holt Manufacturing Plant. He remained at Stockton until the summer of 1921 when he was transferred to the Ordnance Department and served to September, 1923, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., as proof officer in charge of tanks, tractors, self-propelling mounts, and mobile artillery. He then became officer in charge of the design section at Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois.

In April, 1926, General Campbell was ordered to Washington, D. C. to take charge of the Automotive Section, Artillery Division, Office of Chief of Ordnance, remaining on this duty until June, 1930, when he returned to Rock Island Arsenal as officer in charge of manufacturing, serving to June, 1935, when he was ordered to Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa., where he had charge of the Artillery Ammunition Department until the summer of 1940. He was then ordered to Washington, D. C., for duty in the office of the Chief of Ordnance as Assistant Chief of Industrial Service Facilities. On October 1, 1940, he was placed in charge of Development of Facilities, office of Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C. On January 5, 1942, he became Assistant Chief, Industrial Service Production.

General Campbell became Chief of Ordnance June 1, 1942, for a four-year term; headquarters in Washington, D. C.

". . . lick the hell out of our enemies"

NEW CHIEF OF ORDNANCE

"**THE BOMB-SHELL** is an highly expressive title for an ordnance plant newspaper. It is both descriptive of the production activity America expects from the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the effect which the handicraft of your workers will have upon our enemies. We are in this war to win. We're going to lick the hell out of our enemies. We shall attain this objective only if each ordnance worker maintains on our production lines the fighting standards of our firing lines."—**Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance.**

Bombs Loaded Here Used on Tokyo?

Bombs that Gen. James Doolittle and his squadron dropped on Tokyo possibly came from the Elwood Ordnance Plant, a Government spokesman said recently, according to a story in the Joliet Herald-News. Destination of the munitions is a military secret, but because of the volume loaded here, it is reasonable to assume that the bombers carried Elwood products, the newspaper said.

Veterans Welcomed By Joliet Post

Thom Serena, commander of Harwood Post, American Legion, extends an invitation to all EOP Legionnaires to visit and make use of the post's elaborate clubrooms at 63 North Chicago Street, Joliet. The regular meetings of the post are the first and third Mondays in each month. Meetings start promptly at 8 o'clock and there is usually some form of entertainment. Any veteran who belongs to any post of the Legion is invited to attend these meetings so that he can keep in contact with the national program.

Memorial For Elwood Heroes Held at Plant

Fund for Families Inaugurated With Gift From S & P

Every operation at Elwood Ordnance Plant was halted for a moment while all who could be spared from their work assembled around the flag pole before the Administration Building Wednesday afternoon to honor those of their co-workers who lost their lives or were injured in line of duty in the recent explosion.

Relatives of Elwood's heroic "soldiers of ordnance" were seated about the rostrum as thousands gathered to hear eulogies from **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman,** commanding officer, and **Harrison Smith,** resident partner of Sanderson & Porter, builders and operators of the plant.

Chaplain (Major) Robert L. Logan, Hdqs. 6th Corps Area, pronounced invocation and joined with **Colonel Hoffman** and **W. E. Canniff** in placing a wreath at the base of the flag pole. Workers in the production lines observed silence as buglers placed strategically throughout the area sounded "Taps."

Elsewhere in this issue are details of a voluntary fund being raised for the families of Elwood's heroes. This was started at the request of employees and Colonel Hoffman issued official approval when Sanderson & Porter offered to inaugurate the fund with a contribution of $5,000.

Statement by Hoffman

The following statement was addressed to employees by Colonel Hoffman:

"The recent explosion at this plant is a serious loss to our government in production capacity with which to carry on this war. Immediate steps will be taken to repair and place this line in full operation at the earliest possible date.

"Successful execution of the mandate of 'Keep 'Em Shooting' requires that you courageous men and women actively engaged in this vital undertaking be given the same brave, loyal support from your family and friends as is bestowed upon the members of our armed forces. You are assured that nothing will be left undone to make the operations at this plant the safest in the world.

"This support and comfort is your right. You have earned it as soldiers — soldiers of ordnance. There is no phase of war without danger. The more this is recognized, the more your unselfish patriotism is to be commended.

"You are doing a vitally necessary job in magnificent fashion. Your government knows this. Your husbands, sons and fathers overseas know it, too. You know it. So do your families here at home, for you have to but read the daily press to realize that your efforts are resulting in an increasingly effective attack throughout the world.

"Therefore, any effort to hinder your work, any failure to comfort and support you in the job you have volunteered to do cannot be condoned. The production and delivery of munitions has now reached the momentum that no

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SERVICE ON THE HOME FRONT

"What can I do to help win this war?" Throughout America this same question prevails. Many, many thousands have found their answer—service in our armed forces, parts in one or another of the civilian activity organizations, or places on the production lines. Once you start thinking about it, the opportunities for valuable services which lie within the four walls of our own home are limitless.

The answer is clear: First, guard and conserve those homes and all that they are and deserve. Second, keep the wheels of courage rolling—by building morale. And finally, we can do much by sharing—share cars, food, and clothing. **Sharing is a means some Americans have found to work for victory.** If you can make the possessions you have do service, not just for you but for your neighbors who need them and might find it difficult to obtain them, you can help keep our factories and our men more efficiently at work for essential war needs.

Americans haven't gone soft. This nation isn't dying of dry rot. Our firmness of character can do the trick, and we'll even bend our backs to find things which we might share to help a neighbor. So, look around you for your chance—the field is wide.

Let's make America a land of Minute Women, as well as Minute Men! And in proportion, as you and your neighbor, and your neighbor's neighbors work; we'll start a snowball rolling that will gather size and speed, and such a mighty, sweeping power that even the Axis cannot stop.

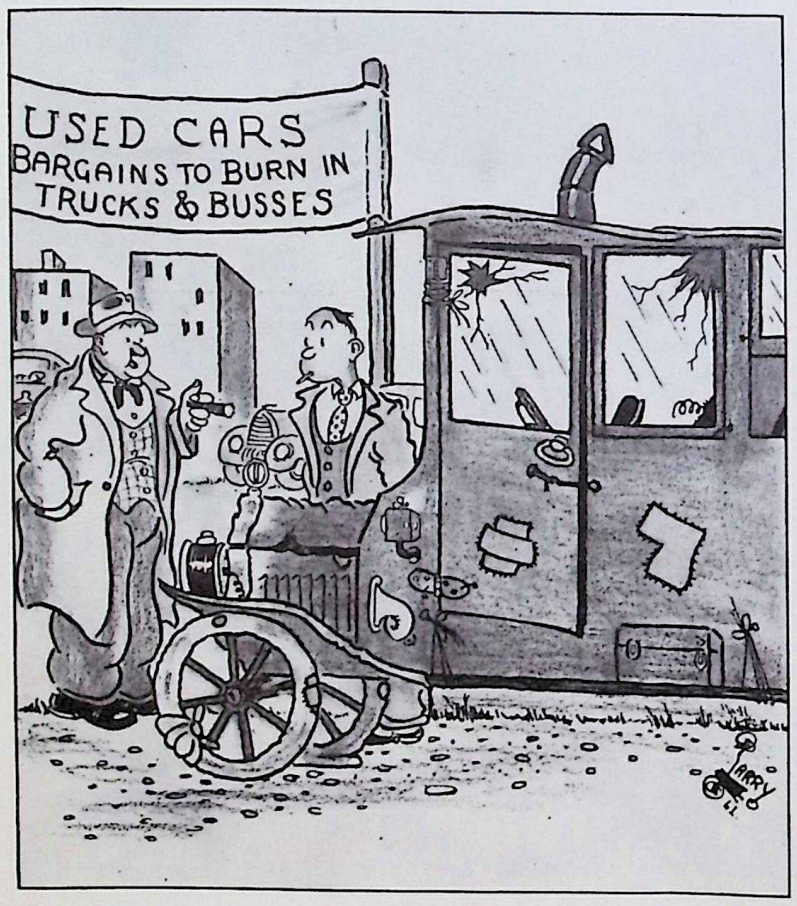
—**James Glade**, Group 61.

SECRETARY'S LAMENT

I sit at my desk all day, a wreck,
Keeping guys off'n the boss's neck.
I dodge and lie 'til I'm all a-dither,
My very soul has started to wither.
"He can't be disturbed—he'll be back at ten—
He's out of town — call back again—
He's not here now—he's home, quite ill—
You'll call tomorrow? — I'm afraid you will."
Where is this boss while I glibly rebuff
Guys who sell flotsam, jetsam and stuff?
He talks at length to an ex-classmate
About old times and a once good date—
A play-by-play game of golf he's shot—
While gently inferring he's pretty hot—
Or maybe it's college for dear Sonny Boy
(A nasty brat) but his Dad's great joy.
He's about decided on Michigan State—
High time too — the Kid's just eight.
And so when I die, I know full well
My reward will be a ticket to Hell.
For me no harp and white cloud pretty,
But a job on Satan's Reception Committee.

—**Dulcy.**

GOOD IDEA! COULD BE!



"Ain't ya got any older ones? It's to run to the Elwood Ordnance Plant."

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

Your correspondent took this job with the understanding that before the ink was dry on his application he would be elevated to a position of prominence that would bring to his door that long queue of admirers that should most properly be addicted to this station of journalistic importance. But little did his two calloused typewriting fingers ever suspect that one great big *ego* could be so thoroughly deflated in the welter, hustle, bustle and general confusion of an ordnance plant.

Without benefit of prior ascension, he descended the throne to his present station in this worldly life where he roams around unseen, unnoticed (and probably unread) without benefit of swivel chair, wax polished desk, telephone extension or dutiful secretary. The situation has taken on the aspect of "don't look now—but I think Scorchy is crawling out of that there woodwork."

It is with no good intention that your downtrodden scribe warns you to beware of what you say, the things you wear, the people you gad about with and all of the other little items which you would not put into your autobiography. It is quite understandable that entry upon such a pseudo-literary career calls for a Policy with a capital "P." Scorchy's policy shall be broad enough to spare no one; it shall be humane enough to hurt no one; it shall endeavor to be sharp enough to point up all those little foibles, fancies, flippancies and failings that force the real man to look in the mirror and enjoy a laugh that starts at the O'Sullivans and extends far beyond the Stetson. Now and then a moral, with a small "m" will be dropped along his path and with each one so deposited the label will clearly read "Take it or leave it."

Scorchy doesn't like people with "messages." He will never have a "message." A thought here, a comment there, an occasional observation on this or that may land on fertile ground, but whether or no, he hopes his great following will defer their purchases of stillettoes, tommy-guns, brickbats, sling-shots and other devices of vengeance until a later day of judgment.

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Speaking of inflated egos, isn't it outrageous that there are so many vice-presidents in the world and so few vice-presidencies. It's a downright shame the way all of these incipient brass hats around the plant are down-trodden, stepped upon, maltreated and otherwise prevented from assuming their God-given status in the world of industrial management. There is a strange kink in the minds of some of our fellow humans who think the law of gravity should be waived as far as their career is concerned and can only trace this failure of legislative rescission to the absolute stupidity of the executives in charge. If your eardrums can stand it, it doesn't take long to learn that the success of the war effort, the ultimate peace of the world, and the solution of all mundane problems is being heinously impeded by the failure of a few short-sighted big shots to appreciate the quality of sap that is running through the saplings (put the quotation marks where you will) who punch the clock every day.

The old familiar "newsboy-to-Senator-in-20-minutes" made great reading some time ago, but your correspondent has a suspicion that it may have been a bit overdone. There is good reason to believe that the story will ring true for many years to come, but it seems a pity that so much of the "picture-moulding" stock wants to be "big timber" without those many seasons of development. The seasons are the foundation of seasoning.

This wanton waste of nascent talent stands as a challenge to the older minds of any day, but there is some room for argument as to whether these young squirts have carefully read the definitions of "opportunity" and "patience" as set forth by the late Mr. Webster. Perhaps it is true that many of them need but a guiding word to bring them back to this earthly sphere and to point the road ahead to be trod, not flown. Elwood Ordnance Plant is but another chapter in the life of everyone who works here. The emotional thrill which arises from all of us being at war with our common enemy should not distort the true valuation of the opportunity that is staring each of us straight in the face and wagging a finger with a dare to lick the problem at hand and prepare ourselves for greater ones just beyond. To reword an old-timer, "Performance is the proof of the pudding."

FEMININE APPROVAL GIVEN Elwood Ordnance Plant's new newspaper is indicated by this foursome absorbed in the first issue. They are (left to right) Virginia Krause, Clare Gnandinger, Lucille Morrison and Anita Scott of the Comptroller's Office.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Following your suggestion that we help in every way we can with the new paper, *The Bomb-Shell*, I submit to you herewith my first reactions:

In our title the bomb is pointing in the wrong direction. We read from left to right and any directional illustrations are supposed to follow eye travel in that direction so that they lead into the opening of the paper instead of away from it.

Instead of the passive grouping of five shells on each side, make them mean something. We overlooked a natural in not making the shell arrangement stand for the "V" for Victory. The ends of the round casings make up the three dots—while the shell lengthwise makes up the dash. And, just for the sake of those that might chirp up with that inane "I don't get it" we put the letter "V" back of the code. This can be done in black and white — without the second color red.

Here's one that is called to one's attention in the news business probably hundreds of times. Our flag has seventeen stripes. That's sabotage, Mr. Editor. Thirteen stripes are enough—and we're not going to cater to the superstitious either. Boy, am I nasty!

Frankly, the above comments are meant to be constructive. Please take them for what they are worth.

E. T. Bennington,
Administration Bldg.

P. S. No charge for the above.

To the Editor:

Isn't our new paper grand? And what fun to know all the goings-on of other groups with whom we work.

However, I feel kinda sorry for a couple of people. Did you notice the pictures on Page 3 of the first issue of *The Bomb-Shell?* If "Tiny" should *drop* that shell, won't **Helen McGinnis** be in a heck of a spot? And if he does *throw* it, I hope our "Andy" ducks!

May I make a suggestion? The Hospital nearly went up in arms following the receipt of the first issue.

Where is the Medical Department news?—everybody wanted to know. Luck would have it that I happened to know it had been put in with the news of the Administration Building, so I promptly proceeded to quell the threatened uprising!

But do you reckon you could sort of set up a box for the news of the Medical Department, same as you have for some of the others? We think it would stand out better, and the hospital really is an institution in its own right.

Thanks.

Lucy Harkness.

To the Editor:

I am in receipt of your letter thanking me for my entry in the contest to select a title for our new publication.

My congratulations are extended to the winners, **Kathryn E. Reubart** and **Vincent Cantarella**, for their excellent selection of the name *The Bomb-Shell;* also to **Michael Gorman**, who received a cash prize for his contribution, "Bomb and Shell." It was a pleasure to be a participant in the contest.

Geraldine M. Ward,
Fingerprint Division.

To the Editor:

I am very interested in the Plant paper, the reason, perhaps, because I was once a writer on a newspaper. I wrote a little article in three different papers at home. No, I didn't get any pay for it, but I was proud to do my bit and I am herewith enclosing a small article which I think should go in your next issue, and I hope you can find room for it. I know you can't very well print every little article that is sent to you, but this is rather a special article and I would be greatly pleased if you would find room for it.

When you were looking for a title for your newspaper I made a try at it but was unsuccessful; however, I did appreciate your letter thanking me for my entry.

Thomas Tomaszewski,
Timekeeping Dept.

To the Editor:

We, of Group 61, after scanning the first edition of *The Bomb-Shell* came to the conclusion that it was interesting in every respect. However, through no fault of anyone we were not very well represented.

The boys and I are happy now that space was given to us. We are going to hold up our end in keeping *The Bomb-Shell* the newsy, interesting paper it is.

Joe Motta, Group 61.

To the Editor:

In your next issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, I suggest you put the names of the men who gave their lives for their country on a beautiful plaque so that my fellow-workers and I could admire their courage, and to remind us we should keep 'em shooting.

H. M. Hoffman, Group 3-A.

P. S. I am writing in behalf of Group 3-A and myself. Thank you.

PRAISE FROM PRESS was the reward of Capt. D. P. Tunstall, public relations officer at Elwood Ordnance Plant, for his handling of newspaper contacts incident to the recent explosion here. A commendatory editorial from the "Chicago Sun" is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Wedding bells rang June 6 for **Barbara Jean Rigby**, Labor Cost Distribution Department, and **Fred Himes, Jr.**, electrician at Kankakee Ordnance Works. The ceremony took place at the Manse of the First Presbyterian Church with the **Rev. Arthur W. Hoffman** officiating. Following the ceremony a reception was held at Castle Eden. Best wishes, Barbara and Fred, for a most joyous wedded journey.

Carl R. Johnson, who was a buyer in the Purchasing Department, resigned May 30 to accept a position in Chicago with the U. S. Army Engineers. Good luck, Carl, in the new work!

Decoration Day morning a group of girls from the Purchasing Department arose extra early so as to be at Nowell Park at six bells (A. M. now) and had the most luscious breakfast. This gang really consumed a good amount of fruit cocktails, bacon and eggs, etc., etc., and was it grand! The early birds were **Arlene Thorson, Shirley Grassle, Geraldine Drechsel, Mary Clow, Veranice Quade, Rita Dwyer** and **June Kaehlert.**

If someone is interested in tips on culinary art be sure and get in touch with our master mechanic, **E. J. McAloon.** He prepared the most delectable luncheon (he called it luncheon but we called it dinner) one Friday noon, May 29 to be exact. Ask **AnnaMae Thompson, Eleanore DuFrain, Margaret Hayden** or **Mrs. Philameno McCraley** for proof. By the way, Mac specializes in those huge angel-food cakes.

J. V. Wall, electrical engineer, is back on the job after having had to go through the experience of having some surgical work done. Good health from now on, Mr. Wall!

Wayne F. Walters, better known as "Red" Walters to his co-workers of the Engineering Department, died May 28 after an illness of three months. Besides his EOP duties, "Red" was actively engaged in orchestral work with Roy Gordon's Band. Funeral services were held at the town of his birth, East Liverpool, Ohio. Sincere sympathy is extended to his parents, W. A. Walters, who is employed at the Transportation Department, Richards Farm, and Mrs. Walters.

Dorothy Mhelic, Production Planing Department, will just have to keep her fingers away from machines. One of her fingers and the Multilith Machine met, with the finger getting the break.

George Rummell, Electrical Department, had better take his time driving through the city of Lyons. Costs good money, doesn't it, George?

Members of the Engineering Department, headed by **A. E. Frosch** and **E. K. Cortright**, gave **Wilfred Butler** a grand "send off" May 27.

A SMILING PAIR are Wanda Hudak, Administration Building receptionist, and Corp. Clare Cosgrove, to both of whom much credit is due for the favorable reaction of EOP visitors.

Marjorie Connolly purchased a $50 War Bond and beautiful wallet and key case for her boss with the money donated by the Department. Mr. Butler has returned to his home in Lawndale, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is being rumored that the Ordnance Department can outplay the Administration Area employees in a softball game. Any remarks?

A 220-yard sprint was held recently. Ask those in Room 26, Administration Building, who won "the race against fatigue."

William T. Bryant, insurance adjuster, left for his home in Maine to report to his local draft board June 3.

Ed Robinson, ambulance driver, has been graduated to the rank of truck driver in the Loading Lines.

Bill Beyer, Expediting Division of the Purchasing Department, is quite the farmer. In his spare time he busies himself growing choice vegetables and taking care of half a dozen pure-bred calves. We will all be anxiously waiting for the International Stock Show, Bill, to see you get the blue ribbons for all that beef! By the way, if the tire situation becomes very serious we probably will be seeing Bill riding one of his heifers to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sullivan (Sully) are the proud parents of twin boys.

Charles F. Connell has proven to be a demon bowler. He is near the top in a summer league in Joliet.

Over the Memorial Day weekend **Homer Smalt**, timekeeper at Richards Farm, visited his brother, **Pvt. L. A. Smalt**, formerly of Group 1 and now at Fort Reilly, Kansas.

Lucille Ambrose (Amby) of the Comptroller's Office is taking time out at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet. She submitted to some surgical work and is getting along wonderfully. Here's hopin', Lucille, you'll soon be back with the "gang" fit as a fiddle.

Housing Units At Wilmington Finished Soon

Details of Rental And Facilities Now Available

By Seymour Kurantman

Rapidly nearing completion, the new housing project at Wilmington is expected to ease perceptibly the problem of housing workers, common to all war plant areas.

Built under the supervision of the Farm Security Administration, this project, which is located off Route 66A, about two miles south of this plant, will provide dormitory and trailer facilities for employees of both the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works.

A visit to the housing project a few days ago disclosed a scene of bustling activity. Spread over a large area adjoining the highway, the development presents a picture of newness and spaciousness. It won't be long now! The place will soon be a thriving community.

Here are the main facts you will want to know:

Dormitories will be available for single men only. The following rental rates have been established:

Single room—
$4.25 a week a person
Double room—
$3.00 a week a person

Services Included

The services included for the dormitories are: Linen service, maid service, hot and cold water, heat, electricity, and the necessary room equipment. Dormitory rooms will be available for plant workers who are single or who have no family housing problems, and (1) are domiciled beyond reasonable commuting distance from the plant, or (2) are domiciled locally under conditions below standard, or (3) can justify their need for such housing for other reasons.

Trailers will be available for family units. These will be of two types: regular trailers and expandable trailers. Only one family will be permitted to occupy a trailer. The capacity of the regular trailer limits the family size to four persons. In general, the expandable trailers will be for families of over four persons and not to exceed seven. The rental rates for said trailers are as follows:

$6.00 a week a regular trailer
$7.00 a week an expandable trailer

Trailers will be available for families under the circumstances noted for dormitories. The services included for said trailers are: electricity, water, utility trailers, and laundry trailers. All trailers are equipped with beds, chairs, heating stove, cooking stove, ice box, drawer space, and fire extinguishers.

The supply of units is necessarily limited. Prompt action should be taken by interested employees to file applications. Application forms may be obtained by Sanderson & Porter employees from Richard T. Bassett, assistant comptroller, Room 1, Administration Building, and by War Department employees from Seymour Kurantman, administrative assistant, Room 204, Administration Building.

Record Set in Issuing Checks

Whole-hearted co-operation given by Sanderson & Porter to the Industrial Commission of Illinois, according to Chairman Alfred J. Borah, permitted the issuance of the first check to the families of Elwood's heroes of June 5 in one week from the date of the explosion.

Mr. Borah said hearings were rushed to completion and that the issuance of compensation checks established a record for the State.

GUARD DEPARTMENT

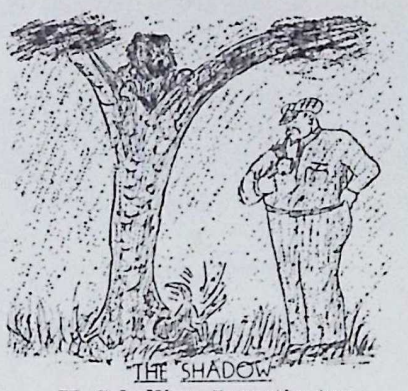
Some time ago, one of our guards, **Adolph Samuelson**, was struck by an automobile on his way to work. He suffered serious injuries and will be in the hospital for some time. A fund was inaugurated by the Chief of Guards and his Sergeants, and through the united efforts of the Guard force $475 was presented to our unfortunate fellow-worker. The comradeship displayed by our MP's is another splendid illustration of the EOP spirit. (Keep your chin up, Sammy, and we all wish you a speedy recovery.)

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family and relatives of **Clarence Sanders**, guard, who was fatally injured in our recent disaster. Like many fine Americans, he died in the performance of his duty for his country. This sacrifice is expected of each and every one of us, if need be, to preserve democracy in our great country. The Guard force was represented by a delegation at the funeral services.

The Guards have great pride in the 38 former guards now in the armed forces of our country. From recent reports, former Sgt. **Johnny Burke** is now a Corporal in the Engineering Corps, and former Guard **Sklut** is a Sergeant in an MP detachment. We are still awaiting word from former Sgt. **Ray Harper**, who left last week. We wish the boys godspeed in their new duties and we know they will render a good account of themselves. We are erecting an Honor Roll in our Foyer for all our boys in the armed services. We will also accompany their names with their addresses so the boys here at home can keep in touch with them.

On the Grape

Corp. Clare "Biddy" Cosgrove very capably handled his brood recently between the Administration Building and Recreation Building.



H. Schelling, Investigator

Some of the guards are inquiring as to the identity of the night Sergeant who reminds them of the day in the week, by appearing at the Guardhouse bright and early on *one* certain day in the week.

Sgt. "Curly" Boylan finally admits he receives more attention from the Guards when he doffs his cap. (What is it, Dick, a look of astonishment, or despair?)

Genial **Chief M. C. Baughman** is contemplating eating an extra meal on Thursday so as to escape the Friday ordeal of ordering food. Or maybe he thinks if he orders a day ahead he might get the meal on time.

Supervising Sergeant Murphy (although off duty) arrived at the scene of the explosion shortly after it occurred and worked diligently throughout the morning. (Evidently the force of the explosion threw him out of bed.)

Supervising Sergeant Killian is still bemoaning the fact that he lost 50 cents in a Chicago drug store recently. Ask him to tell you the story.

Corp. Frank Butala is strictly a *one gal* man. (Trouble is—it's a different gal every day.)

Our Way

Let's iron this all out in a sensible way;
I mean about people, work, and their play.
Just draw up a chair and settle yourself.
Complaining and fighting is bad for your health.

Before I begin, this is straight from the heart,
I'm going to shoot honest and right at the mark,
I don't aim to tell you that troubles are few—
War is not welcome; we'll agree that is true.

But Mr. and Mrs., of this we are sure;
Our own Uncle Sam has a marvelous cure,
And we're all on the upgrade to Safety again;
So look straight ahead, and not "might have been."

There's a beckoning service for you and for me—
Non-partisan, unbiased, hard-working, and Free!
It's not for pessimists, cynics, or shirkers,
But a haven of hope for America's workers.

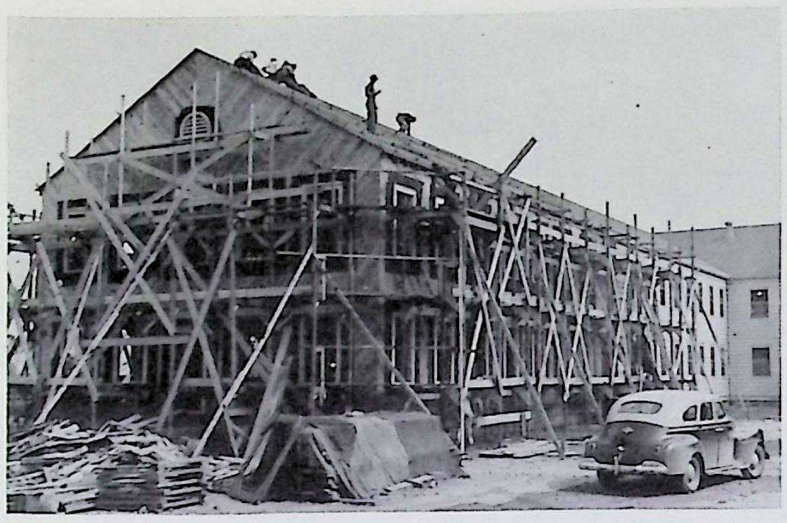
For the man who is able and willing to toil,
Who has faith in the future and desires to be loyal
To himself and his country, may throw out his chest,
For his attitude's clear and his judgment is best.

Of course we believe in the Democratic Way
And the big defense program by U. S. A.,
Including our own ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT.
We, Here, Know that the dictators CAN'T!!

We're all well aware that we're not owed a living;
But our vision and faith, and the fact that we're giving
The best that is in us—no more or no less—
Is Our Way of saving a Grand Old U. S.

—**Edmond Van Winkle,**
Guard, Pass Desk.

KEEPING COOL is the stock-in-trade of E. O. Huey, superintendent of the Plant Protection Department, and his efficient secretary, Lola Early.



STILL GOING UP are the extensions to the two wings of the Administration Building, one of which is shown here. While completion is being rushed, administrative office workers are wondering about the details of moving.

GROUP 2

The plant-wide recreation program which is well under way has been received enthusiastically by the fellows in this group. We can think of no better man than **"Tiny" Cahoon** to head this program and we take this opportunity to wish him success in his new position as Director of Recreation.

It was very gratifying and encouraging to learn from the first edition of *The Bomb-Shell* that Elwood tops all ordnance plants of the United States. This is indeed an achievement to be proud of by each and every one of us.

All of us extend our deepest sympathy to **Robert Burke**, our general foreman, whose mother died last Friday evening.

Examinations for the rescue squad course were given at the Central Fire Station last week and we were glad to learn that **William "Jersey" Klegman** passed with flying colors. Congratulations, "Jersey."

Carl Ulrich, formerly safety engineer in Group 2, has been named assistant to Safety Supervisor **R. T. Read.** Our sincere wishes for your success, Carl.

Although this is a little belated, we take this opportunity to welcome our new safety engineer, **Mr. Eiden.**

The Real Lowdown

They say **Russell Baker's** better half was very excited the other night. It seems she found some traces of lipstick on his shirt and began to cross-examine him, disregarding the fact that it was very early in the morning.

From all reports available, **"Bill" Malone, "Pete" Kelder** and **"General" John Johnson, Jr.,** are still considered the most sought-after males in the metropolis of Wilmington. Is this true, boys?

If you see **"Bobbie" Ardaugh,** ask him if he knows a girl named "Jane" who works at KOW. His face will probably turn red or he will chase you for a couple of blocks until he is fatigued.

Does anyone have any old clothes they do not use or are not using at the present time? If so, contact "Jersey" over at this group, and he will trade some of his garden products for them. Basketball, baseball, and all sport and working jackets are preferred.

We see that **"Hickory" Griffith** has a new hat. We didn't hear of any fire sale over in Morris. Kindly let us know when a bargain such as that new hat of yours can be had.

If some of you folks happen to drive past our group please notice our new Clock House designed by **"Archie" Le Borence** for the purpose of eliminating the chance of anyone forgetting to clock their cards. There is only one thing wrong with this idea of his, there are two alleys in the Clock House and he has to stand out in front of it and call like a "Carnival Barker" and tell everyone where the cards are.

We have quite a few fellows over here in this group who enjoy eating peanut brittle, so if any of you girls in the Personnel or the Administration Buildings like to make candy, please call on **"Jerry" Phelan, "Tubby" Sohan, Al Hesley, Irv Siemsen** and we can supply other names on request such as **Frank Gaglione** and **"Bobby" Ardaugh.** Please, girls, no "duds" or trick candy boxes or cans.

Rumor has it that **"Chuck" Pierce,** our genial head foreman, is a second "Lockwood" when it comes to utility problems. As a result some of the boys have started to call him Charles "Lockwood" Pierce.

We heard **"Johnnie" Barry** received a swell post card from a pretty maiden asking when he was coming up to see her some time. We don't think it was "Mae" West, but we do know the girl signed with love and kisses. How about this, John?

Garr Burt, chief government inspector in this group, will leave shortly for a vacation trip which will eventually end in Sandusky, Ohio. Some of the boys asked "Garr" if he was going alone or if his wife was accompanying him, to which he replied, with a big smile on his face, "she's going with me." Keep it up, Garr, that's the right spirit.

GROUP 3

Group 3 is not only loading the bombs which are now being dropped on the Germans and Japs, but have made other great contributions to Uncle Sam.

Over 75 of our boys have either been inducted into our armed forces, or have enlisted since January 1, 1942. They now are represented in the Coast Guards, Marines, Air Corps, Army, Navy and Paratroops.

In the recent bond campaign, every employee of Group 3, not only made a pledge, but none signed for anything less than *10 per cent of their wages each week.*

Group 3 has as yet no baseball team. However, these men have been suggested to comprise a representing "nine."

"Prairie Farmer," "Big Tiny," "Little Tiny," "Tiger," "Kankakee," "The Tokyo Kid," "Mississippi," "Shorty," and "Seabiscuit."

Do you recognize them? What positions would you suggest that they play? Personally, we think they could take any team in the area.

A fellow at Group 3, named **"Snuffy" Gomora,** has been promoted to "Chief of the Yard Birds."

"Dutch" Ahrens has quit doing his good deed for the Paramount Theatre of Kankakee. They now have two other fellows holding up the building.

"Deacon" Pilcher has an OPA order to build a new home with running water, one-half block from his home on the Kankakee River.

"Woody" Koerner went fishing with his dog, on his day off. Woody caught a rubber boot, hot water bottle, ten freckles and a case of sunburn. The dog caught a turtle; so the Koerners had soup.

Fred Desen is unleashed again. In other words, out of the dog house.

George Weber didn't have much luck with that family of kittens, so now he's in the Victory Garden business for a pastime. Take a look along the east side of the Power House and you'll see where he gets his exercise (and suntan). George is also an excellent chauffeur.

Great excitement prevails at this time in Group 3. It is occasioned by the extensive manipulations of the "Maduro-Webber" combine. This philanthropic enterprise is the sole topic of conversation with certain interested persons. On being interviewed, Mr. Testa gave a hearty expression of his appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Maduro and Mr. Webber. He stated that he now noticed quite a difference in his home and hoped that these two gentlemen would receive the reward they so richly deserve. (Let the rest of us in on this.)

The boys in Building 3 are trying so hard to find out who the three girls are that Foreman **William (Tiny) Kautz** took out for a weiner roast a few days ago. What has Tiny got that the rest of us haven't got?

If there are any ladies who want some furniture moved or housecleaning done, just call Building 3 and ask for **"Red" Wyciskalla** and **Fred Dvorak.** I am sure they will only be more than happy to assist.

Frank Underwood is broke again. He was seen talking with **Bob Hynds** (his banker) the other day and Bob had his wallet in his hand.

The boys in Building 3 are planning a picnic in two weeks. They say there will be plenty to eat and drink; but none of our boys are very heavy eaters, so it looks as though we will have a *good* time. **Elmer Emanuelson** and **Robert Peters,** two nice, sober young gentlemen, are trying to put the affair over. They are being ably assisted by that handsome lad from Chicago, **Bernard Ilg,** and by tall, strong and dark (skip the rest) **Frank Underwood.**

Action Required To Back Up Words

Vic Venturo, manager of Building 13's softball team (Group 1), may be heard crying far and wide that his team is the best in the group and furthermore that if a tournament develops it will be the outstanding team of the entire plant. This is the sort of spirit which is wanted, but it may be well to mention that action will be required as well as words, for the group is already in somewhat of a spot over the softball situation.

We did not do so well in our first game with Group 2, but the season is young and we have not yet seen enough of our players so that we may put them in the positions which they fill best. Vic can doubtless supply us with some of the men able to make the grade in a truly championship team. By the same token we know that there are other good men in the group and feel confident that we will soon have an aggregation capable of rendering a good account of itself.

Building 13 played its first scheduled game of the season against Building 14 May 23. It looked bad for a time, as "14" had put four scores across the plate in their half of the first inning. It proved to be a flash in the pan though because it marked the end of scoring for the visitors. From there on it was all "13" and the game was concluded with an 8 to 4 victory for Building 13.—**Jack Barry.**

GROUP 1

Mike Feeney, who puts in eight hours a day at the storeroom, has been hobbling about on two crutches since an accident caught up with him a couple of months ago. Nevertheless, Mike is as as active as an Irishman's flea and we challenge any group to bring forward its three-legged champ for a race.

And while on the subject of sports we can offer a little competition in the manly art of self-defense. We give you **Davey Rosen,** an inspector who has acquitted himself well in the ring and has become well known as a promoter of sports events. And wonder of wonders, we have **Bob Winchell** of Building 14, who was five times the winner of the fly-weight championship in the Joliet Golden Gloves contests and once went as high as the quarter-finals at Chicago. When one considers that 20,000 aspiring fighters start in the preliminaries it is really something worthy of note to reach the quarter-finals. Incidentally, Bob won the 1941 EOP cup at the boxing show of last July Fourth. He is now married and settled down and foreswears the swinging leather.

Sherman Butler, inspector in Building 14, has returned after several days lay-off resulting from the extraction of twelve of his baby teeth. Sherman says that soup tastes okay but doesn't put much beef on your hips.

Bill Walsh, inspector in Building 13, recently had a Sunday picnic at his charming summer home on the banks of the river at Kankakee. Guests included the Matheny, Kennedy, Slack, Williams and McHugh duos and all their numerous progeny, and an unattached hanger-arounder by the name of **Jack Barry.** A good time was had by all, especially by the outboard motor which refused to function.

Leslie Southcomb, son of one of our expeditors bearing the same name, left June 3 to join the Army.

Max Reibert, formerly the group storekeeper, recently joined the Army and went to Camp Grant where he was assigned to the Medical Corps. Last week he was at his home in Wilmington for a three-day furlough and now he is out on the trail of the Japs.

"Pop" Kent, bay foreman in Building 10, is in receipt of a letter from his son, who is serving at Pearl Harbor. Enclosed was a picture of the boy all dressed up in a grass skirt. Seems as though there is nothing to worry about at Pearl Harbor.

Inspector Charles McHugh left us to join the Army June 6. We know that "Mac" will be in there pitching and we all wish him well.

We recommend that **"Tiny" Cahoon** get in touch with **Inspector Armand Vicini** of Building 3 in our group. Rumor has it that he consistently shoots golf in the middle seventies and that doesn't mean for nine holes either.

What appealed to **Superintendent Joseph Salmon** the most deeply was the voluntary offer of blood by his men immediately after the recent disaster. He wasn't thinking of money at the time and neither were they. Their thoughts were upon something higher than monetary value: the saving of human life.

Short, Short Story

Oh, George, please don't stop here.
Oh, George, please don't stop.
Oh, George, please don't.
Oh, George, please.
Oh, George.
Oh!

(Mr. Editor: Just in case there may be moral qualms about this short, short story, it appeared in *Liberty* and is not original, although I wish I had been smart enough to think of it first.)

Alex Bernickus, stenciler in Building 13, is once more a proud papa, this time the new arrival being a baby girl who rejoices in the possession of two brothers who are by now old-timers in the house of Alex.

Consider **John Kinsella,** foreman of Building 13. He must buy a carton of cigarettes a day in order to keep himself supplied. There's an open season on his lunch box.

Among other celebrities in Group 1, we give you **Frank Syssens,** truck foreman in Building 13. He has studied art, is a graduate of Chicago University and a talented fashion artist in his own right, having worked in this capacity for Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. of Chicago among others. We cannot say for sure, but it may be that we will see some samples of Frank's work in *The Bomb-Shell* soon.

One and all were treated to a once familiar sight down in Building 13 recently. **Frank De Marti,** assistant building foreman, was in one of the bays engaged in feverish labor as one of the crew. Frank is familiarly known to the rank and file as the "Mad Russian" and he may have been mad about something at the moment, for he was really working madly, showing he can do what he asks others to do.

Friends of **Walter Friis,** who was absent from Building 7 for some time, is back on the job. Walter went to work out here a year ago last January and had only missed three working days until his recent illness laid him up. The last time we saw him he was at the Legion Hall in Joliet waiting for his particular pal, **Don Frey** of Building 7, to show up with the papers for his new assignment.

There is some conjecture in the group as to whether **Carl Barker,** timekeeper, is married or single. Maybe Walter Winchell could find out, but frankly we do not know.

Congratulations and best wishes go from the men of this group to **Bill Prindle.** Bill used to pester us by taking our clock numbers from time to time, but we are all glad to see that he was accorded a much deserved appointment as keyman of the Group 6 timekeepers.

Coy Bobbett, who worked in Building 13, resigned to enlist in the Navy. According to friends, he is now paying a short visit to his daughter in Florida, after which he will be seeing the world in navy blue.

Minnie Benedente of Building 14 is in receipt of a letter from her brother Clement, now serving with the U. S. Medical Corps. He likes his present assignment real well and would like to be remembered to his many friends.

INSEPARABLE companions are A. M. Lockwood, superintendent of the Utilities Department, and his well-trained dog. The two are a familiar sight about the EOP area and would rate about first in a popularity poll.

GROUP 61

Our own **George Woodburn** recently was a hero at Group 62. He captured thousands of enraged bees single handed, after several fruitless attempts by others. For a hobby, George plays with three hundred hives.

Sam O'Large is back to work after vacationing in Kentucky for several days.

Wallace Englehart, guard frequently seen around our group, is the proud father of an eight-pound boy, born May 20. The name is **Wallace James Englehart.**

Ellis "Joe" Roberts, timekeeper; **J. D. Thompson** and **Wendell Thompson**, electricians, were called to Uncle Sam's armed forces.

We were sorry to hear about the death of **Alvin Smith, Sr.**, father of **Alvin Smith, Jr.**, engineer at Group 61.

Peter Balma caught a six-pound catfish while fishing at Lorenzo, Ill.

Oscar Otterson and **William Stalker** tell about their week-end fishing trip to Blair, Wis. They say Blair is 300 miles away and claim they had to stop 62 times for refreshments because of the intense heat. Oh! The pair bragged that they caught 50 fish.

Is it possible to travel all of 300 miles, stop 62 times, catch 50 fish, all in one week-end? This sounds like a pretty good fish story to me.

What's this we hear about **Jess Shelby** working overtime—could it be because he is saving to purchase a wedding gift for **Charles O'Connor, Jr.?**

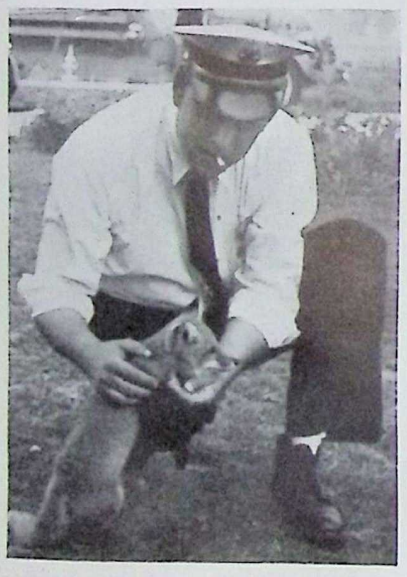
Benjamin Sutton announced his marriage to **Melvis Gibb** would take place in Columbia, Mo., June 19. They planned to spend their honeymoon in the Ozark Mountains.

A new addition to our group is **Lawrence Holz**, timekeeper keyman.

John Stufe, Dwight bus driver, has a strange hobby. The ambitious fellow captured a young fox and now is attempting to tame Master Reynard.

It Would Be Nice IF . . .

. . . we knew nitrate like **Elmer McCans** . . . **Frank Ariagno** would **regeester** . . . a gal waved at us daily—lucky **Clifford Kidney** . . . we sang like **Erny Decker** . . . I could draw like **Robert Plese** . . . **Allen Mayes** had more renown red oil . . . last week you read "CONCERNING WAGGING TONGUES" —good work, **James Glade!** . . . **Alfred Pope** had more wrist watches to dispose of . . . people could afford wearing feathers in their hat like **Loren Horrie** . . . power houses ran as smoothly as **Albert Amstien's** . . . **Howard Cadwell** played less cow pasture pool . . . buildings were as clean as **Paul Burke's** . . . it were payday every day and no work on payday . . . clerks were as efficient as **Edward Hasse**—(By the way, Ed has scientific inclinations since working at Group 61. He is now an experienced slide rule operator) . . . **Whitney Miller** would park in the lot . . . I saved money like **Seward "Curly" Brown** and still not have any . . . **Supt. Paul Deylitz** came to work mornings before the roads were being repaired . . . **F. G. Robinson** took us through "Fuse and Booster" . . . we were as handsome as **James Morey** and **James Decker** . . . **Frank Johnson** gave checks on time . . . **Megideo "Tony" Ganz** had more poultry . . . **Carl "Ray" Carlson** quit using nitrate as fertilizer—(a way to keep out of the dog house, Ray) . . . **Allen Mayes** sang "The Lady in Red," Ya Ya . . . **Jerome "Harold" Rouff** found his million pounds . . . **Steve Juricic** had permission to cash his check before arriving home . . . **Frank Kachelhoffer** had a truck . . . we could make **E. J. Eagan** and **J. C. Schmeh** happy . . . **William "Ed" Westmeyer** would paint our floor . . . the "thin man" **William Brown** got **James Halpin** lined up —(I didn't need his help) . . . we could ride a horse like **John Spacia** . . . more people had the personality of **William Dooley!**



VIXEN DREAM GIRL is the role cut out for the mascot adopted by Chief R. W. Mortensen, shown here in parental pose, and the boys at Central Fire Station.

GROUP 8

An athletic club is being formed in Group 8, and most of the employees have given their OK by signing as future members.

The main diversion will be dancing, ball games, picnics, etc.

Yer dern tootin', there's—ball teams and ball teams in the bunch —both boys and girls—challenges are open—"What have you got that we ain't got?"

We're told that **Bill Henderson** was going around whispering, "Girls, me for Treasurer." I'm sure that if his wish were to be fulfilled, we'd soon be going around whispering, "Girls, the treasury 'twas, but 'taint no more."

The girls in 8-8 are wondering if their paymaster, Willie Henderson, plans to amuse them weekly with his little tumbling act, which he painlessly performed last week, Thursday, while chasing a certain little redhead of the opposite sex. Oh, well, 'snothin'. Guess he just fell for her.

Alma, so she says, had a flat tire the other morning on her way to work (she did not say who he was). She and her six lady riders were "wringing their hands with wrath and worry" when some kind gentleman (so early in the morning, too) stopped and changed their tire, proving that the days of chivalry aren't over . . . or are they?

What foreman in 8-8 insists that the red smears on his shirt were only red paint and that any resemblance to lipstick is just coincidental with him? Amusin' but confusin', eh, Joe?

Everything is peaceful in the Group 8, Superintendent's Office, as Harriet is working nights.

Helen Frantz, from 8-8, "dood it." She became Mrs. Merwin Meents Saturday, June 6.

William Irving, better known as "Scotty," black powder room, became the proud "popper" of a nine-pound baby boy June 2.

Mildred Provence has been seen a lot lately with a certain assistant superintendent, name of Elmer. Wonder what it's all about?

Tom Flaherty is all smiles today, as he moved in out of the dog house last night and hopes to stay in at least till next week-end.

Buck says, "**Bob Otte** is sitting pretty with the little wife again, we see he's getting his oranges peeled in his lunch."

Wonder what our good looking office man is thinking about when a certain little blue eyed girl on the waxing table called Dolly looks at him.

Group 8 misses that fried chicken since **Bill Chappell** done gone away.

Frank J. Zupancic, Jr., Group 8 timekeeper, loves his school for girl timekeepers which he is schooling. Please, Mr. O'Connell, send some more down.

Kenny Schoefield is a newlywed. Ken's sad this week 'cause wife went home to "Ma," also a sore thumb. Boy, what a life, no cook.

We put the Welcome mat out for two new maintenance electricians this week. **L. Tutland** and **Gordon VanClever.** Welcome, fellows, hope you like us, we like you.

Mrs. Nelida Deschand, of Kankakee, a trained nurse on the line in Group 8, volunteered her services the night of the accident at Group 2. Nelida says she came out here for a change of work, but was truly thankful to have had a part in making those boys comfortable.

Mrs. Loretta Countryman, Group 8 assembly line, entered St. Joseph Hospital June 4, and will be confined for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ademar Ruel of Group 3 and **Teresa Shires** were married at St. Rose Church of Kankakee Sunday, June 7.

Lee "Lucky" Davis and co-writer, **Mildred Jones**, inspectors, have written a song entitled "ZOOM-ZOOM-ZOOM," now in published form. This song is written especially for the Elwood Ordnance Plant, and will be introduced at a dance given in the Chamber of Commerce ballroom the night of June 27. **Beverly "Bubbles" Long**, Joliet's promising star, will introduce the song. **John H. Walker**, superintendent of Group 8, is to be presented with an autographed copy of the song.

We, in Building 8-11, wonder if **Mina Nordstion**, floor lady, is coming to work Monday after attending to business in Wisconsin, or is she holding something out on us?

We are just casually wondering why **Robert Gould** has discontinued his "wolf howl."

What we want to know, is—Did **Anita Burke** run into the door, as she says, or did the door run into her?

Meet Group 8

There's a very happy hustle,
As in rhythmic time.
The primers go a-climbing
Down the assembly line.

How golden bodies glisten,
As they fly from task to task.
Skilled hands bring more perfection,
From the first to the last.

Till safely sealed in cartons,
They go to their destiny.
Each to pave the way
For U.S.A. Victory.
And insure a happy home
For *you* and *me.*

—**Agnes Scott,**
Group 8.

FIRE Department

The recently organized four-man golf team of the E. O. P. Fire Department at Central Fire Station challenges any foursome on the Reservation (including the Police Department) to a golf match. This team—known in the upper golf crust as the "Putt and Pray Palookas," but more often as simply the "Slice and Swear Boys"—is anxious for action. All challenges accepted. Send them into Central Fire Station.

We tip our helmets to **Steve** (Beat me as a daddy) **Forgacs.** A few days after he became the father of a nine-pound baby girl, Stephen staggered in with the biggest home grown radish of the season.

Fire Laddies' Dream Girl

We are proud and happy indeed to announce the acquisition of a lady Fireman. We believe this is the first instance of a beautiful girl being chosen to actually answer calls on the Fire Rigs in an Ordnance Plant.

GAS MASK DRILLS are a part of the training members of the EOP Fire Department undergo. Shown here, left to right, are Ted Kloeckner, Mark Settlemoir, Louis Hildebrand, Robert DeBolt, Frank Scoma and Chief R. W. Mortensen.

Ever mindful of our unspoken (and slightly unheard of) motto: "The first with the most of the best," our talent scouts have uncovered a brown-haired beauty with eyes to match. The toast of 180 firemen, she is a rare combination of reticence and gayety, with just enough wildness thrown in to create a Shan Gri La for the boys.

Since starting with the Department, this sweet young thing has spent most of her time in Chief **R. W. Mortensen's** office—behind closed doors—and his working day has been considerably lengthened. The reason given by our long-laboring Chief is that the new member must have a thorough understanding of departmental routine—in other words, give the little gal a great big hand, etc. Playful, yet moody, she keeps the daring Firemen in an "off the beam" stance and trance most of the time, but like a few of her charming sisters, she can be bribed with a bright bauble.

In spite of this shortcoming, Chief Mortenson firmly believes that with a few more lessons on what not to do in a Fire Barn, our new pet, Fox, will make an ideal mascot. This, of course, will relieve Stuart Moloney of his duties —to a certain extent.

Group 3-A

Speaking of Victory Gardens; stop and look over the one at the Superintendent's house. The "Missis" surely has done a good job.

Howard L. Gueller wins a new hat. Howard is the proud father of a 6½-pound baby girl—Carol Mabel. Thanks for the cigars and congratulations to you and Mrs. Gueller.

Roy F. Manssen resigned June 9 to join the Air Corps.

A team made up of a few Bombardier players, and enough available men to make a team, beat our group Inspectors, 15 to 10. Pitcher **"Wild" Roy Hallahan** was benched in the second inning and **Bob Walsh**, third baseman, finished with a perfect no-hit-no-run-no-error score.

James Hatz' cat's got kittens; that's why he gave his dog away.

Two years ago **William Heylek** jumped off a freight train going 60 miles an hour. No bones were broken and he was able to go to work the next day. Bill is now a sub-foreman in our line.

Does anyone know **Harry M Knarr's** middle name?

Robert Bryant resigned June 13 to go in the Army.

The Bombardiers wish to thank the boys in Group 3-A for the generous contribution made for buying their baseball outfits.

Fred Perri, manager of the Bombardiers, is eyeing a game with Group 1 as soon as some of his regular boys who are recovering from minor injuries, can get back in the line-up.

George Costello, Jr., has been eating his meals from the mantel for the past three days. Poor Junior!

The **John L. Dillons** celebrated their second wedding anniversary June 12.

Colby Erickson did a good job of building the backstop for our ball diamond, making it one of the best in the area. Colby is short center fielder on our Bombardier team.

UTILITIES Department

In every organization there stands out one man. In the Utilities Department, it is **A. M. Lockwood**, who with his quiet and unassuming manner commands the respect and co-operation of all who come under his jurisdiction.

Those interested in knowing anything about Cuba and Brazil can contact **Claude Sayre.** His tale of construction work in these countries is really an epic.

Popular **Bill Franke** of the Machine Shop has joined Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

It is noticed that our efficient **Chief Baughman** has gone off the Gold Standard. What happened to those two molars, Chief?

Is there anyone who enjoys quantities of food more than our **William D. Sexton** at the Pipe Shop?

Orville A. Evans is once again back at his desk after a serious illness. His many friends and associates are glad to welcome him and are happy over his speedy recovery.

The family of **William A. Buck**, our ever congenial wire chief, are enjoying the summer at their home in the woods of northern Wisconsin.

Who whistles while he walks and walks to his whistle? **Elmore G. McAloon.**

The Utilities Department extends its condolence to **John De Pratt** of the Pipe Shop, whose father passed away recently.

The girls who have seen our handsome landscape man, **Ted Melzer**, are wondering where he spends his evenings. How about it, Ted? Not all the "nifties" are in the Chicago area.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walters and family wish to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness shown them by their many friends during their recent bereavement.

On Land! In the Air! On the Sea!

The Radio Department can credit one enlisted man to each of the services. **Cadet Ed Matteson** of Eastern Avenue, Joliet, has given up his duties at the Radio Communications Department to help his Uncle Sam. He is taking up Radio Communications work at Scott Field, where he is studying eight hours a day. Good luck, Ed.

First Lt. Glenn Johnson of Oak Park is now stationed at Rock Island Arsenal as an MP and likes the job. To you, too, Glenn—good luck.

Last but not least, we mention **John Handel**, Radioman 2nd Class, who is stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He says he is "learning" to sleep in a hammock and we are wondering if that *is* possible. Anyway, we say three cheers for the three enlistees.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT

Cupid cut a rug in the War Department last week—**"Red" Bowler** will leave the bachelor ranks and become a benedict any day now—the gal—lovely **Joan Hart,** society editor of the Joliet *Herald-News.* Congrats, kids.

Lieut. Wm. Durrenburger (Bill to his friends)—hung a huge chunk of ice on the right finger of the right gal t'other day—she of the gorgeous tan and blonde tresses—**Jymmie Riley.** What a beautiful couple they make.

Mail and Record Section welcomes back **Marie Maren,** who has been ill for some weeks. Speaking of Mail and Record—**Josephine Kush** gave the gang a chance to see "the B. F." the night of the dance . . . everyone agres he's a keen boy—course we still haven't given up on the Lieutenant yet—you know these Army boys—slow on the approach . . . but oh that finish . . . so keep tuned to this column for future events on this.

Eleanor Fox Corniels, engineering and operations bride of a few weeks . . . had every one scared for a few days . . . her husband (brand new) got a case of the mumps and the whole second floor wing of the Administration Building started eating pickles the next day. . . . However, everything is under control and our worries are over . . . by the by . . . so are Eleanor's.

Didja hear about **Anne Kakara** (Mail and Record Whiz) and her fishing trip the other evening? First off, she cast the pole in the drink . . . then after much work got the darn thing out, and the first catch was an eel about a foot long . . . Anne being scared to death of snakes, took off for the woods at a spritely pace.

Wedding bells tolled Saturday for **Frank Branger** and **Dorothy Disch** of Chicago. Best of luck, kids, and hope we can say the same thing on your Golden Wedding day.

Mel Huston, teletype terror . . . had to blow hard on his hands Sunday to get them hot enough to dish the dope over the wires. . . . What's the matter, Mel??? no red "Corporals."

Molly Baker of the same department returned from her vacation with glowing tales of thisa and thata—but no word about getting hitched. Didja, Molly?

Dance Big Success

The War Department Victory Dance brought out everyone . . . hat's off to "Ole" Olson and "Red" Bowler for the smooth way they conducted the big event. Everyone had a marvelous time and hope the next one is very soon.

Colonel and Mrs. Hoffman set the pace of the evening by being about the friendliest people there. . . . **Captain Bach** . . . the shy fellow . . . and the Mrs. . . . they were having a grand time dancing together. . . . **Lieutenant and Mrs. Bohannon** tripping the two-step. . . . **Seymour Kurantman** of Administrative . . . keeping the escort from being bored . . . what was the funny story???? . . . **Jimmie Walker** (Missouri Dynamo) cutting capers . . . looked pretty dapper there, Jimmie . . . course we always thought you were handsome . . . we know someone in the Engineering Department of the Contractor that thinks so too—O.K., Jim, we won't tell . . . this time.

Harold Kapsch of Timekeeping, strutting his stuff with a glamour gal. . . . Who was she, Harold? . . looked like you might be going overboard, ole man . . . by the way, understand you and your brother Bernie are quite the interior decorators. . . . Any time we invite you to our house we'll nail the furniture in place so you guys can't rearrange it like you did at **Hazel O'Connor's** house one night.

Margaret Jesberger . . . without **Harold O'Keefe** . . . we did hear rumors, though, that she is serious enough about a boy in Joliet to wear a diamond . . . how about it, Maggie??? S'true, isn't it??????

Bess (Personality Plus) **Moore,** looking her best, with **Ev Myers,** ex-War Department big wig and now top man at the Commission?? . . . We did notice, though, he didn't have a blue suit . . . we're still curious about him . . . our snoopers will find out.

Edna Millweard and her "steady," **Bob Eaton** . . . pretty snazzy couple, we'd say. . . . Also from Personnel . . . **Bea Berge** and **Stan Maresh** of Inspection . . . **Flossie Babecke** and her fiance . . . **Bob Brockway** . . . having their usual good time . . . when's the big event?????

Cute little **Marge Kangley,** dancing with her big brother Don while little brother Norm and his wife looked on.

Johnny Phelan and his heart-throb waltzing. . . . How does it feel to be back in the fold, Johnny? . . . Good thing she came home when she did. . . . No more Monday morning blues for you.

Captain De Young and **Mrs. De Young,** looking katosh . . . talking with **Lieutenant Kuether** and wife.

Clair Donaghue, Lieutenant Kuether's competent secretary, is a war widow . . . all her boy friends are either in the Army or Navy . . . looks like she'll have to join the WAAC in order to see them.

Cute blonde **Bernece Carlson** of Captain Tunstall's Intelligence Division, looking sweet and having a marvelous time at the dance with **Joseph Nicolletti,** former dancing instructor at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago.

Naomi Apgar (Group 6) sure was brave when she took on **Bill Proudley** (Group 7), **Leo Seeburg** (Group 6), **Leonard Woods** (Group 1), and **Bud Evenson** (Group 1) at tennis. She didn't do so badly, either, beating Bill and Leonard.

Bernice Unwin spent the week-end at her home in DeKalb.

All signs indicate that a romance is budding between **Ruth Hassig** and **Melvin Hurwitz.**

Within a few weeks, wedding bells will ring for **Paul E. Barhoover,** inspector at Group 6, and **Mary Virginia Loy** of Chicago.

Catherine Fitzmaurice spent a very pleasant week-end at Twin Lakes, Wis.

Group 3-A

O. E. Long is wearing his hair up these days, and we mean straight up! He's got the crewiest looking crew haircut in the area. The other night four guards and a fireman followed him up and down the line for an hour, figuring maybe he was a Nazi corporal. They didn't recognize him till he headed for a change house.

When **Harold Stark,** government inspector at Group 3-A, requested five days of annual leave, Mr. Douville thought he might be planning a trip to China. **Roy Hallihan,** group inspector, explained to Mr. Douville that Harold wanted to leave the bachelor category and have **Margaret Finkelstein** of Chicago become Mrs. Harold Stark.

We wonder if **James Musso's** sick leave has anything to do with his smoking the cigars that Stark brought back.

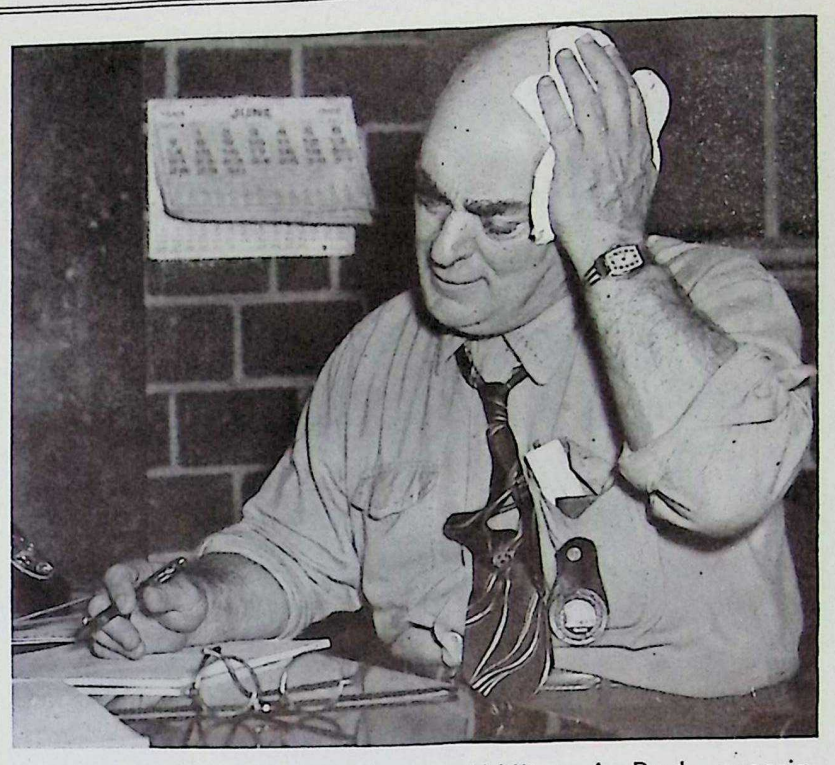
We have it on good authority that the Inspectors would have won the ball game the other night if the grass had been cut in right field. It was a tense moment, the thousands of fans packing the stands and bleachers sat with bated breath. Two men out and the bases loaded. The batter, an aging carpenter, slammed a sizzling grounder out through the knee-high weeds just inside the first base line. **"Jake" Hlavajcik** started after it and ran all the way over to the group fence line before he discovered that the ball had rolled down a wood-chuck hole, and he'd been chasing a rabbit.

The G-inspectors of 3-A presented **Richard Allen Hallihan,** the new son and heir of the huge **Roy Hallihan** inspection fortunes, with a War Savings Bond. Little "Dickie" was interviewed immediately after his arrival by *The Bomb-Shell* reporter. Between naps he issued the following statement, quote: "Goo glub ga yow blubble" unquote.

These remarks were interpreted by Basil (the staff baby talk expert), as meaning: "I feel that this bond establishes a precedent which, if followed, will provide a vast new source of revenue to help finance the war effort. I am in a position to know that there are a great many more members of my clique on the way, and if any of them are left out of this Bond deal, they're going to be plenty tough. Now beat it, Buster. I want to brush up on my yelling technique—I intend to try out for the job of Official Air Raid Siren of Kankakee and I need a little practice."

Some of the clean-up men around here should have bells on, so when **Johnny Wald** looks for them he can hear the bells toll.

While going through one building to another, saw a man standing on his head. It happened to be **S. C. Bennett** looking for a lost lot number.



MOPPING HIS BROW didn't stop William A. Buck, superintendent of telephone communications, in his stride as the staff photographer called on him professionally.

ORDNANCE WORK RUSHES in this busy administrative office, showing (left to right) Catherine I. Stortz, Mary Louise Schwartz, Josephine Kush, Anne D. Kakara, Seymour Kurantman, Betty Wilhemi, Melvin D. Huston, Raymond Marquardt, Margaret Kangley, Robert Jahnke, Jerome Kren and Florence Babecke, civilian employees of the War Department.

TELLING BUDDIES GOOD-BY was the last act hereabouts of Ray Harper, supervising sergeant of the guard force, who left June 3 for the Army. Sergeant Owen McCarthy, EOP guard force, is shown wishing Ray good luck.

SALVAGE Department

This is not only our first contribution to *The Bomb-Shell* but also marks the inauguration of the Salvage Department under the management of Sanderson & Porter.

By way of introduction it is fitting to present **Hugh C. Robb,** superintendent.

This department is some distance from the other groups, but we enjoy a certain privilege that is denied to other departments. We have in our possession a very rare article, namely: automobile tires. Of course they show signs of wear and tear, but they still retain the magic name of rubber.

Handsome **Billy Gagg** has been snared by a young lady in Galesburg. June 20 is the day. Best wishes.

George Burger is feeling his spurs these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow, who are tenants of the paper house, glanced down as **Gus Vehrs** entered. One said, that is the foreman. The other said, well, what are we waiting for?

Bob Bertram is on a visit to Rhinelander, Wis.

Our department has finally availed itself of a 5½-foot bench to accommodate our genial timekeeper, **Ben Sloan.**

Bruno Sismondi has been transferred to the Transportation Department.

MEDICAL Department

A hearty welcome is extended to **Thelma Talbot,** R.N., and **Wallace W. Koepp,** insurance adjuster. They are the newest additions to our hospital family. Mr. Koepp replaces **W. T. Bryant,** who was called to the colors June 3. Mr. Bryant reported to his local draft board in Portland, Maine, and according to last word from him, was properly inducted into the ranks as a full-fledged buck private, but was granted a 10-day furlough and will report to Camp Devens June 13.

Aside from its veteran patient "Pidg," the hospital now has a few other patients, all of whom are making rapid recovery and enjoying the hospital hospitality! The patients in Ward West are particularly fond of **Nurses Ulrich** and **Gunnerson,** but it seems there is a hitch developing in that beautiful friendship. Wonder what it could be? Only the patients can tell!

Margaret Stalker, secretary to Dr. Schultz, began seeing spots before her eyes. By the time she reached home she was seeing them all over and became worried. It developed that she was about to entertain a light case of the measles, but she is happily over them now and back with us.

Miss Stalker acted as godmother to her brand-new nephew at the ceremony held May 24. What with all our godmothers and godfathers, the EOP hospital is full of good people and a good place for good people to be.

DOG IS LOST

Dr. H. L. Schultz, medical director, and Mrs. Schultz report the loss of their wire-haired fox-terrier, "Stormy," and ask that news of him be reported to them.

Memorial For Elwood Heroes Held at Plant

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act, no influence which interferes with it will be tolerated.

"This work calls for loyal patriots such as those who have already given their lives here.

"Our flag must fly on to victory and that victory must be won at the Elwood Ordnance Plant, by our workers, supported by their families, and friends at home.

" 'Keep 'Em Shooting,' let come what may."

SHOWING THEM HOW is the role of Frank J. Wehrle in the recreational program headed by "Tiny" Cahoon. The budding baseballers shown here are: Back row, Gordon Enger, Joe Wehrle and Frank Misischia; front row, Henry L. Hyde, George Price and Mr. Wehrle, who formerly played with the American Association.

Inspection Department

Andrew O. Fox, office manager of the Inspection Department, will relinquish his duties June 27.

"Andy," as he is known to his co-workers, has made a world of friends in his few short months here. He will begin his new duties with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company July 1. We all wish him success, and hope that some time in the future our paths may cross again.

Verna Lazar has found the secret of how to prepare deviled eggs. The inspectors that work with her in Group 5 believe Verna can now reach any man's heart. I know many that dislike eggs.

The general feeling that **Jim Tyler**, head inspector in Group 5, is a swell fellow may be due to the recent arrival in the Tyler family. The department hopes that young Tyler will follow his poet-father's footsteps.

Sophie Wathorric received a beautiful cork purse from a boy in the armed forces. It is something new and may be illustrated in *Vogue*.

Alice Kingsley, stationed at Group 5, now working the 3 to 11 shift, would like to get a steady ride from Starved Rock. If anyone can help Alice, call Elwood, Extension 58.

L. Hoskins, the genial inspector from Chicago, recently joined the ranks of the married men and is modestly receiving congratulations.

Eddie Schroeder puts in his spare time at one of Chicago's leading night clubs, but don't get me wrong. Eddie is the orchestra leader there.

J. Madura and **M. Weber** have proved themselves to be the best handicappers in Group 3. They had Mr. Testa make a $5 investment and the horse finished fifth in a five-horse race. Mr. Testa is still wondering that if he had put an extra dollar on for the boy, if he wouldn't have tried harder.

Warren Hair is pleased that they put the new concrete road in on Chicago Road, as he is able to roller skate to work from Elwood. By the way, he's got the west 80 over there.

When **Earl Shipley** saw the name of **Inspector Meece** on the bulletin board he said, "That's the plural of mice, isn't it?" Earl, who entertained thousands of patrons at the circus in the Chicago Stadium, does his clowning in the right place, and advises employees of the plant to do likewise.

Andrew O. Fox, while working on his monthly report, shouted, "Who's that whistling out there?" He looked out of his office door and in a sweet tone said, "Good morning, Mr. MacLellan." **A. J. MacLellan** happens to be the Chief Inspector.

Eddie Wicks was host to several of the inspectors in Group 3. Refreshments were served, games followed and all left enjoying the profitable evening. Someone said that **Elmer Henning** profited most. Mr. Rouff, Mr. Hartman would like to know just how the scenery looked from under the table? Rouff is head inspector in Group 61. Mr. Hartman is in charge of inspecting on the fuse, booster, primer and detonator lines.

Lenard Bruno suffered two broken ribs in a collision with **Leroy Parsons** while trying out for the Inspectors' baseball team at Group 3A. **Moe Brennan** was indirectly the cause of this mishap when he attempted to stretch a single into a double with Bruno on second and the shortstop holding the ball. All Bruno could do was tear out for third base, where he crashed into **"Tarzan" Parsons.** Since Bruno has been crippled up, the Cubs have sent four scouts out to sign him up.

GROUP 62

There is considerable talk about our own ball team and in all probability we should take Groups 1 and 2 into camp some sunny afternoon. In fact, the boys are willing to book any games, but it is still in the talking stage.

Willie (will - he - or - won't - he) **Denver** quit drinking goat-milk, but . . . The flower garden at North Inert still has trouble in flowering forth after replanting . . . the poppies look promising, however.

Happy again are we—**Jim Whitley** and **Puffy Puffer** are back on the active rolls after accidents. Welcome back, boys.

It's too bad they left out the shower baths at Inert like they have in the groups—summer coming and everything, but then the creek is dammed and should make a good swimming hole . . . not far away, either—just up on Central Road.

Wonder how the office bunch like the new set-up . . . **Eddie Sheridan** at Group 27 and **Frank Zupancic** at North—two swell fellows. In less than a week of office work Frank Zupancic is talking to himself . . . with lot numbers, door numbers, phone numbers, order numbers, and clock numbers; we are afraid they will get our numbers. **Muck Arthurs** and **Willie Denver** claim they had the same design as the one selected for the plant paper, but it seems they did not keep the draft copy for proof . . . honorable mention anyhow.

We sure miss the smile and witty manner of **Bill Norris**, one of our timekeepers who entered the service of our country . . . all the luck in the world, Bill, and to all the others who have entered. **Old War Horse Newton** at South Inert got his new set of chinaware and is his wife pleased . . . he can now say night-shift.

Chief of Inert Components—North Inert, South Inert, Group 27—is **A. P. Balston**, and his able assistants are **C. H. Mann, John Wald, C. A. Kemper** and **James Whitley.** These men and all the members of the Inert organization have chosen as a slogan for the department . . . *We Store 'em and Supply 'em.*

Personnel Department

It is with regret that we report the loss of two of our interviewers. **Robert L. Hamlin** left June 13 for a brief vacation before being inducted into the U. S. Marine Corps June 30. **William H. Johnson** resigned June 13 to return to school after a vacation tour through Wisconsin. Bill's going to be a doctor—and a good one, is our bet.

John W. Hogan (known to basketball associates as "Ice-House"), has just returned to the Personnel fold after completing the current scholastic year at the University of Missouri. Jack's cheery smile is like a dash of ice water these tepid days.

Loren D. Ross, photographer, has recently moved from Morris, Ill., to a little country home near Herscher. Last week when Loren was performing his early morning chores he was amazed, when he entered the barn to feed his mare, to find a newly born colt. He decided to name her "Miss Victory" and he is much elated these days, as he has prospects of a Kentucky Derby entry. (There is a bit of humor connected with this announcement and answers to inquiries may be obtained by contacting Mr. Ross.)

Sometimes it pays to be popular and again it doesn't. **Jimmy Barrowman**, Fingerprint Division, is so popular that whenever cigars are distributed by proud fathers he is always a recipient. Last week Jimmy came down to Personnel by bus and the bus driver announced the arrival of a son, at the same time presenting Jimmy with a very fine cigar. He became dizzy after a few puffs, but this unpleasantness did not stop him and he continued smoking, as his motto is "Do or die." For a while it looked as though Jimmy had chosen the latter.

Elwood Hupke, formerly assistant phtographer, is now in the service of his country. As soon as we learn of his whereabouts we will supply his mailing address, as we are sure he will be glad to hear from his former co-workers.

We never knew that **Elwood Ayres** of the "Reference Room" was so fond of roses. Each day he wears one in his lapel.

Eileen Terlep's (nee Fitzgerald) troubles have ended. She and Mr. Terlep have finally succeeded in locating an apartment and they are very busy getting settled in their new home. We understand there will be a huge "welcome" sign on the door.

Virginia Nowak, Filing Division, has returned after a month's absence due to illness. We are glad to have you back, Virginia.

Timekeeping Department

Time on My Hand

In inaugurating this column I hope that the gentleman in Room 2 at the Administration Building does not take the title of this piece too literally. If you do, Mr. Cole, I'm only kidding. A bouquet of orchids to **Joe Petroska** for his splendid work at Group 2 the morning of June 5. Keep up the good work, Joe. The Timekeeping Department is proud of you.

Bob Renoldi of Richards Farm has gone Princeton on us. Girls, take notice of the crew haircut. **Jim McHugh** of Group 61 is once again in our ranks. It seems Uncle Sam thought he would be of more use here at Elwood than in the armed service.

Bud Ressler, Ken Mitchell and **Bill Morris** are now physically checking the boys at Camp Grant. Keep up the good work, boys, and give 'em all eight hours. **Frank Zupancic** of Group 8 is all a-flutter over a cute policewoman. Let's know when, Frankie.

Homer Smalt of our Proofreading Squad, better known as the Naperville Flash, is now devoting his spare time to raising chickens. Don't ever start a conversation with him regarding his chicks or you will wind up by being a shareholder in his enterprise. That dignified voice at the telephone in Group 4 belongs to **Grant Stitt**, a swell timekeeper and a regular guy.

Jerry Walsh of night-gown fame is a former state representative who may run once again in this coming election. **Barney McShane** is walking around with a long face these last few weeks. He could be his smiling self if **John Dolan** and **John Machias** would give him better service when he calls them on the telephone.

Ray Shepley of the Administration Building is puzzled why his boss, **John O'Connell**, always looks at him when he says "He used to work for us." Don't worry, Ray, you will be in the Army soon and if your superior should happen to use the same phrase, I know how mad that would get you. Oh yeah!

Notice how the boys at Richards Farm Time Office are dressing up since we have employed girls, and, as **Lee Reynolds** would put it, even the vocabularies of O'Connell, McShane and **Milton Treitel** have been dressed up since these girls invaded our sanctum.

Mr. and Mrs. Prindle, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Treitel announce the stork's delivery of sons at their homes, one each. I defy any department to beat this record of consistency. I hear that **Pvt. Joe Malloy** is in Iceland and **Pvt. Joe Bick** is in the country of "way down under." The Hitlers and Mikados had better watch out when these boys start to work on them.

T. V. Brennan must have something on the ball. The girls in the Personnel Department threw him a birthday party at the Administration Building Cafeteria. The head timekeepers at Groups 1, 2, 3 and 3-A are jealous of the Fuse and Booster groups since we have been hiring female "physical checkers."

Material Warehouse

The boys in the Material Warehouse Department are all wishing for the early recovery of **Larry B. Stofchick**, one of their fellow employees in the old warehouse at Richards Farm who was taken to the hospital last week for an appendix operation. They sent flowers and cigarettes and hope he has the right nurse, which means a whole lot on the road to recovery. His teammates, **Truman R. Rickert, Glen O. Turner, Harry Tilden** and **Al. Kravitz**, carry on in his absence.

By the way, **Al Kravitz** bought a "baseball pool" ticket for 30c, sold it to a friend of his for 35c, making a 5c profit. His friend opened the ticket to find he had a $40 winner. Kravitz's temperature rose to 106 degrees, he has not shaved since, and we fear he may go on a hunger strike.

Now that **Clinton Jones** and **Edgar Ashley**, both members of the New Material Warehouse crew, have had their teeth extracted, **Louis Piano**, one of our material checkers, wants to stage a steak-eating contest between them, the winner take all. It is too bad they did not leave one upper and one lower tooth, as **John Nugent**, the fellow that keeps the paint and lacquer drums moving in and out of the area, had them all set with extra work biting holes in Sweitzer cheese for a friend of his, a cheese manufacturer.

Lester Patterson, the fellow that's always busy with inventories and out-going materials, took time out last Sunday to cast flies, plugs, and everything but the tackle box at the fish in Duck Lake, in the Fox Lake chain, and was his face red when he not only hooked but landed a five-pound bass, and then had a perfect day ruined when he was told the bass season didn't open till June 15. Of course we had no camera to take the picture of Pat returning that fish to the drink.

Who was the guard on the north gate the night he heard a noise outside and drawing his gun, cried out: Halt, who goes there? The answer came back, It's me. O.K., said the guard, advance and give the countersign. The answer came back, I don't know the countersign. You'll not pass here till you say Bunker Hill—that's final, said the guard. Well, it was not **Burl Cleary**, because he was not on duty that night.

Here is one for "Believe It or Not" Ripley. **John Baldon**, assistant to **Charles Herbig**, talking to South Inert on one phone, talking to the Purchasing Department on another phone, and holding a conversation with one of the material checkers in the office, all at one time. How is that for fast thinking, and he is not paid triple time for doing it, just the ordinary war effort.

Murphy's Boys End Joliet's Win Record

Group 2, Murphy's Boys, K.O.'d the undefeated Brown Bombers, 6 to 1, at Powers Field. Otto Koch allows only one hit and helps things along by getting two for himself. The Brown Bombers, a strong team from Joliet, were undefeated until they met Murphy's Boys on June 3. **Shoppee, Gaglione, Marlette, Zobel** and **Keenan** got the other hits, including two triples and numerous doubles and singles.

Murphy's Boys "banged" New Lenox around for many hits and runs the same. Taking New Lenox for seven runs in the first inning, the Boys put in fellow workers whether or not they were ball players. After the seventh inning the score was Murphy's Boys 16 and New Lenox 11.

Another hard fought game was played at West Park between Roxy A. C. and Murphy's Boys. **Peterbok** hurled the entire game for the Boys and allowed only seven hits, while **Sartori**, pitching for Roxy A. C., was nicked for 15 hits. At the end of eleven innings the game was called because of darkness and the score was tied, 12 and 12.

The Boys are entered in the Gold Medal League at Joliet, but were rained out on their first game. More games are scheduled for next week and night games will be played at various parks in the future.

A BUYING RUSH is a common sight in the Purchasing Department, but this crowded scene resulted from moving three offices into one. Shown above are: Mary Clow. Rita Dwyer, Ruthe Myers, June Kaehlert, Ben Nell, Ben Pierson, Leo Gaffey, Kathryn Johnson, Veranice Quade, Jeanette Larson, Dean Robinson, Ed. Craik, E. C. Carlson (head of the department), Jimmy Forrest, Horace Clark, Gerald Wilcox, Clarence Malmsten, Geraldine Drechsel, Bob Bailey, Shirley Grassle, Rube Medin, Eleanor DuFrain, Emalie Mueller, Arlene Thorson, Howard Barclay and Anna Mae Thompson.

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JOLIET, ILLINOIS

June 8, 1942

Lt. Colonel Don M. Hoffman
Commanding Officer
Elwood Ordnance Plant
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Colonel Hoffman:

It has been suggested by my associates that there is almost a universal desire among our Elwood people to be allowed to make a substantial contribution toward the welfare of the families of our recently deceased fellow workers.

Sanderson & Porter whole-heartedly endorse this worthy suggestion and if you, as Commanding officer of Elwood Ordnance Plant, will give your approval my firm will consider it a privilege to contribute $5,000.

The rules to govern the collection of this proposed fund and its distribution will of course be subject to your approval.

Yours very truly,

HARRISON SMITH.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

June 9, 1942

Sanderson & Porter
Joliet, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Harrison Smith

Gentlemen:

1. Your letter of June 8, 1942 in connection with the contributions of the people of this plant toward the welfare of the families of those who gave their lives in the recent disaster is received.

2. The idea is a most commendable one and has the full approval of the commanding officer.

Yours very truly,

DON M. HOFFMAN
Lt. Colonel, Ord. Dept.
Commanding

cc – Mr. Canniff

SPONTANEOUS REQUEST from employees to be permitted to raise a fund for the families of Elwood's heroes was met with official approval of Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman and a gift of $5,000 from Sanderson & Porter to launch the wholly voluntary campaign which will be conducted individually in each group under the supervision of the superintendents.

MODERN to the minute is the EOP telephone exchange manned by efficient operators. Shown at the switchboard here are (left to right) Elaine Christman, Supervisor Martha Herrity, Mrs. Gertrude Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Weaver. ←

→ **UP THEY GO** describes the ladder technique of this group of EOP fire fighters. Shown from bottom to top are Warren Colby, inspector, Ralph Batty, Joseph Drazy, Dayle Pratt and George Learned.

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Plan Outlined By Somervell Followed Here

Elwood's Record Credited to View Of Supply Head

By Harrison Smith

Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding, War Department Headquarters, Services of Supply, assumed his present duties March 3, 1942. General Somervell is responsible for supplying war-making equipment and supplies to all our armed forces throughout the world. The scope of such a job is beyond the ken of most of us, and his failure, if such were possible, would mean defeat.

It was not by mere chance that **President Franklin D. Roosevelt** selected General Somervell for this all important post. It was not by mere chance that General Somervell arose, step by step, through all ranks, beginning as a Second Lieutenant of Engineers in 1910, to Lieutenant General in 1942. His record is that of a man who has accomplished each task set before him as no other man has done before.

We, at Elwood, know General Somervell best as Chief of Construction Division, Office of Quartermaster General. As such he administered successfully the carrying out of the largest program of construction ever undertaken in this country.

Statement Appreciated

General Somervell came to Elwood shortly after his appointment to the Inspector General's staff. His visit, with his associates, occurred on Sunday, December 1, 1940. General Somervell made a visit to the plant site, viewed our temporary construction headquarters, earth moving equipment in operation, and the initial work of construction on the Group II line. There was a full discussion of the plant layout, status of the job, and

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Weather Favors Road Completion

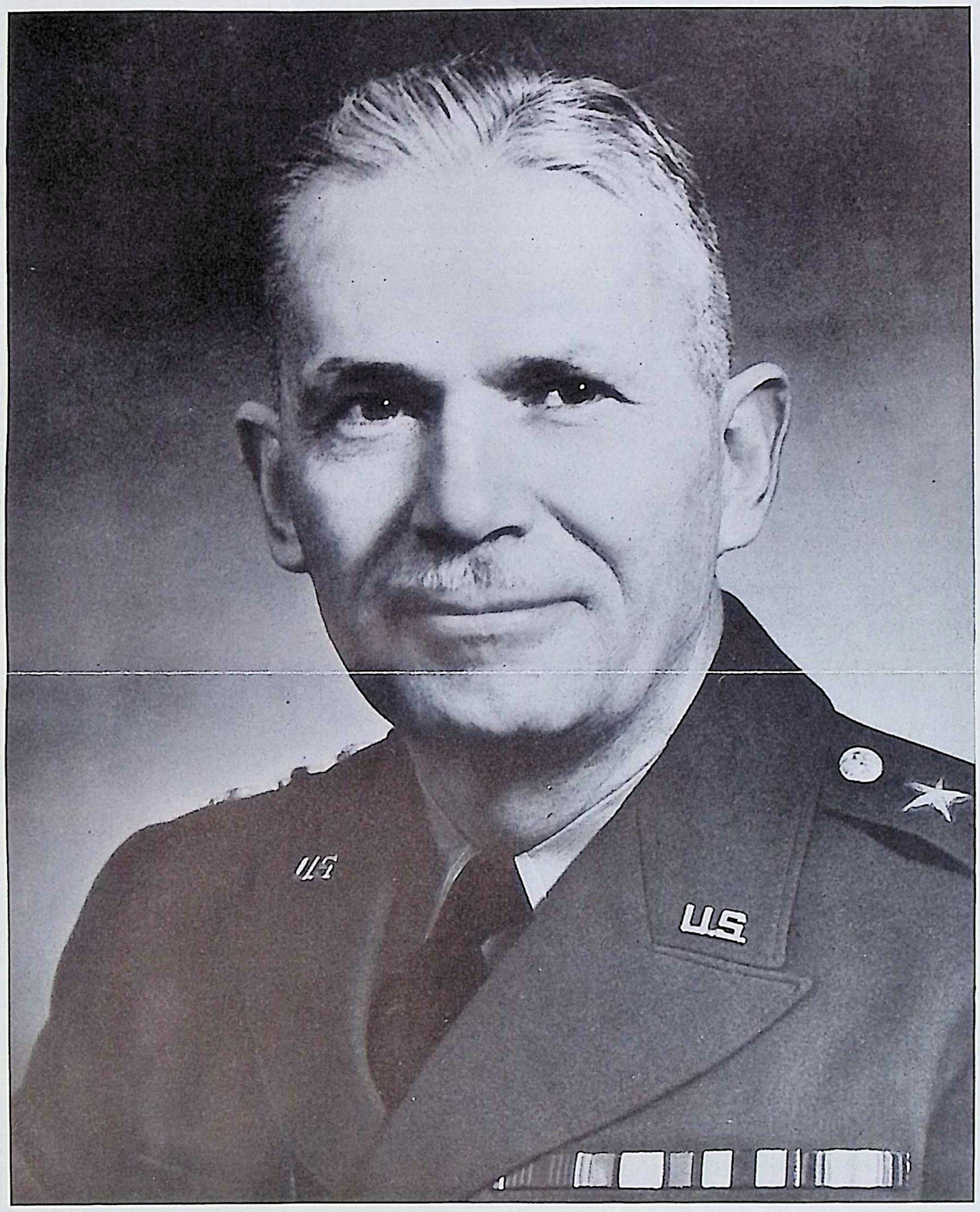
Great activity is in progress on the roads within and adjacent to the site of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. Two major projects are under way. Inside the area a number of roads are being "black-topped" with asphalt and, adjoining the area, the State of Illinois is widening Highway 66.

The road from the Main Entrance Gate to Highway 66, the Chicago road through the area and a number of other roads are being "black-topped" by the Rock Road Construction Company, operating under an old contract which was interrupted by winter weather.

A. M. Lockwood, superintendent of utilities, is supervising the work preparatory to the laying of the asphalt. His equipment is busy with grading and laying gravel courses.

Work on bridges and culverts is being pushed along with the grading required for the widening of Highway 66. Various contractors are operating under the supervision of the State's engineers.

"The Army is depending on you"



LT. GEN. BREHON SOMERVELL
New Chief of Services of Supply

"THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF WAR our cry was: More, more, more! Our hands were empty, our cupboards were bare. We needed everything, large and small arms, tanks, jeeps, trucks, planes, shells and bombs, everything!

"That emergency is past. Thanks to you Elwood workers and your fellow workers in other ordnance plants, thanks to American industry and American labor from coast to coast, our troops now have the tools with which to fight. But our army is growing faster than any army ever grew before and production must keep step with that growth and keep ahead of it.

"Emphasis today, however, must be placed not on how much we make but on how good our product is. Quality is our greatest concern. We must not only have more munitions than our enemies; they must be better munitions.

"We must find the proper balance between quantity and quality, between speed and safety. This balance cannot be achieved by management alone or army command alone. It's a function of the individual workers.

"The Army is depending on each and every one of you at Elwood. We have seen you come through a disaster with your heads high, your eyes on our common goal and your courage unshaken. Like the soldier on the front, you face daily risk; like the soldier you can do much yourselves to reduce that risk.

"I congratulate **Harrison Smith, Lieut. Colonel Don M. Hoffman** and every man and woman in the plant on the splendid job you have done and the job I know you will do in the future."—**Brehon Somervell, Lieutenant General, Commanding Services of Supply.**

Fund for Kin Of EOP Heroes Now $16,600

Families to Get Voluntary Gifts In Lump Amounts

More than $11,600 had been contributed by employees of the Elwood Ordnance Plant to the fund for the families of the E. O. P. heroes who gave their lives in the service of their country June 5 as this issue of *The Bomb-Shell* went to press and receipt of additional contributions was expected momentarily.

With the $5,000 contributed by Sanderson & Porter, the fund now stands at $16,600. It is to be distributed on a basis similar to that used by the Illinois Industrial Commission in setting the compensation recently paid to the families of the heroes.

Unlike the Industrial Commission's method, however, the amount alloted to each family will be paid in a lump sum, according to **Comptroller John J. Cole.** Consideration is being given, he said, to the possibility of presenting part of each family's share in War Bonds.

The fund was started within a few days after the explosion when a number of employees said they wanted to express sympathy for the families of their former co-workers in a practical way. **Harrison Smith,** resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, offered to launch the fund with a $5,000 contribution from the company in a letter to **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman,** commanding officer, asking for official approval.

Approval was given and the voluntary contributions were received by the superintendents of all of the groups.

Moving of Offices Expected July 10

Completion of the extensions to the two wings of the Administration Building are expected by July 10, according to **A. E. Frosch,** chief engineer. This will be followed by a general moving day affecting several departments.

The major transfer will be the moving of the Army inspection forces from the Recreation Building to the additional space provided by the extension of the West Wing of the Administration Building. Since the Army now occupies most of the second floor of the West Wing, the move will locate practically all Army forces on the two floors of that wing.

Other details of the transfer, as outlined by **Comptroller John J. Cole,** include the removal of his office, those of his assistants, the Accounting Department, Tabulation Department and Traffic Audit Department to the first floor of the East Wing. To make room for this influx, Engineering Department offices will be moved to the second floor, where Mr. Frosch is now located.

The Paymaster's Office will be moved into the extension of the East Wing on the same floor it now occupies. There a separate entrance will be provided on the east side and employees who do not receive their checks on paydays will be asked to go to that entrance to obtain their "yard of green paper."

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GOOD JOBS—IF YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES!

A person usually tries to select a job that he likes; one that he is trained for, one that pays well, one that has pleasant working conditions, and one that has a future.

Here in the Elwood Ordnance Plant most of the jobs are new to all of us. I think we can agree that the principle of fair wages exists. I believe it would be safe to say that 75 per cent of us are making more money than we ever made before. The working conditions are A-1. The future is—continued Democracy, and all that it stands for.

Releases and transfers to other plants don't help you or the plant. It merely means that wherever you go you'll have to start over, and work from the bottom up. If there's something about your job you find difficult keep trying—remember a constant drip of water can wear away the hardest stone.

Too many of us think that the superintendents and foremen wear long horns, and perhaps they've thought the same about us. But I'm convinced that if we get acquainted we can work out a lot of things that seemed unsurmountable before.

Any person that is constantly jumping from one job to another never seems to succeed. You'll always find them driving the same old circus wagons, even though different names may be painted on the sides.

So let's all get together in one long, steady, united drive to "keep 'em shooting"—to produce the "stuff" for the boys doing the fighting. Fighting—that *OUR* children might be sound of body, and strong in spirit. Fighting—for a world of free men, which—please God—will come, and soon, out of the future.

—**James Glade**, Group 61.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am interested in Philately, and imagine there are quite a few other stamp collectors at EOP. I am wondering if it is possible to form an EOP Stamp Club? If you would have a notice in the paper suggesting a club, and ask all interested to write me, telling the shift they work, I would like to help form a club.

Harold A. Whitman, Group 3.

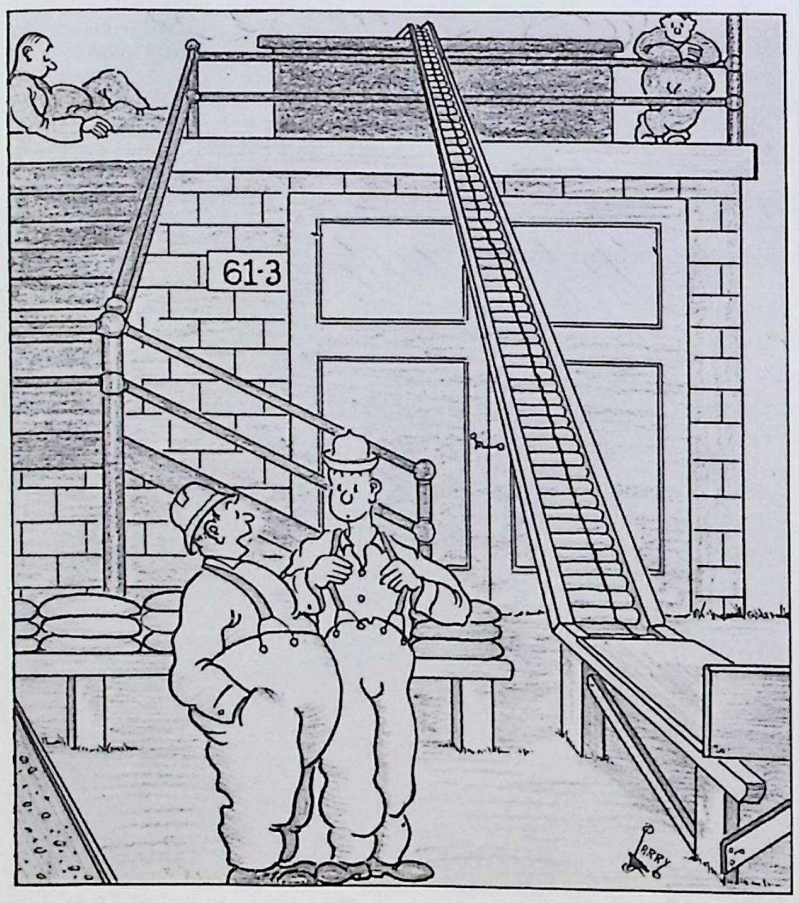
To the Editor:

We have met the enemy and we are theirs. We hit them and then we got up. I refer to the kittenball game that we of the Administration Building had with the Officers. We are going to be good losers as the game ended 8 to 4 in favor of the umpire, **W. F. Douville.** By good losers, I mean that we snarl and gnash our teeth. We have learned to like 7 inning ball games also. It leaves one so refreshed after the ball game is over. Some of my men wanted to wrestle they felt so good at the end of seven innings.

We think now that it should be the best two out of three. And if we still can't beat them, make it the best three out of five. We feel that if it is carried out far enough that we would have to catch them on an off night. Maybe some night when they haven't had any water the night before.

Seriously, we had a lot of fun and hope to play more games. Some of you older fellows, and the young ones too, get out there and get some of that fresh air. It smells sort of odd at first after being in an office all day but you get used to it. I hope I have made the dead line with this little epistle as it will be stale news by the time the next news is out. Try and squeeze part of it in at least. Thanks.

E. T. Bennington,
Administration Building.



"Boy—just what we need—What is it?"

PASSES AND REJECTS

By Vernon C. Bailey

Heart-warming indeed was the reaction to the policy of mailing *The Bomb-Shell* to all employees' homes. Many were provoked because they failed to receive their copy, but they didn't sulk or suffer in silence. They let their misfortune be known, and how, and for that we are grateful. Steps are being taken to prevent a recurrence of the calamity, but we recommend that each reader who didn't get his or her copy send a report of his or her address to the Payroll Department or telephone 4206.

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New Editorial Office

Editorial offices (all one of them) of *The Bomb-Shell* are now comfortably though temporarily established in the kitchen of the Recreation Building. Visitors are welcome and we'll be glad to exhibit our pots and pans (etchings are passe) at a moment's notice. For reference, see **Billie Nicholson,** secretary to **W. E. Canniff.**

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New Editorial Aide

After seeing the photo of **Catherine Noonan,** editorial assistant, in another column of this issue, you undoubtedly want to know more about her. For several months, she was an inspector at Group 8, but it was felt that her previous training in journalism (Northwestern University and a graduate in journalism from University of Iowa) was needed on the tabloid. Her experience among Elwood's production workers will enable her to interpret the feminine viewpoint well and all who know her avidly await her first column in *The Bomb-Shell* July 17. Miss Noonan, who lives with her parents in Peotone, has worked in Chicago and New York and has dramatic as well as journalistic aspirations.

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Coming Event

Speaking of the July 17 issue, don't miss the pictorial presentation of EOP's road-building operations. We are indebted to **Helen Shimek,** secretary to **A. M. Lockwood,** for arranging and to **Irving (Red) Harbour,** road maintenance superintendent, for personally conducting a tour which made the picture-story possible. The shot-of-the-day is a construction huddle. It'll slay you.

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Concerning a Photographer

Reference to pictures reminds us that we inadvertently referred to **Ray Gora,** top-flight pix man for the Joliet Herald-News, as Al Gora. Phlegmatic Ray merely said in response to our apology that he was glad it didn't appear as Ann Gora.

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Excellent Reporters

All of the news you eagerly devour is gathered and written by a splendid staff of volunteer reporters representing each group. They are doing a grand job and their pictures are used in this issue so that you may get acquainted with them. That the interest of the reporters is no less than yours is illustrated by the fact that **Harrison Smith** takes time to write a piece for the paper. In addition to the story carrying his by-line on Page 1 of this issue, he wrote the article about **Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr.,** in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

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Pictures Welcomed

If you have photographs you would like to see in your paper, send them in. Every consideration will be given and as many of them as possible will be used. By "you," we mean readers, both those who work at EOP and those who belong to the families of EOP workers.

I have written . . . a poem!

The Victory Banner

Let the "V" become our emblem,
the "V" of Victory,
Let it stand for every one of us
employed at E. O. P.,
Let Victory be spelled in each and
every task we do
For both the big "Importants" and
the small "Importants" too;
Keeping munitions rolling, morning, noon and night,
Proves E. O. P.'s not shirking but
out to do things right;
We have an important part to play
and we must in willing manner
If we want to win this war and
claim our "Victory" banner.

We'll make old Adolf quickly
change his silly numb expression
That looks like—did you notice it?
—our '29 depression,
By co-operation over here we can
make him plenty sore,
For we're proud we are Americans
and we'll fight to the end for
our shore.
And when the last of the enemies
we have overcome
We can thank the brave Americans who fought behind the
gun.
So co-operate and Victory's flag
will once more surely wave
O'er America, let's keep it, our
home of the brave.

—**Kay Richardson,**
Radio Communications.

Conscientious Rejector

The Inspector leads a sorry life,
He's loved by none except his wife,
With rejects here and rejects
there,
He makes the foremen tear their
hair.
They say he's wrong when they
know he's right,
They'd like to catch him outside
some night,
But he's darn sure that the stuff
we make
Will make Japan and Germany
shake.
We know it's good by good inspection
And the Axis gets a *Permanent Rejection.*

—**Jim Tyler,**
Group 4 & 5.

Aim of the Fire Guards

No fires (we hope)! Get what we
mean?
To prevent them is our aim.
So please help us keep things
clean,
And we'll help you do the same.

We'll tell you when it's wrong,
And it's for your protection too.
We'll all try to go along
And get a smile as we come
thru.

And if the "Boys" do get a call,
Please don't get them in a jam,
Try not to get in the way at all,
Just give them all the room you
can.

For they are trained to do their
work
And they know just what to do.
Now I'm sure they will not shirk
In protecting property and you.

So let's all work together,
And live to pay our taxes,
For if we help one another
We'll soon knock out the Axis.

—**Ivan De Moss,**
Fire Guards.

Let's Go, America

Let's go, America,
Wipe them off the map.
The world was made for freedom—
Not Hitler and the Japs.
Our slogan is—"Keep 'Em
Flying,"
As it shall always be.
Let's go, America,
To keep our America free.

—**Grace Wolfe,**
Group 5.

Justified Pride

They're friendly and so jolly,
They're pleasant, every one.
They turn a job from drudgery
Into a lot of fun.

They're happy while they're
working,
Every test they will survive.
You cannot find a finer group
Than the girls in our Group
Five.

—**Bette Claudin,**
Group 5.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

Wild rumors were floating all over this vicinity regarding the sudden failure of my eyesight. It seems that I reported the other day that work had finally been started on the widening of that carnal thoroughfare, good old 66A. At the first report, my friend (the other friend was absent that day) was in a tolerant mood and told me that a Bromo-Seltzer would probably correct the ravages of the previous evening, which he said apparently had exerted its full force and fury on my optics.

I was stubborn that day. I persisted in the assertion that although the dirt was not flying, at least it was moving in the direction of a bigger and better 66A. All of the wiseacres implied by significant glances that I was in a bad way and should be humored to the extent of their patience.

A committee of experts was formed to visit the scene of my alleged hallucinations, and report back the actual condition of the turbulent strip of terra firma. The alertness of the committee inspired them to place me in the comfortable confines of a file drawer while they were engaged in their anti-corroboratory expedition.

The cause of my weariness has not yet been established, but shortly after I was ensconced in my A-to-Z chamber, I fell asleep. I dreamed. Of course no one would believe that 66A was being modernized, and on second thought, even I had a few doubts about it. But for this eminent scribe to be incarcerated in a file drawer that bore the ignominious label of "cancelled" was too great a blow to my journalistic prestige. Egad, I would have revenge.

From that moment on, I would deluge them with "it-won't-happen-here" facts, fancies, fabrications and fables. I would report that **Mr. Frosch** once wrote a short letter . . .

That **Mr. Singer** reported back to **Mr. Lockwood** that "the building looks just like new and doesn't need painting." . . . That **"Jersey" Klegman** (of Group 2) had nothing to say one day. . . . That **Mr. Buck,** the telephonic maestro, complained to his boss that he didn't have half enough to do and could he please be given a couple of other departments to relieve the daily humdrum. . . . That **Mr. Burns** of Fuze and Booster told the Purchasing Department that he didn't need anything. . . . That **St. Clair Smith** really has one orthodox hat. . . . That **Mr. Manchester** was found whispering last week (probably laryngitis) . . . That **Seymour Kurantman** came to work with baggy trousers. . . . That **Mr. Lockwood** was found with a pack of ready-made cigarettes. . . . That **Harrison Smith** complimented a sub-contractor. . . . That **John Cole** is responsible for the "gimme a nickel" attitude of some of his associates. . . . That **Mr. Prince** shook hands with **John O'Connell.** . . . That **Howard Henderson** sent a shop order back with the notation "it ought to be made of steel." . . . That **Lieutenant Durrenberger** didn't laugh. . . . That **Charley Coburn** did.

Then I woke up, but did I fix them—and the committee had not yet returned—it was watching the caterpillars build the new 66A.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

There has been much comment in this Group regarding the dormitory and trailer facilities for employees of both the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works which are being built two miles south of our Plant. Your correspondents visited the project recently and were very much impressed. Such things as linen service, maid service, hot and cold water, heat, electricity are comparable to the best hotel service in any city and interested employees should file applications promptly in order to be assured of first consideration.

"Boiler Maker" Joe Connors left Coal City to spend a few days with his folks and friends in good old South Amboy, N. J.

Bill Galbraith was a recent visitor to his home town of Kenosha, Wis.

One of the best softball diamonds in the entire reservation, we believe you will agree after you see for yourself, has just been completed at Group 2. No end of credit is due to **Assistant Superintendent Hunt, Georgie Zobel, Mac McGuire, Ken Peterbok, Joe Furlan, Andy Feeney, Ray Murray, Jerry Phelan** and all the other fellows who worked so diligently to provide us with this diamond. Too little cannot be said for the splendid assistance and cooperation of our superintendent, **James J. Murphy.** We appreciate, too, the help of **A. M. Lockwood, C. Sayre** and their men.

The Real Lowdown

Chuck Pierce is getting a mange cure; at least that's what **"Jersey" Klegman** told us.

Eugene Hunt is doctoring a badly sprained ankle. He has to do his coaching from the bench now.

Then there is the story about **"Angie" Pagnusat** and his automobile which brings a chuckle to **Mel Roach, "Grid" Wheeler, Maurice Goodspeed, Bert Folk, Joe Petrosko** Group 2 timekeepers. It seems this bunch, led by the notorious **Al "Hallock" Le Borence,** piled into "Angie's" car one night with the intention of taking off for Joliet, but alas when "Angie" shifted the gears nothing happened. After five minutes had passed and "Angie's" face was turning a very deep red, Le Borence and his men jumped out of the car and gave it a gentle shove.

Naturally, "Angie" was inquisitive as to what the trouble was and the boys recommended that he have his (get this) corner gears checked. Well, poor Angie had every garage mechanic in Joliet just about nuts trying to find out where the corner gears are located on an automobile. The answer, "Angie," as to why your car wouldn't run when you shifted gears will be found by questioning some of your fellow associates. Especially about jacking-up your rear wheels. Oh, well, all's well that ends well.

Because of his two recent victories, **Otto Koch,** our highly rated pitching ace, has been released from the "dog house" by his wife.

Sports

Murphy's Boys kayoed the Brown Bombers for the second time 6 to 4. The Boys deserve a lot of credit for outstanding performances such as this one against teams like the Brown Bombers.

Murphy's Boys looked like million dollar babies against the 5 and 10 cent Minooka team under the lights at Minooka's home diamond by decorating the score board with 21 runs and holding the home team to a 1 lonely run. **Ken Peterbok** turned in a fine game by allowing Minooka only 3 hits.

Ken Peterbok hurling for Murphy's Boys in their 6 to 2 Gold Medal League victory knocked at the door of the hall of fame until the seventh inning when **E. Hleberico** dumped out a single for the J. L. Garage. Credit for fine fielding goes to everyone of Murphy's Boys. Only one error was made. **Ed Keenan** again came through with a home run. Peterbok struck out 9 and walked 3.

Murphy's Boys also won another game in the Gold Medal League by setting down the Weber's Dairy team to the score of 10 to 6. **Otto Koch** pitched a fine game allowing only 5 hits. After scoring 3 runs in the first inning the Boys quieted down until the fifth inning when Golden drew a pass and **Ed Keenan** drove one over the right fielders head for a home run. The game was stopped momentarily so the fielder would have time to walk back into position after chasing the ball far out into the shrubbery. **Bob "Sun Tan" McGuire** played a stellar game getting two hits and a walk for himself and making 2 or 3 plays that before Mac's time were thought impossible.

Due to the formation of the EOP League Murphy's Boys will not be able to continue with their schedule in the Gold Medal League in Joliet. Their future plans are to play two nights a week in the EOP League and play independent ball two other nights a week. These independent games will probably all be played under the lights.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL

Correspondent

Things sure happened to **Billy Gagg** this week. He received a call from the draft board while on his honeymoon.

Roy Chasteen says he is willing to give a woman driver half of the road as soon as he finds out which half she wants.

We are hoping that **Jewel D. Mitchell,** who is ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, will soon recover and be back with us.

Alex Becker, who just bought a flivver for $10, says "it is very hard to drive a bargain."

Ben Sloan is planning to go to the International Clock Company to take a course in time clock adjustment.

Joe Green has returned from a fishing trip along the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

William Zomboracy has been dipping his bill in quite a few sodas since a certain young lady has been employed in a store on Chicago Street.

Scott W. Soper says he has been to many parties in his time but has always remained *Soper.*

The squad car saw a station wagon pass and seeing no one in it thought at first it was operated by remote control. After catching up with it they found **Eddie Richert** and **Willie "Torchy" Pebbles,** timekeepers, on their way to the Salvage Department.

Henry O'Reilly, who attended the last dance at the Recreation Hall overheard a young lady remark "He was not much of a dancer, but how he could intermission."

Lester Devor's "Victory Garden" potatoes are growing so fast now that by the time a sackful is dug the last ones are about twice the size of the first.

Arthur Voss while eating in a Chicago restaurant complained about the steak. The owner put him out, said it was no place for weaklings.

Japan has a number of companies which furnish fireflies for social functions. It seems that no Japanese party is complete unless fireflies light up the garden. The competition that **General Doolittle** and his flyers gave them not only put those companies out of business, but evidently lit up a lot of gardens that night.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Correspondent

A new addition has been started on the Guard house. Personnel has reached such proportions that completion of this addition will be of great assistance.

On the Grape

Sergeant Maskel, instructor at pistol range: — "Hey, don't you know any better than to point an empty pistol at me." New guard: —"But it isn't empty, sir, it's loaded."

A squad was patrolling the other day and ran out of gas. The driver called Headquarters via radio stating "Car 17 out of gas, on black top at Group 2." "Well, don't sit there like a dope," bellowed **Bud Decker,** dispatcher, "drive back and get some."

She was only a Sergeant's daughter but she knew when to call a halt.

Sergeant Murphy, inspecting a guard: "You remind me a great deal of General Grant." New guard: "Really and truly, sir." Sergeant Murphy: "Yes, he didn't shave either."

Sergeant McLaughlin is sporting a small shiner. Dispatcher Decker suggests that to make his story more convincing he should carry the door tied to his back, with this sign on it. "This is the door I ran into."

Supervising Sergeant Walter L. Bayer is continuing his reducing exercises during the summer months by slicing a golf ball. Sergeant McCarthy advises that if he continues carrying those garden implements in his golf bag, they will sign him up as caretaker of the course. (Sergeant Bayer must believe in that sign "Replace all turf.")

Sergeant McClellan has been advised by his insurance company that as he is driving on the highway so much, his future rates will be increased.

Norman "Muggsy" Morgan, deluxe custodian of the Guard house, has been mentioned as a representative to the rodeo in Fairbury. In preparation for this event, he has been schooled in the ethics of the modern farmer.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

If you were to ask the boys of the Fire Department where they were at 3 o'clock, June 19, they could truthfully swear that they were busy bouncing a solid one right on the wrist of **Chief R. W. Mortenson.** The occasion was the chief's birthday and the boys presented him with a solid gold wrist watch.

Captain Davis and his boys at the Central Fire Station want a soft ball game with the Administration Building boys. Is the challenge accepted?

Inspector Wilfong announces that the Fire Department will not worry about sugar rationing as long as there are bees swarming in the area. With the help of **Hydrant Maintainer Jensen,** one hive has already been set up at the Central Fire Station, while **Lieutenant Nolan** opines that the Administration Building has already solved the problem — what with all the boys going to the Army creating a "Sugar" surplus.

THE BLONDE BOMB-SHELL is what someone will say eventually, so here it is said first in presenting Catherine J. Noonan, newest member of the staff of the EOP tabloid. Her duties will be manifold, including presentation of the feminine viewpoint. Watch for her column which begins July 17.

Hospital

LUCY HARKNESS

Correspondent

The hospital has been a very busy spot these past three weeks. However, our original number of fourteen patients has dwindled to four, and they are doing nicely in spite of all the gadgets that adorn the beds of three of them.

Edward Robert Gordon, who suffered a fractured right leg and is all done up in a traction splint, was the recipient of a lovely radio for Father's day and keeps the rest of the boys well entertained and up on the latest news.

William Liming has been dressed up in a reasonable facsimile of a false front — in other words, a plaster cast that extends out to support his fractured left arm.

Franklin Wilkinson, with a fractured right arm, is doing all right, too, and always has a nice big smile for all the nurses.

Frank Yarborough, who suffered a fractured right forearm along with other serious lacerations and wounds, is now able to be up and about. He is a familiar sight in the halls and various offices as he goes about on his daily tour of the hospital, and we are all very glad to see him coming along so nicely.

Gene Hurley, laboratory technician, left June 27 for Pueblo, Col., where she will spend a week with her grandmother who has been ill for the past few weeks. Pleasant journey, Gene; hope you have a nice trip, and don't fall into any of those canyons or FOR any of those Indians—or are they cowboys?

Page Mr. Ripley—we have a Doctor who *needs* a Doctor! **Dr Geo. McClure** had several infected teeth removed just recently, but is progressing as well as can be expected at the present time. However, Doctors please stand by.

I am sure everyone will be interested to know the progress being made by the hospital's first full time "patient," **Pidg. Pidg** now has his wing out of the splint and has discovered that he can fly again! As a result, we have to watch him carefully. **Dr. H. L. Schultz** takes him out each day for a bit of exercise and contemplates releasing him soon for the homeward trek. He says **Pidg** belongs to a carrier pigeon fancier in Chicago and should have no difficulty reaching the home roost safely. Maybe we shall hear the final chapter on this later.

Dr. Harold W. Harrison, jovial plant physician, now boasts a family of five—and they really do take up a lot of his time! Just ask a couple of people who waited for him two hours the other evening while he administered first aid and medical relief to a couple of the "young-uns!" The family consists of the five tumbly cuddly puppies newly-born to "Putzie," **Dr. Harrison's** wistful-eyed Scotch collie.

Thanks to **Bob Ingar,** Carpenter Shop, we now have a trellis for the sweet peas at the hospital and, as a result, hope to have cut flowers for the patients soon.

Dr. George R. Luke, our doctor from Georgia, has been giving the hospital staff a bad case of nerves. He received notice of induction into the armed forces. Naturally, patients and the hospital staff were greatly disturbed. But at last word has come through that he has been deferred. Now we are all happy again.

It took **Edward Gordon's** fractured leg, and **Franklin Wilkinson's** fractured arm, patients at the hospital, to awaken the nurses' latent musical talent. Every morning Edward and Franklin are greeted by the singing nurses with the theme song: "Don't Sit Under the Traction Splint with Anyone Else But Me." So far no fractured larynxes have been reported.

Man With Hives Captures Bees

By Jack Barry

Volumes have been written about persons with bats in their belfries and we have heard a thing or two about certain folks with ants in their pants. Such things are for the most part legendary and matters of historical lore, but the night of May 28 every man in Group 1's Building 10 had a golden opportunity to have bees in his bonnet.

A huge swarm of bees numbering into the thousands had hived on the outside of the ramp between Buildings 10 and 13. Individually and collectively they were minding their own business. However, an intrepid fellow by the name of **Ernie Kinzer,** who was always in the B class at school on account of because he invariably had the hives, let down his hair and went into aviary aviation.

Ernie picked up an empty fuze or booster box (drat it, how may one distinguish?) and started to brush the bees gently into the box from their secure perch on the ramp. All went well for awhile and though Ernie had bees all over his face, in his ears, and even inside his coveralls, they all behaved like little gentlemen. Then he came to the queen, who had not had sufficient rest, and although she acquiesced and entered the box, she did linger a moment to issue certain orders.

As **Mid Slack** describes it, Ernie was stung only five times, which is like saying that he had only five warts on his nose or only five wives. Be that as it may, Mr. Kinzer was rewarded for his bravery by a pass to take the box of bees out of the area (Praise the Lord) after his work for the day was finished.

An American in London boasted about America's superiority until his friends tired of it. Loading him to the sleeping point with whiskey, they let him down into a newly dug grave. When he awoke in the morning, he climbed out and looked around.

"America's still ahead," he commented. "Resurrection morning and I'm the first man up."

JOLIET'S FIRST HERO, William Lawrence, 19 years old, told his proud mother, Mrs. Elvada Lincoln, who is also doing her bit as an inspector at Group 8, all about his escape from the burning Lexington, aircraft carrier sunk in the Pacific, when he came home last week. *(Photo courtesy Joliet Herald-News)*

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Burnham "Burnie" Lyons is back in town after a short vacation,—looks wonderful,—says he's been gardening . . . do ya believe it? He's about due for the Navy?

This writer has one on herself (or is it off herself?) . . . lost somethin'—the other day . . . and it wasn't my dignity. Just ask anyone in the War Department? They know!

Jennie Vernetti of Auditing is deserting our company to join the Chicago crowd . . . We'll miss you Jen?

Claire Donaghue is all smiles these days . . . her big brother got home from the Army for a few days furlough,—he's on his way to St. Louis for duty.

Is our face red? . . . faux pas No. 1 for this department . . . last copy of *The Bomb-Shell* showed **Ev Myers** as being top man with the Commission . . . my—oh—my he's Chief Project Auditor with the Zone Constructing Quartermaster of the Sixth Construction Zone, Chicago . . . wow, — that's a mouthful. Anyway, we hope this puts us in the driver's seat again.

Beatrice Perteson of Auditing sure was worried about the ride they had one morning . . . seemed as though the curves were coming at them faster than they could get 'round them . . . Anyhoo . . Bea appreciates the bus now . . .

Saw **Jo Anne Comerford**—Corps of Engineer cutie,—struttin' up the avenue t'other day. She was with **Mary Scahill,** — gal from Stores and Transportation.

Romie Kren of Mail and Record is a joke king. Just let him get started,—then sit back ready for anything. He and Marie Maren are forever at it.

Ask **Lee (Personal Problem Child) Sopher** what happened on her recent jaunt to the woods? The "chiggers" got her, and how! What with sunburn and all,—methinks her picnic days are numbered.

Saw **Carl Ankar** (Inspection Isodynamic) at the dance . . . He imported "her," fellas . . . so don't get out the Sherlock Holmes book —to find her on the reservation. Gobs of credit are due Carl for the beautiful decorating job he supervised for the dance.

Speaking of decorations . . . **Ole Olson** is now known as "Simon Legree" in the payroll section . . . with the threat of losing their job hanging over their heads—**Hazel Koller** and **Kay Cusick**—spent two nights helping with the decorations for the dance. They did a good job too . . . Jingle Jangle . . . can't you just see "Ole" threatening them?

Phil Keller, formerly with War Department Payroll Section here —and now learning to become a hoosier — has finally succumbed to the effervescent tingle of the lovebird's song—and is taking unto himself a wife . . . Evelyn Gleason, S. & P. Payroll Section. Phil called Evelyn the other day and wanted to know where in heck he could have the banns published . . . in the Court House? Always being ready to be of service, we take this opportunity to publish them and wish them the best of luck. The date is August 1.

Chuck Wachendorfer had a birthday June 25 . . . wonder if he got that radio wire fixed in his car yet,—or does he still have to hold it out the window—in order to play the radio.

Hear that **Lt. R. E. Pinnick** is a cynic (gosh—it rhymes)—doesn't like to dance, but reads Reader's Digest and Time Magazine from cover to cover . . . No wonder he looks so dignified . . . anyway *we* like 'em.

Anytime ya got da blues . . . just ask **Ray DuClos** for a ride in his station wagon . . . if a guy ain't nuts when he starts riding in that thing he sure will be when he stops . . . what with **Jimmie (Flash) Walker, Ed (Dark Threat) Webster, Norm Long** and his sis, **Marge Kangley, Josephine Kush, Helen (Whoops, I've lost something) McGinnis, Marge Connolly** and anyone else that needs a ride . . . It's no wonder he doesn't need a horn on the darn thing . . . you can hear 'em comin' for six blocks.

Emma (Doodlebug) Shea has been over at the Personnel Building taking **Monica Limacher's** place, while Monica has been replacing **Bernie Carlson** of **Capt. D. P. Tunstall's** office, who has gone to Washington . . . Smoley Hokes . . . sounds like a triple play in a ball game.

Ann Kulpa (Personnel Leave Queen) is preparing for her vacation and quite secretive about her plans . . . Could be she is learning the "Arkansas Traveler" . . . just in case she should take the choo choo down to Pine Bluffs.

Lt. Carl (Bright Eyes) Beilharz is freelancing again we hear . . . O. K. gals the line forms to the right . . . From good authority we hear that he is an eligible and charming person.

Evelyn Tecotzky (Mr. Zagade's sec . . .) looking pretty snazzy in a large merry widow hat . . . she was on her way somewhere and looked at tho' she thought it might be interesting.

Hazel Koller and **Dick Shelley,** both of Payroll,—really put one over on the guys and gals in there . . . they have been seein' the sights for quite sometime together and no one knew about it? . . . Boy, are you fellas slippin . . . takes this snooper to find out things!

The government inspectors in Group 4 extend sympathy to **Sol Jacobs,** whose mother passed away recently.

Geneva Landon of New Lennox has been added to the Inspection Department.

Clara Wehner was appointed Chief Clerk last week.

Time Inspection

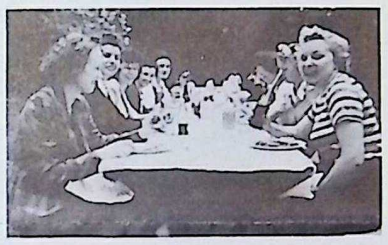
The Government Time Inspection Department dusted the "welcome" mat to greet the first female member of the department . . . **Anita Lambur.** Welcome also to **Mrs. Loretta E. Franke, Martina Schomas, Betty Lou** and **H. Clark McKeehan** who joined the department a short time later. We like them all and hope they like us too.

This department has already contributed five members to the armed forces, namely: **Harry W. Funk, Clarence W. Bartlein, Ralph DiFebo, Robert W. Seelinger** and **Clyde E. Wells.**

Two former timekeepers are now engaged in defense work as personnel directors. **Thomas J. Bianciotti** is now personnel director of the Mintner Construction Company's project in San Lucia, British West Indies, and **Elmer (Pozy) Palmer** is personnel director of the Illiopolis Ordnace Plant, Springfield, Ill.

John Green, posting clerk, thinks the fates are against him . . . it has rained on his day off for the last five weeks! He says his front lawn looks like an oat field!

Since **Jake (Captain) Sands** was transferred from the Time Office to the field, there's been no one to play with the adding machine. You should stop in once in a while, Jake, 'cause it's so quiet we can't concentrate.



The gals of the Personnel Section had a picnic the other Sunday at Starved Rock as is attested by the picture above. Shown, left to right, are **Mary Christenson, Edna Millweard, Margaret Kangley, Lee Sopher, Catherine Stortz, Bea Berge, Bernece Carlson** and **Jane Finney.** Not shown are **Anne Kakara,** who took the picture, and **Emma Shea,** hiding under the table.

Willie Peebles, railroad time checker, is quite adept at the art of photography. I'll bet he wouldn't let us publish any of them in *The Bomb-Shell* though.

High Explosives

JACK GARNANT
Correspondent

Columbus, Ohio, is the garden spot of the world if you believe all you hear around the High Explosives Lab. Of the ten chemists there, nine call Columbus home and eight are alumni of **Dr. Herrick L. Johnston's** course in the chemistry of explosives at Ohio State University.

Someone coined the phrase "Happy Chemists" to describe the gang around here. Some of the wilder goings-on and certainly those early morning choral workouts are enough to make anybody happy—slap-happy.

Life can be, among other things, very trying. Consider the case of **Bobbie Bridwell,** our newest newlywed, who's been swing-shifting while her bridegroom of a few weeks works days at the "Fuzz and Buster" lab.

Life can also have its more pleasant aspects. **Dave Hill,** group government inspector, who was recently transferred to this lab. from Group 61, found out last week that he was tied (with how many others he doesn't know) for a substantial first prize in a contest sponsored by a Chicago newspaper. Dave, who never entered a contest before, says he's following the old adage about not counting chickens.

Incidentally, when the EOP band gets to tooting, among the tooters will be **Ray Hybarger,** our assistant chief, and **John Snyder** and **Ellis Steinberg.** The lab also has a candidate for drum majorette in blonde **Marcia Mitchell,** wife of WCLS's **Jim Mitchell,** who used to swing a mean baton for West High School at Madison, Wis.

Is this a gossip column? Anyway, the **Richard Orndorffs** should be getting a bundle from heaven sometime before Hallowe'en. The Orndorffs and the **Charles Clifford's,** along with **John Clark** of Group 9, and his wife, live as one happy family in one of Joliet's swankier sections.

Nelson Tippett and **Palmer Overholt** aren't being troubled by cigarette bummers since they've started using those handmade jobs. Opinion varies as to whether this economy measure is prompted by income tax apprehensions or matrimonial intentions.

Incidental intelligence — The currently popular "Cherokee Maiden" might have been written about **Verneille Holder.** Verneille, who gets her weekly pay check for being secretary to our chief chemist, **Herb E. Hafele** (final E silent), is several sixteenths Cherokee.

Ford Teeter, while bumping over one of the plant detours the other day, announced that, with a government subsidy of thirty million (dollars), he would agree to set up a synthetic rubber factory to supply tires for everybody. Ford is also looking for financial backing for his synthetic diamond process.

Title of handsomest couple at the lab has just been awarded by acclamation to **Ronald Beck,** glamour boy and physical culture enthusiast, and **"Rosemary Hafele,"** epitome of canine femininity. (The lab was saddened recently when it became necessary to discipline Rosemary, whose barking, growling, snarling and snapping at the air compressor became too much even for the Happy Chemists.)

Great was the surprise of **St. Clair Smith,** superintendent of high explosives, when Peter and Lucky Lady, his pet wire-haired terriers, won ribbons at the recent Skokie Valley dog show. Peter, the older, carried away the purple ribbon of the winners class and Lucky Lady was first in American bred and third in the puppy classes.

Frank Walsh, checker, was presented with a shock proof wrist watch by the men at 63 and 66 upon his induction into the Army June 24. Frank was a popular employee with both Groups and they all wish him the best of luck in the fighting forces.

Steve Lanczak, better known as "Rusky," was ordered to report to the Army July 3.

Anyone interested in buying a pop dispensing business (now dead), contact **Windy Stroh** or **Hagey Fraher** at Group 64. Any and all offers accepted.

For those interested, Group 64 has not only a good trap-shooter, **Rex Thomas,** but also a good man with the dice, whose name we are unable to determine.

Herbert Drummond has left to take up timekeeping duties at Group 3. His seven-month stay at 64 made him a popular favorite and we are sure his friendliness will be well received at Group 3.

Harry Roles and **Irving Simmons** were sworn in by the Navy June 27, making a total of nine of boys from Group 64 going to sea.

The men at 66A finally got the best of quip-man **James Smith.** When he left for the Army the boys presented him with a large sack of shoestrings, nails, pebbles and money. Jim had always had an answer until that one came along.

John Roussopulas is the proud father of an 8½-pound boy.

St. Elmo Stewart, General Foreman of Group 66, is the number one fan of the Group softball team. There is plenty of room on the bleachers for rooters with his enthusiasm. So come on out, fellows, and help the team with your moral support.

"Doc Simmons promised **Armand Squateri** a candy bar for every day that he was a good boy. So far "Doc" hasn't paid off once.

Government Inspector **George Dehm** left the ranks of bachelorhood and took the final step June 27. Best wishes to George and **Mrs. Dehm.**

Farmer Boy Goes to the Big City: **Dan Fortado,** known as "Sweet Potato" among the Group, tried to walk up an escalator in a big store in Chicago. Had it not been for his friend, he might have suffered serious injuries.

You're in the Army now: **William "Windy" Wingate** was inducted into the U. S. Army. "Windy" will be missed by his gang, and his many friends of Group 66.

Lee Widup was ordered to report July 3. The best of luck to two swell guys, "Windy" and Lee.

How did **"Chuck" Kozlowski** explain that black eye to his wife?

The birthday on June 12 of **Andy L. Perino,** general foreman of Group 68, occasioned a visit from the High Explosives' office force, **Marge Howerton, Bea Bovee** and **Jack Garnant.**

EOP Service Men Get Plant Paper

Former EOP employees now in the armed services of the United States are now receiving *The Bomb-Shell* by mail no matter in what part of the world they may be stationed.

This service was inaugurated at the suggestion of **Harrison Smith,** Sanderson & Porter resident partner, and is made possible by the co-operation of **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman,** commanding officer.

Addresses of the service men are being compiled by **George F. Bent,** personnel director, through letters to their families. These addresses are on file in the editorial office of *The Bomb-Shell* and will be furnished on request to employees who wish to write to their former co-workers.

Families who want to make certain their boys are receiving the paper are asked to call Extension 4206. If the address is not on file, it will be added to the list.

TWO BUSY MEN at Group 3 are Supt. H. D. Dougherty (right) and William Barringer, who recently added reporting for THE BOMB-SHELL to his many other duties.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Robert Langley and Hermenia Biscan were married June 13 in St. Louis.

Paul Burke, they say, went home suffering with a toothache—Paul has store teeth.

John Troutt entertained friends from Chicago June 13.

If Bob Walker would have had priority on a safety chute for his basement he wouldn't be wearing a black eye today.

Gone but not forgotten are Anton Stodolny, Charles Laux, Floyd Derby and William Claudnic who resigned in good standing.

Harvey Steffes, Charles Hinz, Seward Brown and Wayne Howard attended the Eagles' stag picnic at Rivals Park in Joliet. Lunch and soft drinks, they insist, were served.

Severn Gaefcke, Army Reserve, was notified to report for active service in the near future.

Recently Allen "Cap" Mayes attended the late session of a safety meeting—formerly only theatres ran double features.

Alex Malm participated in the Memorial Day parade in Chicago.

Eugene Balachowski moved back home to LaSalle from Joliet. The reason wasn't Ma's cooking, according to Nicholas Pagoria and Marvin Friedman.

Additional manpower for Group 61 are Cecil Douglas, Howard Feldman, Edward Brower, James Bunting, John Benson, Eugene Bichbichler, Victor Nelson and Jasper Middleton, Jr.

Donald Coldwater received an interesting letter from his brother, Franklin, who is in Camp Livingston, La.

Art Swinghamer recently visited his brother, Walter, in camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Justin Corrigan enlisted in the Air Corps.

In "Boetto's Shack," along the Kankakee River at Wilmington, Robert Whalen attended a cottage party.

Ed Nelson and Albert Amstien, in their search for the source of ammonia in the condensate, should look in the first-aid cabinet.

It Would Be Nice If . . .

More could cartoon like Fred "Larry" Larhman . . . our candy machine suited Jessie Reniche . . . jokes were as funny as Eugene McAllister's . . . we enjoyed carnivals like James West and Wayne Howard . . . John Kelly only kept out of the dog house . . . anyone, from Braidwood, Ill., finding John Rising's badge, would return it . . . girls knew, Samuel Mount has a 1940 Buick Convertible . . . someone repaired John Spesia's surcingle so that he can ride his fiery steed . . . Chinamen laundered neatly as Henry "Toy Bong" Kiep, Walter "No Washee" Boughton and Hugh "Hew Pew" Pemberton . . . coveralls were sold with bibs for Clyde Townsend . . . employees used the Suggestion Boxes . . . Lawrence Holtz didn't adopt James McHugh's bad habits . . . workers could afford to oversleep on Sunday—Roland Reniche can . . . G-Man, Al Weinstock would introduce his friends to "Button Nose" . . . Edward Schellhorn, Americo "Mix" Berta, William "Snuffy" Stilwell tried out for our softball team . . . you saw George Ludtke's G. I. haircut . . . the boys didn't loose Arnet Dressler's thermometers . . . can openers were available to James Busch . . . Group 61 had more distillate, Carl "Ray" Carlson uses it in the truck . . . Cigar lighters didn't scare William Smith . . . William Johnston would turn in daily reports . . . H. O. Cadwell could defeat Col. P. L. Deylitz in just one game of golf . . . you knew, Melvin Dugan bowled 268 . . . Clifford Kidney, former Wisconsin farmer, would buy a house . . . Steve Juricic's rent were $4 cheaper . . . good English instead of slang were used by Lloyd Combs . . . "gals" went for me like they do for Raymond Stevens and Gene Hambleton . . . Louis Rosenberg would walk instead of swim to the change house . . . Robert Brumbach would tell us whom he escorted to the Ordnance dance . . . Stuart Anderson wasn't afraid to drive his coupe to work . . . James Decker didn't have flat tires before arriving home . . . gardens grew as fast as the one William Biggs planted.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Now that Robert W. Griffin has recovered from his illness, we will probably be seeing him holding up the mahogany at the "Louie."

After 18 months of seeing her husband, Dan Johnson, on Sundays only, Mrs. Johnson is moving to Wilmington to care for Dan.

Did Fred Perri and his aggregation play ball in Joliet Monday and did they get beat by the score of 44 to 9?

We hear that Robert McEvoy is trying to make the Group ball team but at the present time the quota for rookies has been filled.

It is a rumor around Building 12 that Walter (Farmer Boy) Sipe is saving his money for a trip to the altar as well as for those War Savings Bonds.

Leo Hopkins, Building 6, says that Bass Fishing was good until the season opened.

All the boys wish to extend their sympathies to Arthur Gerlich, whose wife's mother was fatally injured in an accident in Chicago.

Clyde Hart had the misfortune of running into a Model A Ford on his way home from work last week. According to Clyde, the highways are no place for a blind man.

Walter Staneck resigned to enter the Army June 24.

After 45 years of blissful bachelorhood, John Wenshell, carpenter, is entering upon the stormy sea of matrimony.

KNUDSEN TELLS NELSON would be the caption for this picture if V. L. Knudson (right), supervisor of supplies, spelled his name with an "e." More accommodating is Donald M. Nelson (left), production progress clerk in Groups 4 through 9. Winston Churchill is missing because he left EOP several months ago.

Busy Joe Pastula of Building 10 became a man June 25. Happy birthday, Joe.

The brilliant mind of our machinist, Alonzo Buell, has clicked again. The stenciling machine "Red" made and maintains is just the thing for Crawford Kerr to "Keep 'em Rolling." Is your inspiration blonde or brunette, Red?

Did George Costello, Jr., really have a tooth extracted or did Mrs. Costello have something to do with his swollen jaw. Junior's troubles seem to be running from one end to the other.

Personnel

LEE R. REYNOLDS
Correspondent

A new face with a *high* forehead is seen in the reference room now since Donald W. Peters has taken charge.

William R. Wallin, interviewer, resigned June 19, finally succumbing to the tire situation.

Annabelle Hancock changed her name to Mrs. William Rick June 12 in St. Louis.

A rehearsal by the group which will present "H.M.S. Pinafore" was held June 25 in the Recreation Building. All were pleased with the success of the Choral group, which included some new voices. Anyone interested is invited to attend one of the next meetings, 1307 W. Jefferson st., Joliet, at the home of the director, Arthur Eneix.

C. M. Steed enjoyed a trip through all the departments where women are employed. She was an escort for a *Chicago Tribune* reporter. Both girls were escorted by J. T. Haigh of the War Department and the story in the "Trib" of Sunday, June 21, was a "dandy."

PITH HELMETS like that worn here by Guard Edmond Van Winkle as he checks the badge of Chauffeur Frank Kern are now available for all plant police.

Well, Rita Scahill Cooney is not yet among the host of daily letter writers, as her husband, since April, Kenneth Cooney, was granted a 10-day furlough immediately after being accepted into the Army June 23.

Latest of the expeditions attempted by the personnel girls en masse was the invading of the inner sanctum of the genial and ever smiling guard chief, M. C. Baughman, after a recent choral club rehearsal. Routing him from his well-earned restful reading, the girls decided they might improve their minds by following the "Chief's" example.

However, the subject of his attention proved rather technical in its nature, *Real Detective* just to keep up on the newest points in law enforcement of course.

Right from the lips of June Fors comes this tip to those longing for a short vacation from the office. She doesn't recommend three-day measles — there were too many remarks heard questioning her true age.

From the pages of nine weeks ago, Evelyn Connors walked into the office a few days ago to report that she will be ready to return to work shortly. Evelyn, you know, was the victim of a serious automobile accident enroute to work from Morris April 25.

ASSISTING EACH OTHER is a strong bond between these two assistants of Comptroller John J. Cole—Richard T. Bassett (right) and George B. Pumphrey (left).

GROUP 3

WILLIAM BARRINGER
Correspondent

We have just received word that Dan Warren, our Laundry Operator, is really a "Professional Business Man." A short time ago, Dan went to see a Mr. Brown about renting an apartment for his family. Mr. Brown, after showing Dan the apartment, asked the usual questions before having him sign the lease. After having questioned to his satisfaction, Mr. Brown said to Dan: "How many children do you have?" Dan replied, "Four daughters, all in the graveyard." Dan proceeded to sign the lease. When all signing of the necessary papers was completed, the four daughters came running and jumping into the house. The enraged Mr. Brown says, "I thought you said you had four daughters, all in the graveyard." Dan replied, "I told you very plainly that I had four daughters. They have been in the graveyard all afternoon, planting flowers on their uncle's grave.

With the recent appointment of Tony Gomora as supervisor over a certain crew of men, comes the "*grapevine*" that Harry Babb is now "Cleanup Foreman" under Tony. Supt. H. D. Dougherty appointed Tony supervisor of all change houses and clean-up men in our Group last week. Ask Tony to show the card that he has been so proudly displaying.

Pet Peeves

Dial a number on the inter-plant phone system. Someone in the building called answers the ring; you ask for a certain party; they answer with "one moment, please," and let the receiver hang down by the wire. They don't find the party you want and forget to come back and tell you. The phone stays off the hook and you can't dial back until someone finally realizes that the phone must not be in use, and places it back on the hook. This may be hours later.

Walking a half mile to the Group gate from the change house and discovering that you left your badge on your uniform.

Hearing about "things to come" via the "grapevine," on Tuesday and on Wednesday, reading a notice to the opposite effect.

Not being able to find your time card in the rack at Building 10 and having to walk a mile to the timekeeper's office to certify in.

Exploded Bombs

I was told on good authority that one of our nurses, Lucille Nahas, bought a book; contents unknown. However the title was "What Every Girl Should Know." The book was a modern cook book.

When Don Mancini was taken to the hospital for a physical check, they found that they had to give him a blood transfusion before they could take his blood test.

Recently, Mr. Hillinbrant, Government Inspector at Group 3, was showing off a picture of his twins to a pal of his. The pal looked at the picture for several minutes, very critically. The proud father asked, "Well, what do you think of them?" His pal replied, "I'd keep the one on the left."

There is a certain guard named Tallman who gave a pint of blood to a friend and had to be given back a quart the next day. Now, they call him "Transfusion."

What happened to Red Arbour; did he stick his chin out?

Willard Reed, assistant superintendent, got an O.P.A. order for a new tire for his bicycle. (He got it, too.)

Proved by Photo

Ed Konstanzer, Group 3 operator, hooked this 5-foot, 18-pound gar-fish in the Kankakee River near Wilmington.

It took Ed twenty minutes to land the fish after he hooked into him. Ed says, "At first, I didn't know if I had the fish, or if the fish had me."

The Group 3 soft ball team is quickly swinging into action. Practice sessions will be held in the near future. As yet, the team has no equipment, but arrangements are being completed.

We will boast a strong team in the person of Les "Horse" Tammen as pitcher and Gus Juricic as catcher. Both of these boys have had wide experience in softball.

Group 3 also has stars such as Bob Kubinski, Reno Sartori, John Svetlecich, Walter Sak, Carl Sosnoski, Dan Carlson and plenty of others that can be counted on to help in the softball wars now going on.

Superintendent Dougherty has pledged his wholehearted support for the team and is very anxious for them to meet Group 1 and Group 2. Our diamond is being completed and our team is "raring to go" against any Group in the area.

PRODUCTION LINE INTEREST in the EOP tabloid is illustrated by this Group 3 delegation photographed as they inspected the first issue. Shown (left to right) are: Sitting, Robert Peters, Bernard Ilg and Vernon Pilz; standing, George "Sea Biscuit" Nichols, Raymond Hoffman, Andy Furdeck and Henry Skoien.

W. A. Buck Authors Third Phone Book

Issuance of the third EOP telephone directory last week marked the flowering of brow-mopping **William A. Buck,** superintendent of telephone communications, as an author. Mr. Buck's two previous issues were buds compared with the current revision.

Alphabetically the names range from **J. E. A'Hearn** to **E. Zost** in the 1127 listings, which compare with 543 in the directory of February 17, 1942, and with 166 listings in the first issue of December 27, 1941.

Mr. Buck said he spent two weeks compiling the booklet, which probably explains the pose in which he was photographed for the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* He describes the cover as true blue as compared with the pale green and passionate red of the earlier issues.

Transmission tests in the reception of long distance calls in the EOP exchange disclosed a 100 per cent operating efficiency.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Charles Gorham and **Dick Ashworth** are just recovering from the new arrival at the Gorham residence. It seems as though it all happened in a hurry and "Ash" worked through two shifts without lunch or intermission. He is feeling fine again, is much stronger, looks well, and hopes these blessed events are far apart. As for "Papa" Gorham, his arm is tired from passing out cigars. . . . Papa tells us mother and baby are doing fine and his name is **Frank Gorham.**

The office staff at 27 is trying to think of some spicy stuff for *The Bomb-Shell.* **Eddie Sheridan** says the boys are dull, including **Teddy Hintz** and **George Shaw** . . . maybe they'll make good truck farmers anyhow.

Michael Mauss, our janitor, is going to put "Willie or won't He" to shame with this garden stuff if he isn't careful. Assisted by a very able helper, **George (Farmer) Shaw,** the two of them have started a victory garden of tomato plants which were donated by **Walter Peterson.**

Under the supervision of **Albert Gierich** Group 27 is forming a terrific softball team. When they schedule a game with North Inert they plan to trounce **John Wald's** bunch.

Down around South Inert we hear that **George Harrop** keeps his wife busy sewing buttons on his shirt . . . seems that they just won't stay on when he "gets-a-telling" about the big potatoes he raises.

The baseball diamond which will be somewhere between North and South Inert will soon leave the talking stage.

A. M. Lockwood and **W. B. Manchester** are considering ways and means for leveling ground and building backstops.

We Wonder If You Know:

That **Clyde (Turk) Argyle** finds room enough to ride with all the passengers he picks up from fuze and booster each night?

That **Orville Johnson** knows what raw eggs mean in his lunch?

That working at Inert we have an **Air Cadet "Casey" Zola** who is waiting for a call to be sent into action . . . completed his preliminary course in flying at Denver, Colo. . . . expects to marry and leave in two weeks.

We are sorry we must attempt to replace the following who are entering the service of our country and to whom we extend best wishes: **Earl Storm, "Hank" Hankey, Ralph Lee, Tom Scott, Tom Buberle** and **Joe Bodrero.**

That **John Wald** is trying to organize a baseball team—we understand that Group 27 is waiting for the day.

That **Tuck Gilmour** is back on the job at South after a long siege with his appendix.

That our office help—not mentioning any names — sometimes feels a little disappointed that the Inert Groups are not co-educational but **Charlie Mann,** assistant superintendent, cheers them up by telling them how much better it is for the work and working conditions.

That **Fred Ford** will go fishing any night after work or on a Sunday. So call him for arrangements.

That the baseball clubs know that **"Wally" Fang** is a good ballplayer and that he draws the lady customers?

That **Fred Peterson** and **Ray McGrath** are talking picnic for some Sunday . . . it would be allright, sez we.

That **Ray Lee,** our timekeeper, has a hard time deciding to have or not to have, a mustache.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON

Correspondent

Letters are being received that **Lt. Walter J. Seely,** formerly supervisor of audit clerks under Charles Coburn, is kept quite busy at his new post at the Portage Ordnance Depot, Revanna, Ohio.

B. J. "Bud" Lipsey underwent an operation recently at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet. Bud is now at home recuperating very nicely and will soon be back on the job.

Now that **Bill Hickey** is in the Armed Forces, a reasonable facsimile of him has been acquired by the Payroll Department. Welcome to Brother Jack.

An unexpected, and uninvited, guest made his appearance in **Harrison Smith's** office early one morning last week. After studying Mr. Smith's correspondence assiduously, and inspecting each article of furniture in the office with profound interest, the visitor, no doubt becoming weary from his heavy occupation, began to hop blithely about from table to desk to chair. In spite of the fact that this unusual and vernal performance lent a "light note" to the atmosphere, nevertheless our little feathered friend was "assisted" out into the ether.

Ed Dwyer, who was one of our chauffeurs, and **Guy Brunnacci** of the Accounting Department have both been added to the armed forces. Both of these boys did a swell job here.

Helen Baker, the little girl from Dwight, Ill., and secretary to **William A. Buck,** wire chief, succeeded in squirming a vacation from him as she was going traveling with her parents. Mr. Buck, acting as Sherlock Holmes, took it for granted she was going to be marmaried, because she is very heavily engaged ? ? ? ?

We are happy to see back on the job again, **W. T. Dronsfield,** assistant chief of the Traffic Audit Division. Here's hopin' you'll soon be tip top, but take it easy as four months is a long vacation.

The Tabulating Department now has a new supervisor — **Joseph J. Beuchema.**

Arlene Schloendorf, chief mimeographer and cartoonist, took a well-earned vacation last week.

Bob Bailey, buyer, is getting to be somewhat forgetful—can't be that he is getting too air minded. One morning not so long ago he parked his car in front of the Administration Building, leaving the engine running, to clock in. Instead of returning to park the car in the proper place he got right down to business at his desk. Of course, when no one came around to claim the car in a short time, the guards drove it off to some parking space west of the building. After work that night you should have seen Bob pacing up and down the parking lot wondering where he had put it. By and by he put out a call that it must have been taken. Naturally, the guards came to the rescue and ushered Bob to the car and when they told him where it had been left—ask Bob how he felt.

The employees of the Electrical Department and their friends gave a picnic Wednesday evening, June 24, at McKinley Park. Hamburgers were fried over an open fire and everyone ate to their heart's content. Those present were **Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wall, Agnes McCarthy, Viola Leith, George Rummel, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewison, Harry MacRae, Martha Herrity, W. A. Buck** and **Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peterson.** Don and Harry proved their vocal qualifications, making them sure hits in the Pinafore cast, along with the help of Vi and Agnes on many tunes appropriate for the beautiful moonlight night. Mr. Buck and Mr. Wall helped out on the entertainment with some 1910 vaudeville numbers. The high spot of the evening came when Mr. Peterson made a clean leap over the fireplace and landed on Mr. Buck's foot, the propellant charge being a well-aimed marshmallow fork. Minit-Rub flowed freely the next day, but the party was such a success that they've decided they will do it again.

I. Jackson's division of the Engineering Department had a steak fry Thursday evening, June 25, at McKinley Woods, Channahon. Those present were Mr. Jackson and son **Tex Jackson, Jr., Maxine McBride, Juanita Harter, Eleanor Goss, Evelyn Greenwood, Clara Cline, Howard Cox, Bob McKeon, Michael Chuck** and **Dick Russell.** Everyone piled into cars after work and headed for the woods. There were games — baseball, keep-away, tag — the players consisting of Maxine and Howard. Juanita and Dick came late, but that was only to be expected. The Boy Scouts of the crowd kept the home fires burning, and you should have seen the cooks! All in all a grand time was had by each and every one. By the way ask Evelyn if kicking over the tracings made that awful bump on her leg.

A recent letter from **Lt. Joseph J. Reedy,** formerly assistant chief, Division of Investigation, and now of the Army Air Force stationed at Spokane, Wash., tell of his pleased surprise in having seen some EOP products "around."

Vincent Cantarella, Payroll Department, had to go through the experience of an operation at St. Joseph's, Joliet, June 25.

Elanore DuFrain, Rita Dwyer, Veranice Quade and **June Kaehlert** of the Purchasing Department helped celebrate **Jeanette Larson's** birthday June 25. After work they had a little party at Stefanich's at Joliet. You know that good chicken they have, etc., etc.

W. B. Manchester, chief of grounds, is to be congratulated on the beautiful lawns around the Administration Building. Looks very nice, Mr. Manchester, all "dem" flowers, etc. Thank you for the boquet. Was it really the first?

Geraldine Drechsel, Expediting Division, is back in harness again after having a tonsillectomy.

Emalie Mueller, Purchasing Department and **Albert Voegtle,** Group 8, hope to take *that* step sometime in September.

Evelyn Reed, formerly of the Purchasing Department, has now taken over her duties as receptionist, etc., in the Executive Offices. **Mable Danduran** resigned as receptionist to accept another position elsewhere.

Mrs. Geraldine Alman, secretary to our executive secretary, Mr. Taylor, and her hubby have been vacationing in Alabama.

Dorothy Clover Reibert of the Traffic Audit Division has taken a leave of absence from her duties.

Mayors? Yip. Included in Traffic Audit Department personnel are two mayors. **Frank Folwell** is mayor of Forrest, Ill., and **George Sangemeister** holds that position at Frankfort, Ill.

The stork has been busy visiting homes of members of the Engineering Department. **Mr. and Mrs. Max Wolfson** were presented with a daughter on Mother's Day, May 10. She will be called Deena Israla. Also, **Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burch** received a precious package, a daughter, on Wednesday, June 10. This little one is being given the name of Holly.

Charles Coburn, auditor, spent a few days at St. Joseph's Hospital for a check-up.

Material Warehouse

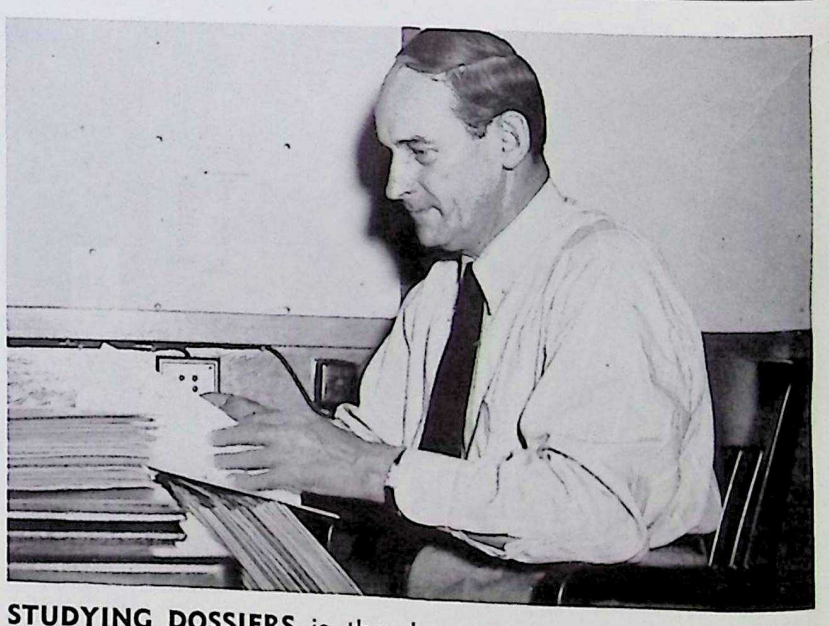
FRANK McCORMACK

Correspondent

Employees of the material warehouse are well pleased with the baseball field constructed just south of the machine shop in Group 70, which is very handy for this particular group. To show **"Tiny" Cahoon** their appreciation, they are organizing a ball team under the temporary management of **Kenneth Wehling** of the warehouse office force, who has promised a team that will give plenty of competition. More power to Kenneth and the players who will be mentioned from time to time as they produce sensational plays on the field of battle. But don't forget, three strikes and you're out.

By the way, Kenneth, if you can use a good southpaw pitcher, we understand your boss, **Charlie Herbig,** beat all the sand lot teams around New York—and that is where those powerful Yankees come from.

Last week **Edward Delaney** put a $5 bill in his shirt pocket and sent



STUDYING DOSSIERS is the day-to-day routine of Personnel Director George F. Bent, who takes a keen interest in the progress of every employee added to the EOP rolls.

it to the laundry. The shirt and bill were both returned cleaned and ironed. When we asked Eddie, "What's the idea?" he said, "No one could accuse him of having tainted money in his possession."

Mr. Herbig, the man in charge of the material warehouses, his able assistant, **John Baldon**, and the rest of this department appreciate the fine and loyal cooperation from the employees in the purchasing and expediting division in recording and distributing the materials received.

Perry Bruno, one of our co-workers, has a very important job here in the warehouse. It is his job to see that all tools and stock are stenciled EOP. Last Tuesday he stamped a box and before the paint was dry, sat down on the box. Well, there was no one here with an extra pair of pants that would fit Bruno, so he went home in a barrel.

As we have all purchased War Bonds and are willing and ready to do anything and everything in our power to help win this war, it is now suggested by **Joseph Horrell**, material checker, who served with the Marines in the last World War, that a blood bank be started in the Elwood Ordnance Plant. After looking over the healthy men and women employed here, we believe that there would be plenty of pure rich blood donated. How about it?

Inspection

RICHARD LOWERY
Correspondent

We send our best wishes to **Margaret Speight**, Group 5 inspector, who was married at St. Louis, Mo., July 1 to **Frank Prindle**.

Congratulations to **Josephine Causgrove**, inspector, and **Harold Johnson**, timekeeper, on their engagement June 25th.

Louis "Pop" Walsh, Sr., has a twofold distinction. He is the eldest member of the S & P inspection department, and at the same time considered one of the most efficient in his department. We understand Mr. Walsh's latest investment in a tire pump already has proved its worth. He loaned it out to one less fortunate the other evening.

John King has been breaking the buttons off of his vest. Why? Twin boys have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. King. Father and sons are doing fine.

Ben Slutsky has been passing out cigars over at Group 3. Ben has a good reason as it was a baby girl.

Don't be a bit surprised if **Godfrey Herscher**, head group inspector, happens to drop in on the boys some evening by plane. Godfrey has been an aviation enthusiast and it may be a forced landing.

Billy Lamping is missing his class ring and he is not advertising it as lost, as Billy has entrusted its safe keeping to a Joliet girl, **Edith Flanders**. Can we consider it serious, Billy?

Franklin Lewis, inspector in charge of Group 1, has been seen quite frequently on the golf course. Not that he's a great golfer, but Frank enjoys a short game in the morning to give him courage to bowl at night.

Robert Wilehlmi, assistant to the Chief Inspector, was a year older, June 12. He spent a quiet evening at home with his charming wife and three children. Earlier in the day several of the members of the office force attended a party in his honor. (They brought their own lunch.)

The Inspectors baseball team at 3A is composed of the following players: **Moe Brenna**, manager; **Doug Oram**, **"Shoeless" Paul Jackson**, **"Speedy" Carroll**, **"Slim" Hallihan**, **Taylor Parsons**, **"Dutch" Bruno**, **"Pewee" Pitt**, **Joe Conant**, **Stan Smigielski**, **"Sleepy" Hlavajcik**, **Seymour Stearns**, **Bob Manning**, **Orrin Long** and **Bob Walsh**.

Bob Walsh, inspector in charge of Group 3A and star first baseman, is trying to get a priority number for a couple of Army jeeps, or a few bloodhounds for his outfielders, as opposing batters are losing too many balls.

"Shoeless" Paul Jackson, formerly of the Indiana Indians, found it quite clumsy playing ball with his shoes on. He wore them to church Sunday and reports they feel better.

"Speedy" Carroll is improving his control. He only threw eight balls over the backstop at last practice. In a couple of years he'll be able to hit a bride with a handful of rice.

Manager Moe Brennan is seeking to book games, especially with Fuse and Booster groups, or any lightweight team more than 80 years old.

Before starting on a trip out West, **J. Beam's** daughter, now living in Mason City, Ill., accompanied by her mother stopped at Joliet to visit Mr. Beam. This brief get-together left him in a pretty good mood. We hope they return soon.

Harvey Watkins has been nominated for County Clerk in Will County. Your fellow inspectors are all with you, Harvey.

The inspectors in Group 3A want to know if **"Tiny" Cahoon's** typist committed an error when she put "Champion" after **Bob Walsh's** name. They believe that the golf crown was donated by the Walsh family.

E. F. Booth, former superintendent of schools in Will County, is a top inspector in Group 3A.

E. A. Korevac, inspector at Group 61 and First-Aid instructor, administered expert treatment to a fainting visitor at the Administration Building last week.

Columnist James Glade, shift inspector at Group 61, was ill for a week, but is back at work.

Elmer Nesius, head inspector at Group 7, has lost several pounds in the past week trying to locate the Guard House. The Department has decided to furnish Elmer with a scooter.

Harold Troupe said he would have me kicked to death by butterflies if I wrote anything about him. Troupe, gage technician, has been playing a little ball on the plant diamond. It seems that Harold is a second Babe Ruth.

BUDGETS, BONDS, BILLIONS are all in the domain of hard-working Comptroller John J. Cole, shown here with his secretary, Hazel Gleason, who has only a few million details in her domain.

Bud Brown has taken over the duties of **Andrew O. Fox** as office manager of this department. Mr. Brown is a former salesman for the Wilson Sporting Goods Company. He has installed a radio beam in the supply case. It seems that he is worried someone will borrow something.

Edward Jilek, former inspector at Group 2, has again started furnishing his department with inventions to increase production. Because of men like Jilek, we are sure that EOP will do better than its part in our battle for victory.

Bill Hammond, inspector at Group 61, will be a valuable man on the Inspection Department baseball team. Bill is a former professional player.

Jack Fay, Group 4, has decided to take up the fine art of self-defense. Jack might become a lightweight flash in the cream-puff meet at Podunk.

A. J. MacLellan, chief inspector, has won the love of our family of puppies at Richards' Farm. The other day he had their home sprayed with flit. The fireman at Building 4 said he would call one of the young ones after Mr. MacLellan.

Last Wednesday evening the head inspector and shift inspectors of Groups 4 through 9 had a dinner at Nortons' on the DuPage. The inspectors reported they all had a good time, including Mr. Rouff of Group 61 and **William Hartman**, senior inspector, who were found under the table.

Tony Lutkus, scale inspector for the area, has had a little trouble with his legs these past few days. It seems that he has indulged in the night baseball games on the new Administration diamond. Lutkus was a member of the C.Y.O. baseball team of Cicero.

Sammy Hoffman, scale inspector at Group 3, told Mr. Fox that he could shoot a 73 on any course in Ottawa. Mr. Fox bought several garden tools, maybe he intends to call Hoffman's claim.

Our assistant chief inspector, **Robert Wilhelmi**, has taken up cooking. His wife is planning on taking a vacation East in a few weeks. Bob said that he would have all his friends over when he succeeds in his new endeavor.

Mr. Rouff has been putting around the green lately—I wonder whether this information we gathered is applicable to his golf game?

Rube "Casanova" Derksen is weathering the next thing to conjugal felicity.—Yes, the long lad is in love!

Asst. Supt. H. O. Cadwell suggests a 500 yard tee, fairway and green, between buildings; especially since Number 6 has increased the distance of his meanderings—My advice is either do your driving in the yellow-cab, or get a caddy, Caddy!

They all laughed when he sat on the bench (not beside a piano, either!); so the pride of Washington U. (**Ed Rashid** to those who don't know him) ambles out of the EOP shindig, sans skirt, with the threat, "I'll go to fuse and booster."—"He who laughs last, laughs best," but when Ed?—or is it a military secret?

Amongst the long line of photogenic philosophers and platonic plutocrats, I am reminded that **John "Snuffy" Smith** (this character purely not fictional) has been indulging in oral-gymnastics on his fingernails—REASON: **Jimmy A. "Adonis" Glade** had tonsillitis and his absence gave "Snuffy" the D T's plus a lot of additional figures to work on. (No women in this group yet, so keep your minds on nitrate, folks!)

Ed Korevack still wonders whether the Brooklyn Dodgers are draft-evaders.

Timekeeping

MILTON TREITEL
Correspondent

Barney McShane recently received a card from **Pvt. Joe Malloy**, a former timekeeper. While Joe was with us he seemed to be entranced by Mac's accent, and in regards to that I quote "Here I am in N. Y. awaiting further orders, believe it or not, Mac, everyone here talks just like you."

For a long time this department wondered why **Ben (Tiny) Sloan** could always get his gangs to give him their numbers at the first asking. The reason is now obvious, Ben is a former professional "rassler." **Dick Bassett**, assistant comptroller, and I have a hand ball duel every Saturday afternoon. It's pretty tiresome taking a beating week after week, so as a compromise to myself he and I will take on any two players at the Y.M.C.A. in Joliet.

It has been rumored that **Carl Parker** of Group 1 is now married, but up until time of publication this has not been confirmed. Wanna talk, Carl?

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Eartly announce the arrival of a son. Good work Nick, our record is still intact.

Judy Smith of Richards' Farm is wearing U.S.A. Wings on her coat lapel. Sorry fellows they belong to her hubby.

Bob Hastings of Group 70 is leaving us this week to join Uncle Sam's armed forces. Loads of luck and best wishes from all of us.

Mayor George Sangmeister of Frankfort who is one of **J. C. Schmeh's** equipment checkers is a candidate for probate clerk in this coming election. With his host of friends here it ought to be a walk away for George.

"Chuck" Di Peso of Group 66 really missed his calling. Stop at his time office any day around noon and that aroma of spaghetti and meat balls will make your mouth water.

It's a pleasure to welcome back **Bob Griffin** of Group 3A. He just got through a long siege at the hospital.

The boys around town are a bit peeved at me for scheduling their girl friends to work on Sunday. (It's tough to bring them home early Saturday night.)

Jerry Walsh of Richards' Farm has resigned to accept a position with Chicago Bridge and Iron Company. We will all miss you, Jerry, but you have our best wishes. The boys at Richards' Farm are all sprouting mustaches (are you jealous of the boss?)

The school kids in town will be pleased to hear that we have hired six of their teachers. You never can tell, there may be a shortage this fall.

Carl (Ed) Swanson of Group 70 is one classy golfer. He shoots in the low 70's. (**"Tiny" Cahoon**, please take notice.)

What's in a Name

John O'Connell would raise **Kane** if his timekeepers were found reclining in a **Couch** or **Morris** chair during business hours, when they were supposed to be checking the **East** and **West** gates for the **Dames** that get to the plant before the **Rising** of the sun. You **Treitel** him that **Goodspeed** in making a physical check is not important, a **Sharpe** look will make your rosy cheeks turn **White**. But with all that, even a **Duke**, **Bishop**, **Baron** and a **Pope** all enjoy working for him. He has a big **Harte** for those that purchase a war **Bond**; but **Smalt** use for those who **Lien** against a **Barr** filled to the **Brimm** when they are scheduled to work on Sunday. Even the **Mayer** and the **Powers** that be would be **Stern** if you were found saying **Skole** all evening. Trying to kid **O'Connell** is like looking for **Needles** in a hay stack or **Spier** a fish with a pin. As **McShane** would say, **Aman**.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

John Buffo, Building 13, left June 13 to join the Army.

There is something about Building 14 that keeps the boys over there on their toes. You can tell them in a crowd by their neatly slicked hair and by the fact that they are always well-groomed. . . .

Add a fish story about our Miss Lundeen at the first-aid station. On a recent Sunday she was a member of a fishing party at Pistakee Bay in the Fox Lake region. The fish got away with hook, line and sinker, dragging the tackle through the rushes in a most surprising fashion. Finally it succeeded in tying the line to the roots of a large tree, took a running start and broke loose. Oh yes, Miss Lundeen got away.

And **Myron Kegebein** showed up at work with a colored or rather discolored eye, the rainbow tints of which rivaled Joseph's coat of many colors. There was nothing particularly original about how it happened. Just the same old bathroom door.

The boxing wars bid fair to wax hot and hotter. In all sincerity your reporter announced that **Bob Winchell** won the EOP boxing cup at the picnic last Fourth of July. Now comes one **"Pee Wee" Stukel** with the claim that he won the match from Winchell together with the official cup and that the cup which was awarded to Winchell was an extra one thrown in by way of consolation. At all events they are both fine lads with the spirit of competition strong within them and we would like to see them mix once more so that the winner could have both cups and undisputed claim to the EOP bantam-weight championship.

And then we give you **Jack Whittinghill**, Building 13, who challenges any 170-pounder at the plant to a game of fisticuffs for the honor of Group 1. . . .

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SCREWBALL SAY SOME, but delightful individuality say others. Anyway, here is Stewart Moloney, correspondent for the Fire Department, talking to himself in a frightening sort of way.

STEPPING ALONG back to the job after lunch was this aggregation of Group 3 workers when the photographer appeared on the scene in response to Supt. H. D. Dougherty's request for pictorial representation in THE BOMB-SHELL.

Group 1—*Continued*

to a game of fisticuffs for the honor of Group 1. . . .

Edward Inman, Building 13, is the proud father of a brand new seven-pound daughter. The name is Barbara and the line forms on the left. . . .

It has come to our attention that **"Skeets" Whiteman** is going to get married next week. The spirit of war is in the air; and youth must be forever taking chances.

And they say that **Merle Geves** will be a bride by the time this issue appears—more power to Merle and we hope she didn't let him get away.

Lo and behold, a testimonial. "We would like to thank the officials of the plant, the managing editor and staff of the paper for making it possible to have a paper. We think it's great and are glad to be able to be a part of the paper and of the Sanderson and Porter organization. We'll string along with you." So speak the girls in Building 14.

At Last We Lose

Group 1 lost a softball game to Group 8 June 19 by the close score of 9 to 3. That is, it would have been a close score if they would throw out the five runs they made in our bad inning. However the game had its compensations. We brought a glamor girl along with us to pitch the first two innings and believe men, boys and girls, she had everything. **Betty Ford,** Building 14, is a real ball player as well as being as cute a gal as you would care to meet. We took Betty out after the first two innings and maybe that's why we lost. Group 8 had something new in the way of a shoeless ball player and he was a whole team by himself. We did bring along an enthusiastic crowd of rooters and a good time was had by all.

Leo Hoffman, formerly inspector in Building 16, left to join the Army. Leo wants good ammunition and promises to deliver it where it will have the greatest effect.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Clyde Utley, superintendent of the Electric Department, has had more worries heaped upon him besides kilowatts. First, it was weeds in his garden. He overcame that worry by deciding to let them grow and then eat them as outlined in an article in *The Saturday Evening Post.* But now it's "Bees." "Bees" in the switches, "Bees" in the transformers, "Bees" wherever he goes! But now things have reached their limit — a family of "Bees" have taken up residence under his bedroom window! Now when Mr. Utley talks about "Sons-of-Bees," he's talking about insects!

J. W. Stark, superintendent, Water Department, attended the annual convention of the American Water Works Association at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, June 23 and 24.

Tony Moss, roundhouse foreman, walks around with white oxfords. It must be a clean place to work, eh Tony?

Harvey Disney is leaving for a short visit with his family July 10. His son is to be married July 18.

The old standby, **Charlie Boyle,** has returned to work after a short vacation.

Speaking of golf, **Larry Jack,** Radio Department, wasn't kidding when he said "Oh, I've played a little." We're afraid that **Barney Johnson** and **Gus Hahn** were kidding, however, when they said that they just let him win to make him feel good. Larry came through with smiling colors and is he giving us the teeth?

John Milligan is back with us after a short honeymoon over the week end. John center-aisled it June 20.

To **Donald Lehndorf** vacationing somewhere in Wisconsin. Don't forget those big ones you promised the gang.

Congratulations to **David C. Kreider** on his marriage to **Mary Ruth Daley** June 27.

Ken Morgan and **Frank Camer** claim the horseshoe pitching championship of the roundhouse after beating **Connie Howard** and **Alex Dulcis.**

Flash! It has been reliably reported that **Chief W. R. Mortenson's** "dream girl" has finally left him for good. The happy couple apparently had a spat during the week and "Vixy" gave him one dirty look and departed for the north woods. A few days later she was found wandering around one of the magazine areas with a lost expression on her face and was induced to return to Mort's fireside. However, the reconciliation was of short duration as she left again and vowed never again to darken his doorstep. The moral of this, Mort, "Never have anything to do with anyone foxier than yourself."

It is generally known that dapper **Sergeant Red McLaughlin,** Guard Department, becomes noticeably agitated whenever "H.M.S. Pinafore" is mentioned.

I'm wondering if some members of the Radio Communications Department didn't miss their calling? That's really a sweet job of landscaping.

The welcome sign goes out to **Mrs. Alma Mattox, Mrs. Mary Frances Scully** and **Mrs. Helen Louise Sime** who recently joined the family of operators at the Telephone Building.

Mystery of the Pipe Shop! What has become of **Calvin Ashline's** uppers ? ?

The **I. C. Harbours** announce the arrival of **Frederick Celestin Harbour** June 3. Papa Harbour is doing well, we hope!

"Keep 'em rolling!" That's the motto adopted by the garage force and according to **C. I. Wilson,** garage manager, the boys certainly do try to adhere to it.

Production Record Permits Holiday

Progress in maintaining production schedules made it possible for most EOP employees to plan a holiday for the Fourth of July. Because of the excellent record made in meeting Government requirements all but the construction forces, those workers needed for preservation and protection of the plant and a skeleton maintenance crew were given the day.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

The month of June did all right by two former members of **Superintendent T. M. Burn's** office. "Ginny" Dempsey is now Mrs. Kenneth Cramer. The wedding date was June 18.

Another wedding of double interest to the Groups 4 through 9 took place June 20 when the former **Helen Hensel** exchanged marriage vows with **Charles "Chuck" Hickok, Jr.,** assistant superintendent of Detonator Group 9.

"Red" Pickett is sure a favorite with the inspectors.

Louise Grabin, inspector, who underwent a major operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, is improving nicely.

Why is **Ikey Liker** so happy? Is it because he will soon have the bandages removed from his injured thumb? Or is it something else ? ? ? ? ?

Talk about a coincidence, at the Primer Inspection table there are seated two **Thelma Smiths.**

And do you know that **Nora Lee Smith** and **Thelma Smith** (no relation) have the cutest singing voices? They really are good.

We hear **Julia Chapla** has gained plenty of pounds since working here.

Dorothy Lehman of Fairbury, office girl in 8-8, is our personality girl. Isn't that right, boys?

Rita Rittoff finally bought the record "Twiddle-o-Twill."

The new "he" floor lady over the liner table is none other than the middle-aged and handsome **"Hoiman" McCormick.**

Sympathy is extended to **Lucille Wynn** in the recent loss of her husband.

The War Bond raffled by the soft ball team was won by **Mrs. Mae Johnson,** forelady, Bay T, Group 9. The other bond was won by **Ira Combs,** timekeeper.

Group 9's Soft Ball team is coming along, but not very well. We haven't won one game yet. Maybe we *should* let **John Neely** play.

Sports

The Group 8 Softball Team, "Walker Sports," opened their season June 16 with a victory over Group 7, winning by the score of 22 to 2. Liker, Steen, and Cheyne did the slugging and the latter hit a long home run, receiving a big hand from the crowd.

The Walker Sports trounced Group 1, 9 to 3, June 18, in a fast and thrilling game at **Walker Stadium,** one of the best softball diamonds in the area. **"Shoeless" Cheyne** of the Sports copped honors for the day while **Betty Ford,** girl chucker, made her debut by pitching the first inning for Group 1.

Group 8 defeated the strong Group 4 team, 3 to 1, June 23. The fast game was a pitchers duel, Plowman holding the edge. Sessi of Group 4 and Hinds and Petan of Group 8 shared the hitting honors.

The newly organized girls' softball team of Group 8 lost their first game June 22 to Group 7, on the Group 7 diamond. They will be challenging other girls' teams in the near future.

Leser Family Is All-Out for War

"Keep 'em shooting" is more than a phrase to **Mrs. Christine Leser,** an inspector at Group 8. For her it means doing all she can to keep her own sons shooting. Two sons are now in the Army and another registered for selective service this week.

One son, **Henry,** has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Camp Swift, Texas. He visited his mother recently. Henry is a former EOP employee, having worked on the first telephone communication installed in the area.

Another son, **George,** who has been in the Army but three months, is in an officers' training school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. A third son, **Leo,** 19 years old, registered for selective service this week.

Plan Outlined by Somervell Followed

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plans for construction. General Somervell made a clear statement of what was expected of the responsible executives of both the Army and Sanderson & Porter. This statement has been the guiding light for the conduct of the construction work at Elwood, and accounts for the proud record which was made.

General Somervell knows construction and construction men. He is a born engineer and a driver, but he combines with these attributes, the ability to select capable subordinates, to inspire confidence and to stimulate an intense desire in all with whom he comes in contact, to meet and even excel his expectations.

Elwood Ordnance Plant people are proud of General Somervell, proud that he should take time to send them a message, proud of their association with him, proud of his interest in this plant, and proud of the work which he is doing for our country. *We can and we will* respond to his inspiring message in the only way we know how to respond—production of large quantities of *the best ammunition* fighting men could wish!

Career Is Sketched

Lieutenant General Brehon Burke Somervell was born at Little Rock, Arkansas, May 9, 1892. Appointed to the Military Academy at West Point in 1910, he was graduated in 1914 and commissioned as a second lieutenant of Engineers.

Following his graduation, General Somervell saw service in Mexico, France and Germany. He was in France in 1914, served as Assistant Military Attache and helped in the exodus of Americans desiring to return home at the outbreak of the war.

On his return to the United States, he was assigned to the First Battalion, Engineers, at Washington, spent some time mapping parts of New England and was then ordered to Texas, where he was engaged in mapping the border when the raid of Pancho Villa sent **General Pershing** into Mexico on the punitive expedition. General Somervell accompanied him and was in charge of construction of a number of Army roads.

After a tour of duty as Assistant to the District Engineer at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1917 he helped organize and recruit the 5th Reserve Engineers (later the 15th Engineers, U. S. Railway) with whom he went to France as Adjutant. This was the first Engineer regiment to land in France. General Somervell was in charge of a number of construction projects, including the great munitions dump at Mehunsur-Yevre and the advance depot at Is-sur-Tille.

Accompanied Hines

After serving as Assistant Chief of Staff, 89th Division, during which he participated in the Meuse - Argonne Offensive, he served with the Supply Division, Third Army in 1919, and was Assistant Chief of Staff, Supply Division, Army of Occupation, Germany, until September, 1920, when he returned to the United States.

In 1925 General Somervell was granted leave of absence in order to accompany **Walter D. Hines,** director of railways in the World War, to Europe, where he made a survey of navigation conditions in the Rhine and Danube Rivers for the League of Nations.

Assigned to duty as District Engineer at Ocala, Florida, in 1936, he was in charge of the Florida Ship Canal Construction. While engaged on this project, he directed salvage work and aid in the rebuilding of Gainesville, Ga., which was wrecked by a hurricane April 6, 1936.

On August 1, 1936, General Somervell was given leave of absence from the army to accept the appointment of Administrator of the W.P.A. in New York City and attracted nationwide attention for the manner in which he administered, to the satisfaction of all concerned, one of the most complicated and difficult assignments ever given an engineer. During his administration La Guardia airport was built and New York City's park system was expanded to its present gigantic size. General Somervell remained at that post until he was recalled to Washington late in 1940, assigned to the Inspector General's Office and then to that of the Quartermaster General where, on December 11, 1940, he was placed in charge of the Construction Division, which has charge of the construction program then being undertaken by the War Department. The post had been made vacant through the illness of **Brigadier General Charles D. Hartman.** On March 3, 1942, General Somervell was given command of the Services of Supply in President Roosevelt's Re-organized Army Unit.

General Somervell has been decorated twice, receiving the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. He is a graduate of the Engineers School of Washington, D. C. (1922), The Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1923), and The Army War College, Washington, D. C. (1926).

REAL SMOKE-EATERS are the members of the Fire Department, shown here extinguishing the flames from a burning "jaloppy" used for training purposes. Chief R. W. Mortensen is shown in his shirt sleeves and Assistant Chief William Reichert may be seen at the far right.

HUDDLES ARE NECESSARY in sports, and softball is no exception as this picture of an early conference of EOP enthusiasts indicates. Shown (left to right) are: First row: Bob Kubinski, Group 3; Tiny Cahoon, recreation director; Louis Haake, Group 70; John Svetlecik, Group 3, and Fred Perri, Group 3A; second row: Bob Plese, Group 64; Gus Salmen, Group 66; Capt. George A. Grant, War Department; Wally Sacks, guard; Ray Matasvich, Group 64; Larry Peterson, Administration; Lt. F. G. Kuether, War Department, and Bill Green, Group 66.

Plant Nine Will Open Season Against Wilmington Team Sunday

Playing Field for Home Games Ready As Wehrle Works Squad of 50

Frank Wehrle, Group 64, coach and manager of the EOP baseball nine will select a team from his squad of 50 for the opening game in Wilmington Sunday. Date of the first home game will be announced later.

The playing field located just north of the cafeteria in the Administration area is ready. There are bleachers for the spectators and the squad of 50 men who have tried out for positions is rapidly rounding into shape under the watchful eye of Coach Wehrle.

Frank is a baseball enthusiast as well as a baseball library. If you know of anyone past the age of six who can hit the ball out of the infield you can talk to Frank because he more than likely knows him, too.

Frank's enthusiam and work with the baseball team warrants more than a mild interest in the team by EOP employees. Give him your moral support and he will develop a "barn burner."

The following are members of the baseball squad: Pitchers; **Harland Waller**, guard; **Bob Moren**, Group 1; **Don Cheyne**, timekeeper; **Bill Waller**, guard; **Reno Sartori**, Group 3; **Jim Vickery**, guard; **Joe Wehrle**, Elect. Farm; **Wallace Muelder**, Group 6A; **Henry Pombert**, Group 70 (Pipe shop); **Thomas Dunn**, Group 1; **Doug Yeates**, Group 6A; **Roy Hallihan**, Group 3; **Bob Merrit**, Group 1; **Oliver W. Brown**, Group 3; and **John Svetlecich**, Group 3.

Catchers: **Ted Steger**, Group 3; **Lorias Hart**, Central Fire Station; and **A. Shutten**, Engineers.

1st Base: **Lloyd Ogg**, guard; **Gordon Enger**, Engineers; and **Marvin Beeley**, Group 1. 2nd Base: **Tony Castignoli**, Group 64; and **Carl Hietschold**, Richards' Farm.

Infielders: **Harold Troupe**, Richards' Farm; **John Steagall**, Group 2; **Al Sommerfield**, Group 1; **Joe Harkins**, Group 70; **George Price**, Telephone Dept.; **Gus Olsen**, Richards' Farm; **Henry Hyde**, Group 64; **Don Bryant**, Group 1; and **Jack Horenberger**, Engineers.

Short Stop: **Ed Cussinger**, Group 1. Outfielders: **Bob White**, Elec. Farm; **George Macuk**, Group 64; **Edward Shepley**, Group 1; **John Brewer**; and **Ed. Mandat**, Group 60.

Playing position not assigned: **Aug Juricic**, Group 3; **Bob Plese**, **William Hammond** and **William Petan**, Group 61; **Hendy Galbraith**, Section Crew; **Steve Jeresic** and **John Leake**, Group 61; **Clifford Hare**, Group 1; **R. J. Partridge**, Group 6 and 7; **Russ Stevens**, Group 70; **Capt. G. A. Grant**, Army; and **Al Hessely**, Group 2.

"I've been framed!"

Inspectors Are Made That Way, Not Born

By Edward A. Schroeder

The Inspector is made, not born. He is an individual capable of good judgment and common sense. He must have the confidence of all employees, so that when a different situation arises, he can cope with it on a firm but friendly basis. He knows the importance of his duties. He carries out his instructions and orders with the utmost intelligence. He is an important cog on any production line.

The duties of the Inspector vary. He is placed in the various buildings along the line, generally for a short stay in each building. It is his job to see that a hundred per cent inspection is carried out on each piece of material used. By his foresight money, time and labor are saved. Helpful suggestions are given by the Inspectors in numerous instances, as to production methods and safety control. The Inspectors are working men—not little tin gods.

The Inspector should be well informed in the elements of good workmanship; understanding the problems of the production men and the engineers. It is his duty to help keep the production lines moving.

He must at all times be resourceful and diplomatic, earning and holding the respect of fellow workers, employers and customers. Sound principles, firmness in the face of opposition, especially where questions of safety are involved, and a willingness to work in co-operation with others, are the essential characters of a good Inspector.

FUN

You Can't Beat It!

By "TINY" CAHOON

People do not stop playing because they grow old; they grow old because they stop playing.

Here lies Failure,
He lost his health
Getting wealth,
Then lost his wealth
Seeking health.
He now lies dead
In a pauper's grave.

Now then, I'm looking for a piccolo player or two. We need them for the concert band. And where are all those band enthusiasts? I have had a lot of requests for a band and sent out a bulletin asking for players. What do I get? A few for a concert band and a lot of requests for a swing band (Guess I'll have to swing for that.) If you are interested in a concert band, let me know and we'll get started.

By the way, the grapevine carried the breezy bit of news that some guy said that the recreation director was being paid $10,000 a year. It's the first time I heard there was another recreation director out here. I want to meet him because it sounds good. Umum, that would buy lots of Bonds.

Your Recreation Department is already well underway. Fifteen softball fields laid out in close proximity to various departments of plant operations have already heard the battle cry of the victor and the "you can't do it again" of the loser.

Lou Haake, pitcher for Group 70-5, chalked up 18 strike-outs in a game against Group 6. **John Kubinski**, manager of the EOP softball team, is all smiles because Lou is one of his star pitchers. **T. M. Burns**, Superintendent of Groups 4 through 9, has his area completely organized with a league for both the boys and the girls.

Here's a tip for you singers. **George Bent**, yes the head of the Personnel Department and an enthusiastic singer, has been trying to get a group together for the presentation of Pinafore. You're right, it won't hurt your standing any to give it a try. Let's make this a surprise. You call in and I will tell you when and where the next practice will be held. It will be like a vacation for George or a tonic or a slug of . . . wait a minute. What am I saying?

Several people have asked how they can take part or how they may get into the inner circle. There is no such circle. Just head in and when you hear someone say "Howdy" I hope it's I. Of course, everyone in the Recreation Department says that. **Jim Grady**, genial Shamrock lover booms out "Howdy" with a smile that sets you for the day. By the way, Jim is doing a lot of leg work for me so be nice to him youse guys and youse gals.

Earl Carpenter, of the Guard Department, has "The Bomb-Shell Revue" rapidly taking shape. He would like to have you contact me if you can do anything at all in dramatics, sing, play an instrument or do any specialty act.

Lucy Harkness, in a "letter to the Editor," asked what might happen to **Helen McGinnis** if I dropped that shell and if I did throw it she hoped our "Andy" ducks. Well, at the moment that picture was taken my elbow had locked from holding the shell so long. Mr. Bailey thought I should practice the pose so as to assume a more composed stance. He will never get me to do that with a piano because I refuse to practice.

When you have a few minutes to spare and want to hear something funny, stop at the baseball field while **Frank Wehrle** is working the boys out, including such fellows as **Joe Salmon**, superintendent of Group 1, and **Ed Walsh**, superintendent of the loading lines.

Talent Try-Outs Are Being Held For "The Bomb-Shell Revue"

Galaxy of EOP Stars to Be Presented on Stage In Mammoth Vaudeville Show in August

"CAMERA," yells L. D. Ross, Personnel Department photographer, as he snaps June Morgan's picture in his office.

Approximately 100 men and women have already volunteered to take part in "The Bomb-Shell Revue," the entertainment highlight of the year to be staged in the Recreation Building early in August.

The complete cast will include nearly 300, participating in more than twenty acts of vaudeville as well as a mammoth minstrel, with a chorus of fifty. Try-outs are now being held and all are invited to participate.

The show will feature production numbers, beautiful girls, comedy teams, dance teams, variety acts and many others including a well rehearsed pit band of more than ten pieces and a melodic cocktail lounge combo for a night club scene. Also included will be a scene, "The Ol' Village Barn Loft," during which the audience will be treated to a fast sailing trip to the barn dance with all the trimmings made popular by radio.

Those interested in taking part are asked to call or visit the Recreation Department.

Earl Carpenter, ace director for seven years with John B. Rogers Producing Co., world's largest stagers of amateur theatricals and spectacles, will produce and direct the show. Mr. Carpenter is a member of the Guards Department.

Final Touches On Softball Field Rushed

John Kusinski Busy Selecting Company Team

The playing field located just North of the Recreation Building in the Administration Area will be completed within a few days. The back stop and suitable bleachers are in place, but some work still remains to be done on the diamond. An auxiliary field will also be ready for use just across the road and North of the regular field.

The softball team is under the direction and coaching of **John Kusinski**, an inspector from Group 3. Johnny has only recently taken over these duties, but he got away to a fast start and has the team definitely in a winning mood. They are on their toes and Johnny keeps them there.

Johnny is a graduate of the University of Illinois, starring in football and baseball. He has had a wide and varied experience as manager and coach, but above all he has personality.

Johnny reports that his material is the best he ever had to work with, even though he still does not know all their possibilities. However, reputations from past performances generally speak for themselves and these boys have proven themselves to be some of the best softball players in the State.

Last week **Lou Haake**, one of the pitchers on the squad, had 18 strikeouts in a game against Group 6, and Group 6 has a fine team.

Listed below are the men now practicing. Other prospects are invited to communicate with the Recreation Department.

Pitchers: **Ed Washburn**, **Les Tamman** and **Haake**, of Group 70.

Catchers: **Mario Zinani**, guard, and **Wally Peterson**, Group 60.

1st base, **Reno Sartori**, Group 3; 2nd base, **John Sevetlecich**, Group 3; Short Stop, **Wally Sack**, guard; 3rd base, **Bob Plese**, Group 61; S.C.F., **R. Matesevac**, Group 66; S.C.F., **A. Dunne**, Group 1; L.F., **Bob Kubinski**, Group 3; C.F., **Mike Dubetz**, Group 1; R.F., **Les Tamman**, guard; and R.F., **Fred Perri**, Group 3A.

Group 4-9 Leagues

Group leagues have swung into action now that the softball fields have been completed. Out in the Fuse and Booster Area eight teams are battling. Enthusiasm is rampant among the various groups and all of this enthusiasm is directly traceable to the General Superintendent of Groups 4 through 9, **T. M. Burns**, who, by the way, is very much interested in everything his people do.

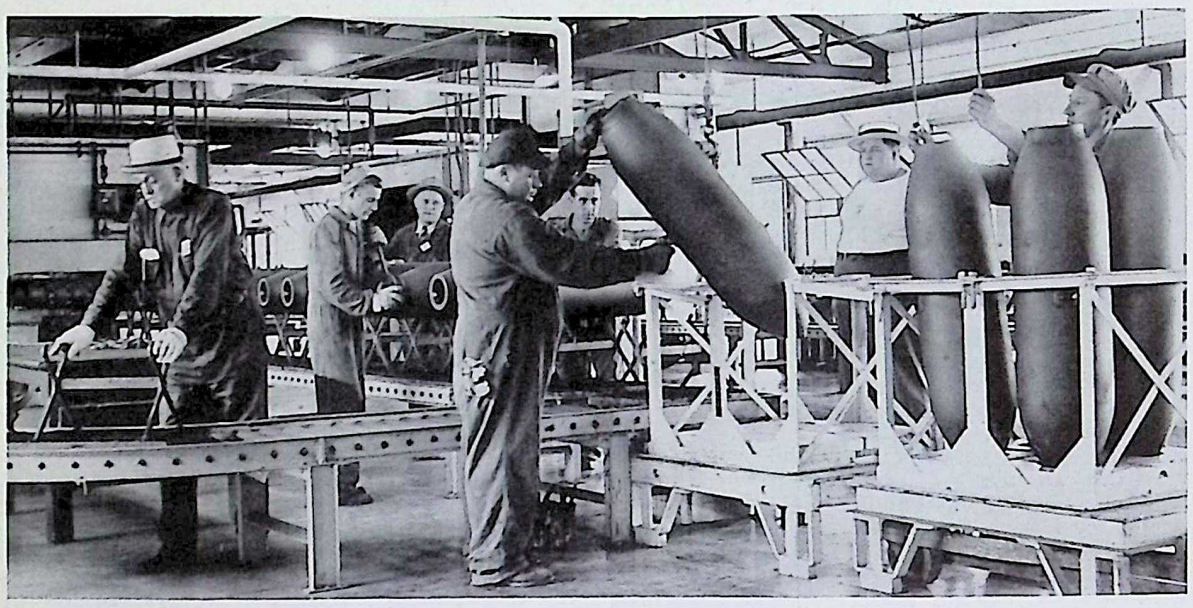
Under the set-up there, Mr. Burns is the commissioner, the group superintendents are in direct charge of their various groups, with team managers running the teams. **Supt. John Lower** is in charge of Groups 4 and 5. **Jim Ross** is manager of Group 4 and **Elliott** is manager of Group 5. **Supt. James Truka** is in charge of Groups 6 and 7, with **Art Jenson** as manager of 6 and **Bob Partridge** of 7. **Johnny Walker** is superintendent of Group 8 and his managers are **Earl Olson** and **William Petain**. **William Whaley** is superintendent of Group 9 and he has two managers, **Bill Partridge** and **Del Millican**. Then there is **S. J. Jacobs**, a divisional head in the groups. His manager is **Joseph Ralston**. **Charles Harris**, bus dispatcher, and **Seveno "Sweeny" Leggro** head a team for the bus drivers.

Load Lines, Igloos

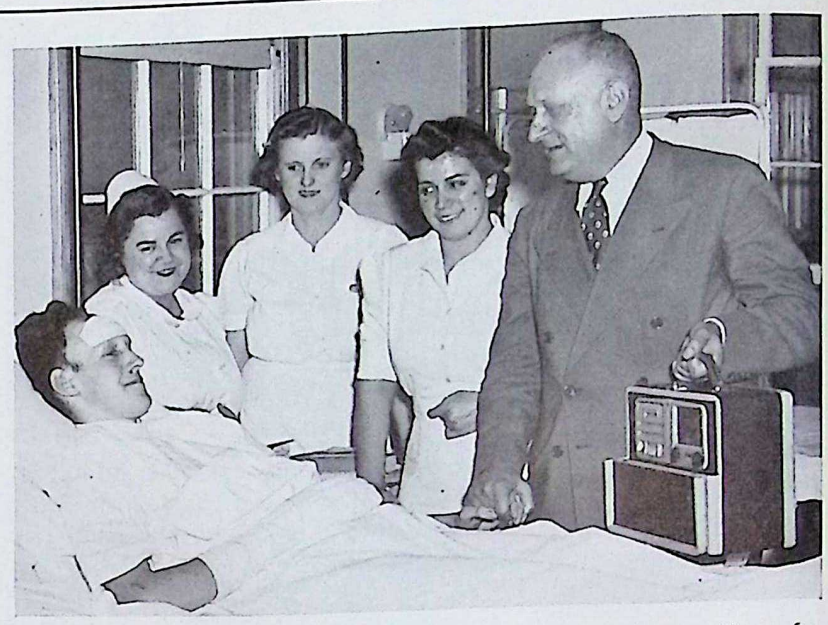
This league is made up for the most part of the Load Line groups. At Group 1, **Joseph Salmon** is superintendent and his managers are **Mid Slack** and **Fred Harris** both of the Inspection Department. **James J. Murphy**, superintendent Group 2, has a team called "Murphy's Boys" and his managers are **Asst. Supt. Jean Hunt** and **Bill Galbraith**. This group has already played a number of games and expects to be in the running for the Plant championship. **Henry D. Dougherty**, Group 3 superintendent, has the makings of another fine team, since three players from the representative EOP team work there, **Bob Kusinski**, **John Svetlecick** and **Rino Satori**. **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick**, Group 3A, has one of the best playing fields in the league. The team is managed by **Fred Perri**, who also plays on the EOP team.

The Road Crew has **Irving "Red" Harbour** in charge and he reports a fine aggregation ready to go. In Group 70, **Gen. Supt. A. M. Lockwood** has **Paul Becker** as manager and this group will without a doubt be hard to beat. They have the EOP battery out there, Haake and Washburn. **Supt. St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart** has **Gustav Salmen** as manager and they have some fine talent to work with at 66. **Supt. Frank Wehrle** is at Group 64 and he has **Lawrence Papst** as manager. They all don't play baseball out there even if Frank is the horsehide coach.

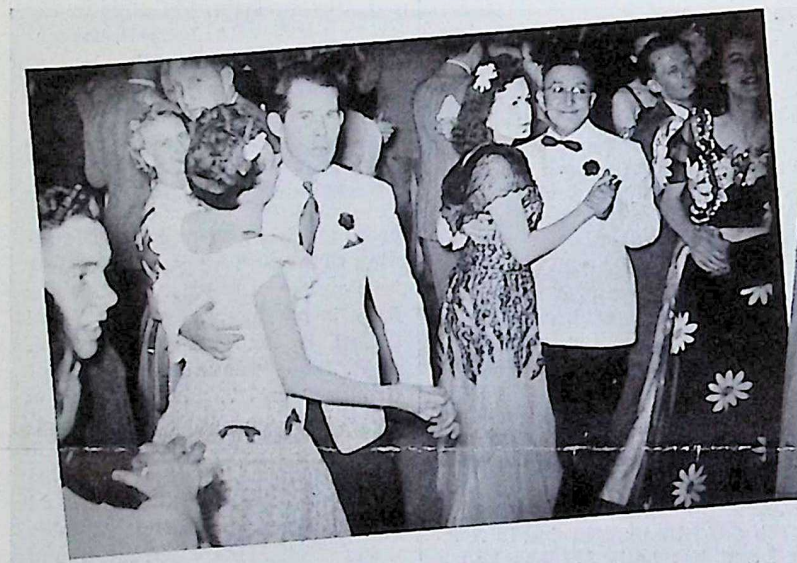
ELWOOD ON PARADE

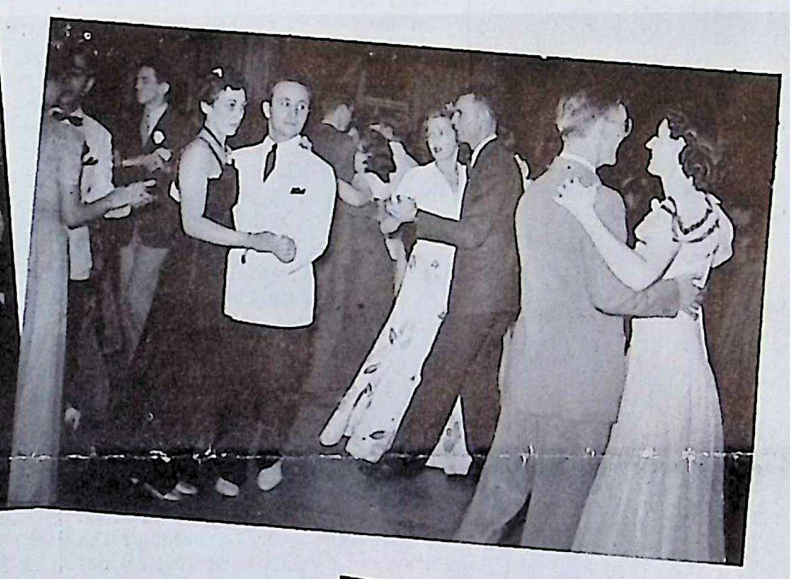


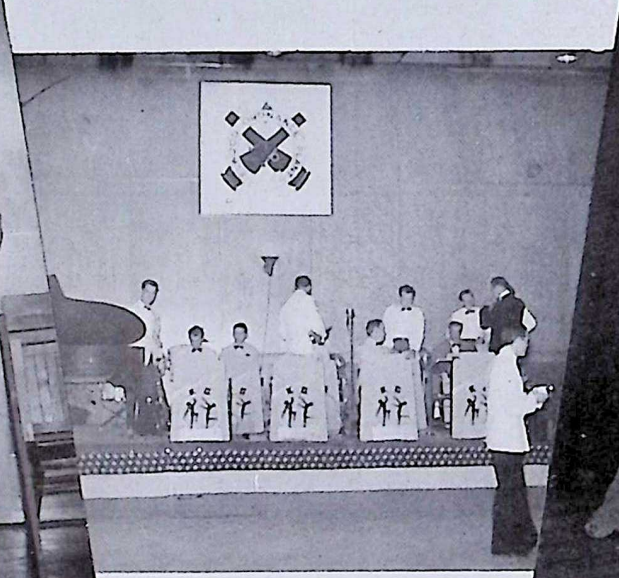
COATS FOR BOMBS are applied in the Paint Shop of Group 3 where this scene was taken. They have to be dressed up for where they are going. At least, the men who act as tailors to the packages of TNT hope they are preparing them for informal calls on certain royalty as well as an ex-painter. Shown here left to right are: L. A. Walsh, Steve Gonda, Harvey L. Watkins, Herman Winkler, Kenneth Fendrick, William Kautz, foreman, and Fred Dvorak.

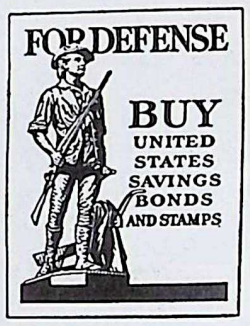


BIRTHDAY IN HOSPITAL was made more interesting for Junius Keith Chapman of Group 2 when he was presented with a portable radio by W. E. Canniff, EOP manager of operations, in behalf of Sanderson & Porter. The gift commemorated Junius' 21st anniversary. Three attractive nurses, Marjorie Hartong, Marie Ulrich and Helen Mueller, are shown, left to right, with the principals.









PERSONAGES at the Ordnance Department dance June 13 are shown at the left. In the center are Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, Comptroller John J. Cole, the orchestra and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Olson. Find yourself in the other scenes. The photos were made by Don Ennis, Utilities Department.

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Patterson on KP Duty When Call Received

Under Secretary of War Praises Elwood Workers

By Harrison Smith

Judge Robert Porter Patterson, who occupies the all important position of Under Secretary of War, was recalled to the service of his country as Assistant Secretary of War to aid in defense preparations. At the time of his call Judge Patterson was Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals, Second District, second only to the U. S. Supreme Court as the highest court in the land.

When called back into service Judge Patterson was on vacation from his judicial duties and was taking advantage of the opportunity afforded him, to enter the Business and Professional Men's training camp in Plattsburg, N. Y. Here, as a private, he was, at the moment of the call, doing kitchen police duty. Judge Patterson had no reason for entering this training camp other than—"In order that I might be useful in case of an emergency, and feeling I was out-of-date, wanted to get up-to-date information on army service." This characteristic of Judge Patterson, of wishing to be useful and up-to-date, was no doubt well known to **President Franklin D. Roosevelt,** not only when he appointed Judge Patterson to a high judicial position, but when he appointed him on this July day to the position of Assistant Secretary of War. The President's confidence has been entirely justified as proven by the Senate's approval of Judge Patterson's elevation to Under Secretary of War on December 19, 1940.

Judge Patterson has never seen Elwood Ordnance Plant and does not know its workers, except through reports of his able assistants who keep him advised of the War Department's staggering program and its "up-to-date" accomplishments. Elwood workers should be proud, and are proud, that our Under Secretary of War has appraised the results of our efforts, finds them good, and expresses his confidence that we will turn out *now* the ammunition which is needed to bring the Axis powers to their knees!

Judge Patterson was born and reared in Glen Falls, N. Y., the

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Checks Are Sent to Group 2 Kin

Checks are being mailed to the families of Elwood's heroes who gave their lives in the service of their country. The fund had reached a total of $16,849 at the last report, and on this basis each unit of the distribution will be in excess of $230.

The widow or parents of each man will receive one unit, and a half-unit will be allowed for each child under 17 years old.

EOP employees were praised by **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman,** commanding officer, who said the contributions indicated "the strong ties that bind us all in this war effort."

". . . you have the stuff that makes top soldiers . . ."

ROBERT PORTER PATTERSON
Under Secretary of War

"NOW — *THIS MOMENT* — is the time when you can best help win this war. Bombs and shells in production quotas do not win wars. Only that ammunition which actually reaches the firing line and is shot from our guns or dropped from our planes will crush the Axis.

Nor will past production records win the battles of the future. Modern armies use up enormous quantities in one day's fighting. A *single armored division* shoots 570 tons of *ammunition* in a *single day's combat*—1,140,000 pounds.

Because neither the performances of the past nor the promises of the future win wars, we must depend on the production of today. You, as Ordnance workers, can help to defeat the Nazis and the Japs by turning out all the shot and shells, all the bombs you can — *RIGHT NOW*.

You've proven you have the stuff that makes top soldiers of production. You showed it by the way you took the recent explosion at Elwood, in your stride. You showed it by your courage and determination.

The Army knows you will keep on producing more and more of the munitions we need. We have every faith that you and the other workers of America will provide the weapons by which our fighting men will win this war.

You who produce *NOW* will be the ones who will give us the stuff to crush the Axis."—**Robert Porter Patterson, Under Secretary of War.**

Group 1 Girls First Chosen for Line Jobs

Munitions Work Holds Interest for 4 Veterans

By Catherine Noonan

A long, long time ago a shout was heard all the way from Congress to the most obscure corner of the earth that the American woman had put on her bustle, arranged the rats in her pompadour, and marched into the business world.

In September, 1941, **Alice Busby** put on a tailored suit, ran a comb through her three-inch feather cut, and was the first woman to set foot inside the EOP area. Only this time there was no surprise or alarm because everyone knew that the American woman would arrive on the scene to take her place in the scheme of things and do a bang-up job.

Although Miss Busby has the distinction of being the "first lady of the area," her entrance was followed immediately by **Loretta Schall, Mary Taylor** and **Dorothy McCormack.** These were the first four women employed by EOP for munitions work. After a training period of two weeks, they, in turn, taught the other women who were subsequently employed for Group 1.

And so women in defense work made their debut at EOP. Today the 80 women employed in Group 1, under the supervision of Miss Taylor, are a harmonious, smooth-running unit.

Miss Taylor and Miss Busby both laughed when asked about the men's reaction to them when they first arrived. "Of course," Miss Taylor said, "Our entrance was accompanied with looks of masculine skepticism and the they-won't-last attitude. This was probably due to the fact that the area was nothing but a mud puddle at that time, and our training class was held in a women's change house which made no effort to give us the comforts of home."

"But after production got under way," Miss Busby added, "We certainly did appreciate their fine spirit of cooperation."

Miss Taylor's background of school teacher in Bonfield, Ill., her home, and later as a social worker in the Kankakee Township office, makes her particularly well-suited for her job as supervisor of the

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10% War Bond Buying Is Goal

War Bond purchases by EOP employees have set an excellent record and stress now is being laid on urging as many as possible to become "ten per centers." Buttons indicating the wearers are investing 10 per cent of their earnings in bonds are being distributed and they will serve as a badge of honor.

Attention of all workers is directed to the notice on Page 9 of this paper. Those who have had changes in their rate of pay since making their payroll allotment are urged particularly to read the notice.

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GET YOUR VITAMIN F . . . FOR FUN

Picture a man playing ball, singing, playing with a swing band, or taking part in one of the many forms of recreation offered here on the plant reservation.

As a result, he'll help load more bombs or shells tomorrow. For tests show that the amount of work a man can do in a day—depends largely on the kind and amount of recreation he has enjoyed in his spare time. His keenness of perception, ability to think clearly, steadiness of hand, all are governed by his recreation.

Here in the Elwood Ordnance Plant, each and every one of us has a chance to take part in that type of relaxation which he or she prefers. The success of all our sports will depend entirely upon our willingness to cooperate. See your group leader about taking part in that form of recreation in which you are most interested. It's more than a man's basic right in this time of war. It is almost his duty.

Always shorten your idle time to the point where you crave a little more recreation. In the long run too much loafing may prove more dangerous than too much hard work—which seldom kills anybody. The invisible machinery of habits cannot stand idle for long without serious injury.

Join today the sports you most desire. Tonight get out and play—have fun—forget all about the plant and the machines. Tomorrow show them how to do some real work—for Uncle Sam.

James Glade, Group 61.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am a new employee, and I enjoy the paper very much.

I live on Chicago's west side and drive back and forth every day, and would be interested in sharing my car with someone or riding with someone who lives on the west side or in one of the nearby west suburbs. I thought the paper would be the best way to contact anyone who might be interested.

I am in Group 3, Building 5. My clock number is 47084. I can be reached either at Nevada 9516 or through my clock number.

John Casaleggi, Group 3...

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for the two issues of *The Bomb-Shell* that I received the first of the week.

At the time of my employment with the Elwood Ordnance plant I was connected with the Time Department. In reading through *The Bomb-Shell* I was surprised at the number of people that I knew either by their names or their pictures. Hope you will continue sending them. My address may change in a month or so but I will inform you of the change. So let's keep 'em flying.

Pvt. K. L. Frandsen,
Air Corps Technical School,
Fort Logan, Colorado.

Sirs:

I have been receiving *The Bomb-Shell* and am very happy to receive them. They are very interesting, and nice to know what is going on.

I am now at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, and not at Louisville, Ky.

Again thanking you.

Pvt. Edward L. Kurth,
Will Rogers Field,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

P. S.—I wish I could help make those shells and bombs again. But I guess I can do just as much where I am.

To the Editor:

Received *The Bomb-Shell* edition of June 5 and June 19 today, June

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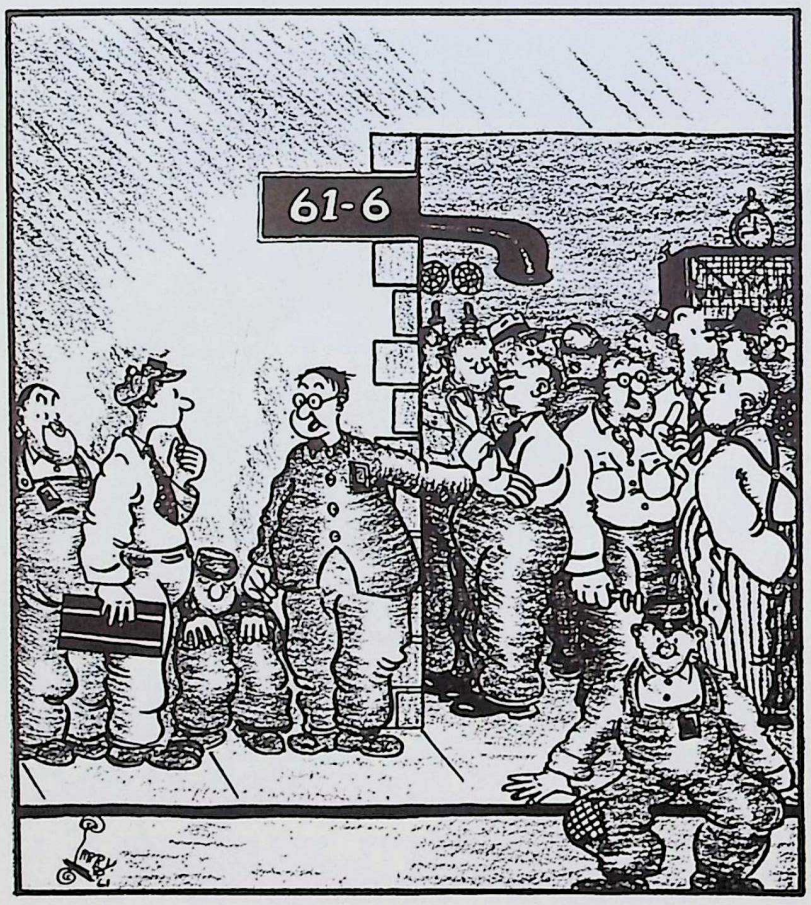

"We're supposed to work here . . . but it's so crowded we can't get in!"

PASSES AND REJECTS

By Vernon C. Bailey

A great deal of credit is due to all of those who participated as EOP representatives in Joliet's Fourth of July parade. So successful was the endeavor, that an encore at 6:30 that same evening was requested at Coal City. **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller, and **Victor Kindelberger**, superintendent of truck transportation, who supervised the floats, took them to Coal City at the request of **James Kriz**, commissioner of finance.

In addition to **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman** and the other Army officers stationed here, who are pictured in another column, the marching units included:

Police matrons, **Gladys Koerner, Mary Donohue, Nina Benson, Mrs. Marie Cline, Mrs. Lorraine Guenette, Mrs. Helen Weber, Mrs. Louella Lipschutz, Mrs. Pauline Marrow** and **Mrs. Villa Eggleston.**

Guards, **Sergt. Edwin O. Selle, Corp. Frank J. Pate, James A. Carey, Donald Casey, Hershell Clemons, Wilbur Cordes, Paul W. Elliott, Ellwood Goodsell, Normal L. Grimsley, Joseph T. Haley, Robert M. Hart, Herbert Jones, Harry Larson, Donald E. Mack, Anthony Mazutis, Harold E. Morine, Hugh D. Morrison, George Perkins, Ralph Sexton, Boyd Sorenson, W. Paul Stacel, V. E. Stevens, J. A. Grimes, Joseph Wolf** and **Kenneth V. Wheeler.**

Fire Department, **Walter Lueder, Charles T. Davis, Richard Doyle, Jr., Ralph C. Rausch, Charles R. Crain, Frank Scoma, Andrew P. Elias, Doyle Pratt, Louis Hildebrand, Donald F. Trainor, Gerard H. Hanlon, Leonard C. Anderson, Bert L. Benson, Marion S. Murawski, Norman C. Lubs, Edwin R. Walsh, Richard C. Franklin, Grover C. Alexander, William F. Hayes, Mark Settlemoir, Wiley G. Bell, Charles Jiskra, Edmund S. Dickens, John E. Davis, James E. Dillree, Thomas L. Billadeau, Clarence Horschler, Orval S. Riggs, George E. Bereolos, Frank M. Clark, George L. Collins, Robert E. Graham, Otto R. Mietz, Robert E. Connelly, Leonard F. Jessen, James C. Dickson, H. Neilson** and **L. Molck.**

Those who were on the floats included:

Groups 4 and 5: **Viola Novak, Gladys Druin, Betty Foster** and **Mary Thompson.**

Groups 6 and 7: **Joan Schouland, Rita Schwab, Marie Cartak** and **Frances Meditz.**

Group 8: **Helen Glagala, Mary Frenchik, Margaret Maxwell, Mildred Nordstrom, Eldora M. Erickson, Earl J. Olson** and **William Weese.**

Group 9: **Hannah Norgargt, Mary Stevens, Helen Shank** and **Lois Peterson.**

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Report Your Address

Check your time card the next time you punch in or out after reading this. It bears the address credited to you in company records. If it isn't correct, fill out a change of address slip placed handily to your time clock and give it to your timekeeper. In this manner you will be assured of your copy of *The Bomb-Shell* at your home. In addition to this advantage, the company is required by law to have your correct address on file.

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Letters from Soldiers

Your attention is directed to the letters from former EOP men now in the armed forces. Read them. You'll get a refreshing reaction. In the next issue of *The Bomb-Shell* there will be started a list of the former workers in the services. You'll be surprised at the number, nearly a thousand. A gigantic service flag is being discussed and we should have details soon.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

The local and national press is full of stories these days about sabotage, spies, and all sorts of subversive folks who ought to be dropped into the middle of the ocean with nothing less dainty than a five-ton truck tied to their ankles. None of us has any quarrel with the argument that they should be rounded up and dealt with severely. Neither do we question the necessity of keeping our collective mouths shut when it comes to those weighty discussions which usually reach their intellectual zenith in the vicinity of taverns, drug stores, pool rooms, and similar gathering places of that section of the human race better identified as wise guys.

Most of us have little opportunity to participate in this campaign to stamp out the enemies within our borders but there is little doubt that every one of us will do his part whenever called on. On the other hand, there is a contagious habit in some of us that needs attention and here is my chance to rant and rave a bit about it.

The issue, my friends, is the *Common Gossip*. He is a species that roams almost every part of the country but seems to have found particularly good forage in and around Will County in the State of Illinois. The subject matter of the fancy tales that he spreads indicates to this eminent anthropologist that he is endowed with a surprisingly small number of brain cells, and there is reason to question the physical condition of the few that may be rattling around in his cranium. The subject matter of his verbal hallucinations rarely, if ever, encroaches on the sphere of the more dangerous saboteur; and the confusion and misunderstandings caused by his silly fabrications will probably never be brought within the provisions of the espionage laws.

In short, he is a pest that rates classification in about the same stratum as the common house fly. But try and swat him. Just about the time you are sure the last one has been nicely interred, up bobs another with a wild tale that **E. O. Huey** has been entertaining doubts about the law of gravity, and just to prove there is no such thing, is going to jump off the top of the Group 60 flag pole next week at two o'clock. Silly, isn't it? But wait and see if a handful of our more gullible readers don't spend the better part of next week watching that gold ball on top of the staff "just in case." Now of course, there is nothing strange in a fellow jumping off a flag pole if he considers that feat an essential but final step of a carefully planned career, but what gets me is the colossal stupidity of a guy that thinks Mr. Huey could ever get up there in the first place. Well, you get the idea.

Then there is another strain of this group of biological nitwits that specializes on salaries and wages. He roams around the area with all the hot dope about the new Superintendent of Empty Pop Bottles who gets not less than a half-million a year with a one-cent bonus for every bottle he encounters. By the time the story goes through its usual embellishment as it is passed from one to another member of the Amalgamated Association of Grapevine Artists, it finally gets back to the main office where **Comptroller John J. Cole** starts looking up the provisions of 77-B and **Project Auditor Zagade** loudly protests that there isn't that much money in the world, and even if there were, salaries like that are paid only at other Ordnance plants.

Ho hum, how about a bottle of pop.

I have written . . . a poem!

The End of a Perfect Day!

Come, Kiddies, get ready—the picnic is over.
Pack up the things and someone find Rover.
Where's the thermos that's got the iced tea?
Bud, what are you doing behind that tree?
Go some place else—that's poison ivy!
Up with you, Jim, get the stuff in the car,
We've got to get moving—we've come too far.
Don't pick up the papers—you're not so neat
Around the house. Rover, get off my feet!
Shake out the blanket—not all over me!
The baby is wet and as cross as can be.
Now what's wrong—have we got a flat?
I told you so—don't swear like that
Before the kiddies. No! I haven't the jack.
I've enough to do without minding your tools.
May, drop those things—they're nasty toadstools!
Stop crying, Baby—I know your gum's sore.
Bud, don't bang your head against the door.
Wow, but it's hot—I know it will rain.
I said we should have come on the train.
Thank God you've fixed it—you're terribly slow,
Maw always said you lacked "get-up-and-go."
What about my mother?—I won't shut my head.
Go ahead and rave—I wish I were dead!
Washing and cooking and slaving all day,
No thanks from you and no time to play.
All right, skip it, and let's be off.
May, how long have you had that cough?
Watch that guy, Jim—he's all over the road.
Eeek—throw out that slimy toad.
Boy! how I wish we were home.
It'll take us hours in this old crate.
We can't get a new one—now it's too late.
Some day we'll be killed in this piece of junk,
Then you'll be sorry—I'm *not* talking bunk!
There's a bruise on my knee—don't scratch your head.
I'll take a good look before you go to bed.
I'm sorry you're hungry—there's nothing to eat.
Oh, stop your whining and *get off my feet!*
Jim, look at that trailer—isn't it cute?
Don't snap my head off—you great big brute!
I *don't* wan't one—I just said it was sweet;
You act like you'd eaten Rover's raw meat.
My girdle pinches and my feet sure ache,
Stop at the baker's and I'll pick up some cake.
We're almost home, children—what do you say:
Shall we go again a week from today?
What's that, Jim—this picnic's the last?
A fine Dad you are—so selfish—don't blast!
We're going next Sunday—no ands, ifs or buts.
Stop shouting so loud, you ugly . . . aw, nuts!

—**Dulcy.**

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Chief Baughman wishes to announce that the new group car stickers may be obtained at the Guard Headquarters in Group 60. If you do not have one already, get one now, as it will be compulsory very soon.

Our Guard Department has shown proficiency in various fields of endeavor in recent weeks. Foremost in our achievements was our Drill Team in the Fourth of July Victory Parade in Joliet. Many compliments were received on the poise and training displayed by our men. We wish to compliment **Sergeant Ed Selle** and **Corporal Frank Pate** on their fine work in training these men. From all observers, the parade was the finest ever displayed in Joliet, and we know the Police Women Unit, the Fire Department Unit and the Guard Unit supporting our fine floats aided in this success on our great national holiday.

Turning to the field of sports, last week our guards were called upon to engage the Fire Department in a golf match. Before the match play began, the combatants discussed the rules and regulations and decided upon a pecuniary reward for the victors. The results showed that three out of four guards had defeated their opponents. **Sergeant McCarthy** defeated **Fire Guard Conley, Supervising Sergeant Bayer** defeated **Fire Guard Schrucker, Guard Matter** defeated **Fire Guard Mallie,** and **Fire Guard Johnson** defeated **Guard Bell.** The four guards are now displaying that green folding money.

Continuing on sports, we are also represented on the EOP baseball teams. **Guards Waller** and **Vickery** are pitchers on the hard ball team. **Guards Sack, Tammen** and **Zinanni** are performing on the kittenball team.

Uncle Sam has called two more of our fine men to the colors. **Corporal Ralph Harper** and **Guard Joseph Early** have been inducted into the armed forces.

On the Grape

This recent conversation was overheard between a new guard and **Sergeant Conners.**

New Guard: Sergeant, I would like to get ahead, what advice could you give me?

Sergeant Conners: (*In his familiar drawl*) The only advice I could give you is that you need one.

Since **Dispatcher Johnny Smith** has moved into his newly built home, the boys are all awaiting the announcement of the housewarming.

Sergeant Brunskill declares the reason he smokes those king-size cigarettes is to keep the half-pint men from borrowing from him. He states it takes a man to smoke one.

Sergeant Bonnie Baker admits he likes to sleep at the Guard House. Reason is, when he climbs atop the double-deck bed it reminds him of his dream yacht and he is soon fast asleep.

The Sergeants ball team was scheduled to play the Dispatchers team Tuesday night, but canceled the game. The reason they offered, was that the hemstitcher didn't have enough lace to finish the uniforms.

Guards **Sexton, Wolf** and crew, who are on the sticker detail at present, are the subject of much comment when they come into headquarters every day lugging their pails. The questions are: Where is the herd? How many do they milk a day?

We heard that **Joe Russell** is a proud daddy. The ony reason we know it is that we got inquisitive about all the other boys smoking cigars. Did you miss the office, Joe?

Guard Art Hansen declares that Group 63 is the best group to work in of all the area. If you run out of gas or your car gets stalled, all you have to do is leave it there. There are plenty of other cars to use.

Guard John Dolan has been appointed Acting Corporal at Group 3. Congratulations and the best of luck.

The Sergeants' meeting was held July 7, preceded by a dinner in the Cafeteria. From all indications, this was the best meeting held so far. This might have been due to the presence of our distinguished guest, **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman.**

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Over the Fourth of July: **La Vern Rasmus** and the former **Betty Carlson** were married . . . **Earl Ruby** saw **Bob Caldwell** and **Zeno Munzebrock,** Group 61 alumni, in Jacksonville . . . dancing to **Falleti's** orchestra were **Mr. and Mrs. Ganz** and family . . . **Jack Alberts** and family visited friends . . . having a gay time in Aurora and Morris was **Ralph Walter** . . . **Howard Feldman** took a jaunt to St. Louis . . . our own **Stanley Slucki** participated in the parade at Joliet . . . Truck Driver **Hal Nosker** made a brief visit to his home town, Iroquois, Ill. . . . our good friends, **Barney Beoletto** and family, made a trip to Roanoke, Ill., to see their relatives.

Richard Schoulda is vacationing in Grand Junction, Mich.

Paul Burke wishes to state that he has no store teeth . . . both of them are his own.

After a brief spell of intestinal flu **Robert Leadingham** is back working.

Attention, **"Tiny" Cahoon!** We have a talented chap here named **Erny Decker.** He does many imitations as well as sing.

The bobolins, **Ray Carlson,** will get you (or your badge) if you don't watch out.

Henry McElroy, a former Group 61 employee, of Camp Shaffie, Arkansas, is home on furlough.

Dorothy Jane Buggeman became **Mrs. Charles O'Connor** June 26.

How about a toast to two swell personalities? Hats off to **Corporal Leonard Williams** and **Guard Clarence Scott** (better known as **Scotty**).

On July 14 **William Dooley** celebrated his birthday.

Willie Eneix walked into the shaker screen, bumping his eye. Result: three stitches. Keep 'em open, Willie.

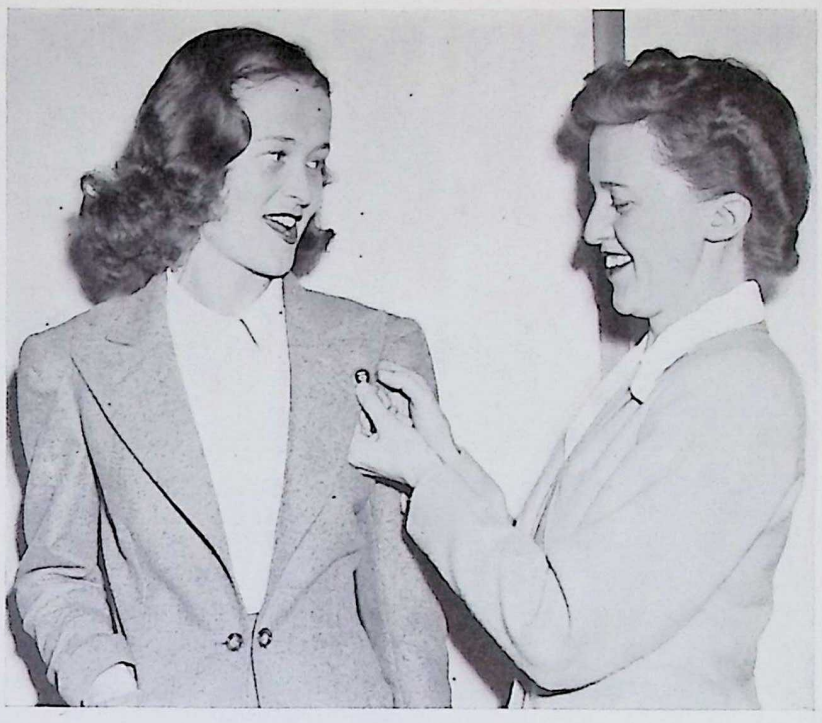
The draft board notified **Jess Shelby** to report for his physical examination.

While on a trip to southern Illinois, **Elmer Henry** picked up some hilarious jokes to tell his employee pals.

Virginia Kepplinger and **Bob Brumbach** have been golfing lately.

It would be nice if: the bus would wait for **Marvin Rasmussen** . . . **Whitney Miller** and **Larry Lahrman** came to work instead of touring around on the plant roads . . . the **Millwrights** could get more to sit in the chair they wired . . . **Fred "Tiny" Kase** got a shock . . . everybody knew why **Pete Susemichl** drives from Oaklawn to Morris . . . someone like **Eugene Balchowski** would teach us to smoke cigars. . . . **Kay's** last name were made known to us by **Joe Sarti** . . . we knew why **Charlie Johnson** walks to work . . . our pal, **Nels Nelson,** would give us some "dope" on the Power House boys . . . a friend would "fix up" **Joe Silverstein** . . . you knew why **Bill "Sal-e" Dooley** calls **Charles Hinz** "Sugar" and **Seward Brown** "Sugar Pie" . . . more overtime could be had by **Joel Johnston** since his wife isn't working any more . . . "Silver Fox" were the name of **Arnold Fedderson's** bus everybody were as polite as **William Johnston** . . . esnecially to

laundry personnel . . . "Boss" were stenciled on more overalls other than **Bob Churchill's** . . . you knew that our staff of janitors consists of **Frank "Locker Foreman" Ariagno, George "Pushbroom" McSherry** and **Chester "Wash Basin" Reynolds** . . . we could tell the difference between **Pete Balma** and **Louis of Troy**. . . snuff wasn't chewed for lunch by **Ralph Walker** . . . the three Musketeers, **Paul Newey, Robert Derksen** and **Tony Berklacich** would let us in on what they did at Bass Lake, Ind. . . . the problem child, **Louis Dobovsky,** would come across and tell us why he doesn't ride the La Salle bus anymore. . . . The men from the crusher could relieve **George Roach** of his duties (eating eight hours a day and worrying about your building) . . . restless boys could settle down like **Wayne Howard** (his playing days are over) . . . **M. Brouillette, Glen Kelly** and **James Smith** would invite me along when they stop for refreshments in Wilmington. . . . **Lawrence Keely** were able to last long enough this week to get a "ringer" . . . all painters could afford high-priced hotels (**Roy Kline** can) . . . **Don Morsch** would quit chewing tobacco . . . **"Crystal Ball" James Glade** would tell me more about my future (lately he has been doing a lot of predicting . . . my mother, **Mrs. Frank Jirousek** and friends knew how much I appreciated the surprise birthday party they gave for me.



TEN PER CENT BUTTONS, like the one Irene Keenan, secretary to Harrison Smith, is pinning on Billye Nicholson, secretary to W. E. Canniff, are being awarded to all EOP employees who are investing 10 per cent of their earnings in War Bonds.

Inspection

RICHARD LOWERY
Correspondent

Joseph Leo Waldvogel, Group 1 inspector, entered training at the Marine Base in San Diego, Cal., on July 15. We wish you all the luck in the world as you further your effort to save democracy.

Florence Stoltz's husband, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., will be home this week-end on furlough. Florence, Group 8 inspector, has just finished buying a new summer outfit for the occasion.

If the talent in the Inspection Department is as good as they say. we may furnish *"The Bomb-Shell Revue"* with **Doris Patno.** Doris was accepted for an audition as a singer.

Bill Kirban, scale superintendent, spent the Fourth fishing on the Du Page River. Bill rose at 5 a. m. and fished until 5 in the evening. For the last few days he has spent most of his time in the "doghouse," not because he failed to catch any fish, but he failed to be home to celebrate his special anniversary.

Harold Rouff, our popular inspector in charge of Group 61, is quite a golfer. If he keeps up his record, he may be able to beat **Champ. Bob Walsh.** Walsh is inspector in charge of Group 3-A.

Moe Brennan, inspector at 3-A, has hit a snag in his effort to build up a good baseball team. Moe is looking for a wide-awake outfielder to take **"Sleepy" Heavajcik's** place.

Bill Kirban is offering a generous reward of 100 grains for information regarding the whereabouts of "Yehui." The little man who pushes the indicators of his scales to the correct spot. He is in desperate need of this important person, as his best alibis have gone with him.

Sign in Scale Department: "Work faithfully 8 hours a day and don't worry, for some day you may become the boss; work 16 hours a day and have all the worry."

"Shoeless" Paul Jackson knocked out three home runs in a practice session the other day. The rest of the inspectors of 3-A team may be seen any day now in their bare feet.

The excitement in the office this week was not caused by the increase of its members, but the receiving of two real electric fans. Maybe **Robert Wilhelmi** will have the South African wall fans removed.

Bud Brown's secretary, **Lorrayne Ostrem,** made a beautiful picnic lunch for the Fourth. We found out that she had the picnic at Inwood, but with whom we know not. Would one of our dear friends come to our rescue.

Eugene McAllister, inspector at Group 61, is a very happy fellow now that **Joan Hammel** has returned home. **Harold Rouff** reported that Eugene has increased his effort 100%. Maybe someone had better make an arrangement with Joan's father to keep her home next year.

Sammy Hoffman, scale inspector at Group 3, has a total of twelve nicknames. His latest one is **"Sandy."** It seems hard to believe that a dark-haired person would receive such a "handle."

Now that **Elmer Nesius,** inspector in charge of Group 7, has his scooter, he plans to leave **Jim Nolan** take it to Chicago after work. Maybe Jim will have a trailer made for it.

Ben Slutsky is planning to enter his baby in the local baby beauty contest. Ben's daughter is the picture of her mother with a touch of that Slutsky smile.

A. J. MacLellan, chief inspector, was ill two days last week with a bad summer cold. He hopes that **Harold Troupe** will shut off his new electric fan when he enters the gage office.

Willard Vail, head inspector at Group 6, can be seen on the Inwood Golf Course any time after five-thirty. His partner in crime, **Bill Hartman,** is going to buy a portable lighting unit in order to keep the ball rolling at night.

No one has heard from **Franklin Lewis,** inspector in charge of Group 1, for at least five days. Frank dropped his golf games to take up fishing. **Bill Kirban** told Frank that his average is five a day. Maybe Bill had better tell Frank where he buys them . . . or lower that average.

Tony Lutkus' wife plans to leave for the North Woods on a two weeks' vacation on July 15.

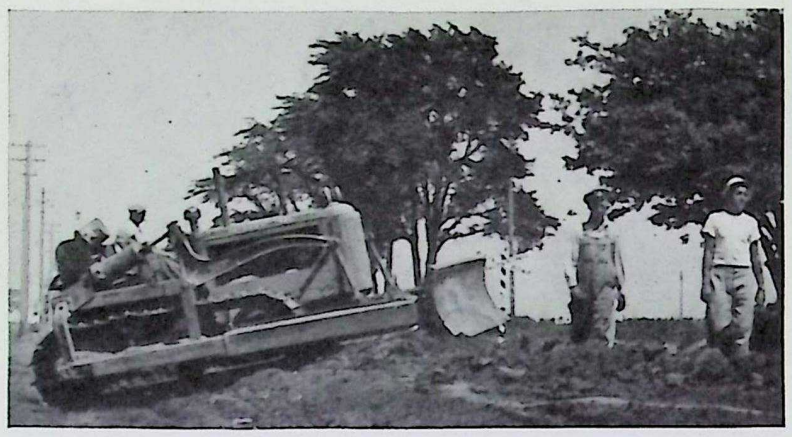
C. Robert Wilhelmi, our assistant chief inspector's son, is a second Tarzan. C. Robert jumps and climbs around the large Wilhelmi estate without any fear whatsoever of falling into the Kankakee river.

SAFETY SANDALS must be worn by all visitors to the EOP loading lines, to meet the safety requirements equalled by the wearing of safety shoes by employees. Here, Karl Ulrich, assistant safety supervisor, shows Al Hesley, Group 2 safety engineer, how the sandals are to be worn. They come in two sizes, 8 and 10, and are available at all groups.

Hospital

LUCY HARKNESS
Correspondent

Word has been received from **William T. Bryant,** former insurance adjuster. Bill was inducted into the armed forces June 3 but was given a ten-day furlough, which he spent enjoying the fine arts of fishing, eating and visiting with folks and friends. Then on June 13, he reported to Portland, Me., and was sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, with the Engineers Battalion. Bill seems to enjoy army life. His address is: Pvt. W. T. Bryant, 76th Division, Company B, 301 Engineer's Battalion, Camp Meade, Maryland.



"BULLDOZER" is the name of this heavy piece of road building equipment. Driving it is George Ford. Walking ahead are Francis Hudak and Benjamin Minor, Jr.

From **Tom Moore**, ambulance dispatcher:

For years the world went
around the Axis;
Now the world is against
the Axis.
So let's produce more
And help win the war!

Seen on the way to work. On route 66 near the Jackson Grange, there is a sign in front of the Trailer Camp which reads: "Worms for Sale." Some of those trailers do remind me of worms!

Frankie Yarborough "flew the coop" July 1. He was told the good news that he might go home if he were a good boy, and no patient was ever better! Even though we knew that we were going to miss him, we were all glad that he had made such an improvement. However, Frankie still returns to the hospital each day for medical treatment, and makes the rounds calling on patients and personnel. Everyone is interested in his progress and cheered by his appearance.

Joe Chizmark, ambulance driver, has a perfect bodyguard. On the Fourth, Joe brought along his pet fox terrier, Skippy, and no one could get within speaking distance of Joe.

July 4th was significant as a Day of Independence and freedom for more than the good U. S. A. This past Fourth was also a day of celebration for our prize patient, "Pidge." Having fully recovered from his broken wing and having regained his flying strength, "Pidge" was released by **Dr. H. L. Schultz** for the homeward trek. After circling above the hospital a few times, probably glorying in his new-found freedom and thanking the Doctor, he headed straight for Chicago and the "home roost." Dr. Schultz sent a message along to "Pidge's" owner, securely fastened to the leg of the carrier pigeon, and we hope to hear of our mascot's safe arrival home.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Bob Milus has found a use for old razor blades; he shaves with them.

Roy Chasteen bought a raffle ticket, and was the winner. A friend called his home, but was informed by his wife that Roy was out for the evening. "Well," said the friend, "when he comes in tell him he won a card table." "Won Clark Gable," his wife gasped. "Oh boy! Send him right over."

We wish to congratulate **Joseph J. Corrigan** on his enlistment in the service. The spirit he manifested with the other young men, is typical of America and assures us of ultimate victory.

George Sangmeister, Mayor of Frankfort, says if you think politics is easy, try standing on a fence while keeping an ear to the ground.

Alvin Rediger says that seeing all the shells here recalls the time a minister, attempting eulogy in a funeral sermon, said, "We have here only the shell; the nut is gone."

Jerry Cellenti repaired a couple of jacks we had here and was going to lend them to anyone going on a vacation, believing they would be useful in opening pullman windows. **Harlow Kadow** reminded him that science beat him to it, by inventing air conditioned trains.

J. Liles played one joke too many. He stuck his head into a room where the boys were playing poker and yelled, "Fire!" They did.

Presley Hankins believes that even with rubber at 1 cent a pound, a heel like Hitler would bring in quite a large sum.

Often we thought that the location of our department was a disadvantage but we are fortunate in being off the beaten path of **Frank (Slugger) McCarthy** of **E. G. McAloon's** department. So naturally it is a pleasant place to work.

I have been accused of brushing my teeth with gun powder because I shoot off my mouth so much.

D. Foutch and **Swan Sandahl** of our night crew can't see very well during the day, only on Thursday.

Hugh S. Robb, Superintendent: "God gave man two ends; one to think with and one to sit on. Success is determined by which end he uses most. Heads you win; tails you lose."

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

The story is told of **A. M. Lockwood** who, on a particularly disagreeable morning not long ago, offered a ride to a young lady going to the Fuze and Booster area. With his customary kindness, Mr. Lockwood delivered the girl at the doorstep. Imagine his chagrin, when upon alighting, the girl shoved something into his hand and murmered, "I think that was worth a dime."

EOP Radiophone made another national magazine this month with a photograph (taken early last fall) of one of the locomotive radiophones.

The Utilities Department extends a hearty welcome to **J. V. Wall**, superintendent of Electric Department, and his secretary, **Agnes McCarthy**, who have recently moved to Richards Farm from their former headquarters in the Administration Building.

The Transportation Department enjoyed a very pleasant surprise party July 2 at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walters** in Joliet. The occasion was Mr. Walters' birthday. Those present were **E. J. Egan, Robert Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Reilly, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McCraley, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Sperling, Margaret Hayden,** and **Ernest Raunser.**

It took some clever figuring to replace the large plate glass windows at the Radiophone Headquarters but the trusty firm of **Honson & Peterson** of the Carpenter Shop did an artistic job of it. The new windows are far nicer than the old. **Gust Lagerwall, Otto Svienson** and **Oscar Berge** did the carpentry work and did it well. Thanks, fellows.

The old Blacksmith Shop at Richards Farm, used during the period of construction, is silent. No more ringing of anvils, the dull thud of power hammers or any of the thousand and one sounds of a shop, for the Blacksmith division has been transferred to its new quarters in Group 70. All the boys soon became accustomed to the new shop and its equipment and are quite happy. They're all set to grind the ax that'll ax the Axis!

Construction of the new addition to the Service Garage is rapidly nearing completion. The new service station and parking lot are also well underway and will soon be in operation.

Merle Eberhart, usually the quiet type with nothing to say, noticed a field of cut oats the other day. Suddenly he piped up with, "I never knew it grew that way." "What a shock," was the answer, followed by several groans and silence.

We can all relax now—**Tommy Reardon** of the Machine Shop has finally found a house!

Millard L. Neher, painter foreman, left July 11 for the army. Neher's 248 pounds did a very good job at "slapping" on the paint and, as **Singer** says, wanted a chance to slap at the Japs instead.

In covering the night spots in Chicago recently, our roving reporter ran across **Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Manchester** in the Kungsholm. On inquiry, Manchester stated that it was the anniversary of the luckiest day of his life—his wedding anniversary!

The Sheet Metal Workers are planning their annual outing along the Kankakee river on July 18. Strictly stag! !

Quoting a statement of **W. M. Dale**, pipe fitter chief, "When Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves, he forgot the crew at the Pipe Shop."

J. A. Cocker can certainly be proud of the Machine Shop ball team. They have only lost one game out of four. **Manager Becker** is doing a fine job and has the cooperation of all of his team.

Zoom Bus News—

Hello everybody! This is our first appearance in *The Bomb-Shell*. Haven't you heard about the bus lines yet? Our activities are confined to the Fuze and Booster area. **Fred Aster**, one of the busiest men at EOP, is our superintendent. Many of you will remember Fred for the fine job that he did as foreman on the railroads during construction period. Through Fred's untiring efforts we now have thirteen major bus lines running into the plant. While Fred is busy making outside contacts for bus service to the plant, three dispatchers, **Johnny Hennessy, Charlie Harris** and **Eddie Koerner** are kept busy seeing that the men and women get to their respective groups on time for work and getting those who are through working back to their cars and busses. **Seveno "Sweeney" Leggero** is chief driver and maintenance man. "Sweeney" is really kept busy so that we have enough busses for the service we like to give.

Thanks to **Lee "Lucky" Davis** for her song "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom." "Lucky" wrote the song and had it published as a tribute to the 27 bus drivers who are busy doing such a fine job for our department. If you haven't got your copy yet, you better see "Lucky" as reports have it that they are going fast.

The **Bus Drivers** ball team, better known as **"Asters Angels,"** made their debut July 2 in **"Tiny" Cahoon's** great recreational program with a 9 to 8 victory over Group 8.

Johnny Bonas is expecting to become one of our fighting boys soon and we'll sure miss him because he does a fine job of bringing the boys and girls to and from the front gate to the shake-down house.

Gleen Hunter and **Jimmy O'Connor** passed out the cigars recently on the arrival of "blessed events" in their families. Both were boys.

Howard Cardwell is planning on leaving the "Bachelors' Club" and joining the "Benedict's" around July 19.

Announcement

The Mechanical Department wishes to announce the grand opening of the laundry at Group 70 on June 23.

This modern and fully equipped plant is now laundering all the uniforms for the girls in the Fuze and Booster groups and the men's coveralls from Group 61.

Francis (Ah Sing Lo) Walsh, superintendent of said laundry, has 24 bee-u-ti-ful girls working two shifts along with six mere males to keep all of our Fuze and Booster girls spick and span.

When the planned additions are completed, we expect to launder the linens of the hospital, guest house and Foreman's Quarters.

High Explosives

JACK GARNANT
Correspondent

Group 63 lost another employee to the army. **John Piazzo** reported July 9 and we understand there was a cash gift for him from the men at 63.

The High Explosives Department seems to be highly in favor of wire fox terriers. Group 63 has found a new mascot in "Pete," the name seemingly taken from that of a certain inspector at Group 63.

Private Frank J. Walsh, former checker at 63 and 66A, reports he is enjoying army life at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo. Frank would enjoy a letter or two from his old friends here and just maybe he would like a half-dozen or so from that girl . . . or would he?

GROUP 66:

The boys in the lumber mill in Group 66 are all doing their bit for national defense. In addition to their regular duties, they have a large box in which they deposit all their scrap rubber and metal.

Ray Good's "shiner" is all healed and he's looking for another fight — just to watch this time.

St. Elmo Stewart took one of his week-end fishing trips and returned with only four fish and a good case of "chiggers."

Ray Matasevic returned to work last week after spending a day in the hospital having his tonsils removed.

Chester Tucker says that he would have been graduated from the eighth grade if they hadn't kicked him out of school just because he wouldn't shave.

"Chuck" DiPeso, timekeeper, Group 66, is spending two weeks in Travers City, Mich., taking life easy.

"Doc," "Mike," "Peanuts" and "Bell," the four kittens of Group 66 lumber mill, are old enough for adoption. Anyone wanting a good mouse catcher contact **Leo Warren**, godfather of the kittens, and take your pick.

George "Gunga Din" Pappas is back on the job after an enjoyable two weeks in California.

Johnny Roussopulos, 66A, is deeply perturbed about this reporter's mistake regarding the weight of Johnny's new born baby reported in *The Bomb-Shell*. Hear ye! Hear ye!—official weight is recorded as 8½ pounds ½ ounce.

Group Foreman McCray at 66A is doing his best to represent the group in the new EOP orchestra as trombonist.

Group 68 has a challenger in **Ford C. "Bim" June** for **Jack Whittinghill's** remark in *The Bomb-Shell* of July 3. Bim says he is willing to lose five pounds if Jack will gain the same amount to match weight. Bim is all set to meet him at the next EOP boxing show for the honor of Group 68.

The Cherokee maiden (**Verneille Holder**) has set up her wigwam on the Kankakee for the summer and there on July 19 a pow-wow of all the Happy Chemists, their squaws and chiefs will be held. There'll be lots of indigestible food, barrels of iced tea and plenty of fun. **Chief Brooks** and his warriors from the Fuze and Booster Lab will join in the conclave. **Supt. St. Clare Smith** and his staff of office workers may come, too, if the latter will behave.

Ellis Steinberg, hole-in-one artist, modestly announces he is prepared to meet any and all comers on any course within 50 miles of Chicago.

Everyone turned up for work with unimpaired efficiency on the sixth, notwithstanding a glorious Fourth. **John Snyder, Palmer Overholt** and **Nelson Tippett** trekked back to Ohio for the long week-end. Tippett, who a week or so ago was trying to find out how to get his tires recapped, has been reassured by a service station attendant that his tires are good for another 20,000 miles, at least. We've seen the tires and can only conclude that the service station fellow had been drinking. Anyway, the trip to Ohio was without mishap and all returned looking suitably starry-eyed.

"Rosemary Hafele," who has been living at the lab for the past several months, accompanied her master, **Chief Chemist Herb E. Hafele**, to their home in Kankakee for the Fourth of July week-end. Rosemary, incidentally, wishes to express her gratitude to all those nice waitresses at the Cafeteria who daily provide her with delicious bones and meat scraps, thereby keeping her slightly overweight, but happy.

Note to matrimonially inclined women: Eligible males employed at the lab include, as of today, **Ray Hybarger**, assistant chief chemist; **Abraham Agamy**, janitor; **Rayford "Speed" Winters**, beaker boy; Govt. Inspectors **Dave Hill, Ronald Beck** and **Steinberg**, and **Tippett** and **Snyder**, chemists.

First Aid Worker Added to Staff

The new addition to the First Aid instruction force is none other than I. W. Hawes who comes to us from the Red Cross Field Service. Mr. Hawes has had many years of teaching experience in First Aid work and will head up the new classes to be formed in the plant. When he starts the new classes, be sure and get in on them.

New Safety Booklets

The new Safety Regulation booklets for supervisors and foremen, as well as the new Safety Rule and Conduct booklets for all employees, are being distributed this week. The management advises that any employee who has not received his copy can obtain one from his foreman or the safety engineer in the area.

POWERFUL UPHEAVAL results when a grader, operated by Daniel Callahan, is put to work behind a Caterpillar tractor. The one shown here is driven by Erwin Range.

Janitor Agamy, who does a little Victory-gardening out in back of the lab in his spare time, wasn't nonplussed when someone sent him after some marshmallow plants. Agamy came back from his home town, Coal City, with some seeds, purportedly marshmallow. Now little watermellons are budding on the plants.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Eddie Grant and **Bob "Zipper" Zintarski** are pledged to join the ranks of Benedicts in the near future. We do wish them well and hope that they will be happy in wedded bliss, but suggest that they talk the whole thing over with **Bill Lowrey**, who was recently married to **Myrtle Andrews**, or with **Russell Frangella**, who took unto himself a bride by the name of **Louise Garvin**. There is nothing quite so valuable as advice from experienced people.

Harold Schomis has been promoted from ramp foreman to shift foreman in Building 14, which in our humble opinion qualifies him for the nickname, "Lucky."

Peter Romano was presented June 23 with a new daughter, affectionately known as **Toni**. Both father and daughter are doing a little bit of all right.

Time was when there were a few girls employed in the fuze bay of Building 13. When the lads returned from the change house they were wont to bring back candy bars in an effort to curry favor with the winsome lassies. Of course the girls were unequal to the task of consuming all the candy which came their way and they shared it with the boys in the fuze bay. Now that the girls are there no longer the lads lament the fact that their source of sweets is gone. . . .

Group 1 is supplying some high class musical talent for the forthcoming "Bomb-Shell Revue."

Supt. **Joseph E. Salmon** has had some grading done on the group ball field and it is now in good shape.

"Shorty" Bowman, one of the mainsprings of Change-house 8, performed in the parade and Fourth of July celebration at Streator and according to all reports he is a clown par excellence and appears in the full regalia of his chosen profession.

Our carpenter department has built and installed a handsome "V for Victory" trellis at the first-aid station and with its aid our flowers will soon be blooming in all their morning glories. . . .

This reporter was in the locker-room one night and heard a young fellow complaining bitterly about *The Bomb-Shell*, saying, among other things, that "You can take the paper and go you-know-where with it." When asked why he felt that way he replied that perhaps the paper was okay but that they had a pretty dumb reporter at Group 1 because he never mentioned anyone but company inspectors and fellows from Building 13. We were so surprised by our own astonishment that we quite forgot to get the young fellow's name but anyway this is his story.

AN ARMY OF EQUIPMENT is the appearance of this one unit of road building machinery. Behind walking E. L. Schuyler, grading foreman, is a giant scoop tractored by Carl Gerdes. The sheep's foot roller is driven by Stephen Richard, a second scoop by Gerald Delaney and a road patrol by James Pfleger.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

The Fourth of July put everybody in a holiday mood. . . . **Sy Kurantman** was seen by the roving reporter cavorting at the Edgewater Beach Boardwalk . . . as usual, he was dressed fit to kill. . . .

Kay Rosenbaum hied herself off to Gary to visit **Marj Horning**, formerly of here.

Lee Sopher and **Anne Kakara** took off in different directions on their respective vacations. . . . Lee to Bay City, Mich., and Anne to Ohio. . . .

S'pose you heard about the picnic the War Department is going to have on the 19th. . . . Everyone and their brother will be there . . . so better get your picnic paraphernalia out and dust it off. . . . Mr. Kurantman is the chairman so you can bank on a good time. . . .

If you want to know what a gal gets when she is a good girl see **Joe Kush** of Mail and Record.

Kennie Holz, chauffeur, was on sick leave for a couple of days.

That reminds us . . . **Ray Marquardt** and **Lois Ressler**, operations and engineering; **Gerry (Personnel) Kestel**, **Pat Haley**, **Ken Holz** and **Vera Gussman** spent a Wednesday night at Riverview, and a good time was had by all . . . so we hear, via the grapevine. . . .

Francis McCarthy of Auditing spent his vacation gathering a good tan. Wonder what **Kay Rosenbaum** did while he was away? . . .

Miss Moore of Personnel chugged away on the choo choo the other day to gather some info' for the Inspection Department . . . she returned Thursday.

Ask **Marie Maren** of Mail and Record . . . Tiny to those who know her . . . what she hid her badge for the other day . . . almost kept everyone in the station wagon from getting to work on time. . .

Didja notice the picture of the **J. E. Olsons** in *The Bomb-Shell* last issue . . . if they didn't look the part of a happy married couple . . . spose they'd dish out some advice if we started a lovelorn column?? . . .

Helen Harmon of Payroll worked all day the Fourth . . . good thing she did . . . otherwise all of us would have been around floating a loan somewhere. . . .

Ann Kulpa informed us that she is definitely *not* going to Arkansas on her vacation . . . but is taking off for the East.

Mary Lou Schwartz of Mail and Record had a cold for a day or two . . . being a good sport she showed up for work every day . . . she's recovered now though and as vivacious as ever. . . . **Ralph Clutts**, the teletype typhoon, can make the funniest noises . . . just ask him sometime. . . .

The parade in Joliet was a huge success . . . the best they ever had . . . no wonder, what with our commanding officer leading the finest array of soldier boys there is . . . sure makes your heart take a leap up in your throat when you see 'em struttin' their stuff. . . .

Catherine Stortz took a journey to St. Louis a while ago to see her soldier boy friend . . . since then . . . she has been all ajitter. . . .

Casey (K.C.) Jones of Inspection took off for the Wisconsin lakes the other day to go afishin' . . . better practice up on the line, boys, 'cause Casey will have some tall ones to tell. . . .

Charles Gorman fell and broke his right leg just below the knee Friday night. Could be he was so excited about his wife presenting him with a nice baby boy last week, **Frank Gorham**, 8½ pounds.

Paul Barhoover, group inspector in Group 6, and **Mary Virginia Lay** of Chicago were married June 27. It was a very impressive ceremony and was held in the Albany Park Baptist Church, Chicago . . . those attending from the plant were **Naomi Apgar**, **Catherine Fitzmaurice**, **Helen Ballack**, **Mary Meaux** and **Ed Ritter**. . . . The newlyweds are living in Kankakee.

Margaret Carter gave her family a break last week and spent several days with them at their cottage on the Kankakee River. . . .

S. L. Eisler and the gang who ride with him . . . together with some of their friends . . . had a picnic supper June 30 at Hammel Woods. . . . If the Cubs only knew that Mr. Eisler was such a "good" baseball player. . . .

Lt. C. P. Bohannon is leaving the Inspection Department for the Operations and Engineering Department. **Lt. Frederick J. Weis** is taking his place. . . . Lieutenant Weis came here from Picatinny Arsenal.

Howie Johnson and **Emily McCormack** were hitched on June 27th . . . seems like there's an epidemic around here . . . guess this writer will have to get some lessons . . . or maybe a net. . . .

George Attaway got himself sick and is now in the hospital.

Let us all take a lead from **Bill Ryan** and his Tinners, who have as their slogan:

"Keep It Flying"

To keep it flying
Keep on buying,
There's no use lying,
We know many are dying;
So stop the crying,
And keep it flying
By steady buying.

HIGHWAY SEXTET might be applied to this group composed of equipment and operators. The first roller is driven by Emmett Riedy, road patrol by V. E. Kissee, second roller by D. E. Jones, third roller by Richard McInerney and the sprinklers by Richard Costable and Roy Malcolm.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN
WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

When **A. P. Balston**, superintendent, pitched the first ball at the North Inert vs. Group 27 game at the new EOP softball field, he started off the three teams mustered as a result of his enthusiasm for the plant athletic program.

The team at South Inert will be led by **Willy Fang**, with **"Cy" Cobb** as pitcher, **David Lardi**, catcher, and **Earl Ely**, **Elmer Hankey**, **Russell Knutz**, **"Alabam" Greenwood**, **Harold Wickstrom**, **George Mochoko**, **Vance Hamman**, **Lawrence Nelson**, **George Harrop** and **Matt Reay** taking care of the long and short gardening. Some of them are supposed to be ex-minor leaguers—we think it is M-I-N-E-R.

The North Inert team will be piloted by **Frank Zupancic**, with a roster consisting of **Clarence Rexroth**, **Jack French**, **"Senator" Duffy**, **Bill Willis**, **Jack Guadinger**, **Jim Hamilton**, **Clarence Sluiter**, **Joe Bordero**, **Lou Tomazic** and **George Beallis**. **Lloyd Gall**, the star baseball pitcher, is preparing to help the EOP team keep well up in the percentage column.

The team at Group 27 will be headed by **William Kokal** and the "Mudders" include **"Chitch" Mauro**, **Ed Spizio**, **Ed Sheridan** and **Glen Wagner** of ex-major and minor league fame. **Tony Cinotto** and **Joe Fazio** are showing keen competition in working up to the berth of water-boy. The boys are all steamed up to beat the North and South Inerts who work out in dryer territory. **Al Gierich** is praying for a wet field. A collection was taken up at each group for the team equipment and met with the usual dynamic Inert success. The Inert ball fields are now well under way. This might give North Inert a chance to practice, and how they need it!

Michael "Burbank" Mauss has apparently succeeded in accomplishing what his illustrious forebear failed in doing. He is growing tomatoes in solid rock. They are frequently watered by **Virgil Mooty**.

Last week a pitiful cry for help came from Building 27-30. The office crew rushed to the rescue and found our little **Eddie Sheridan** being whipped around by the brass knob. A request will be made in the future to move Eddie's office from Building 27-25 to 27-30 as most of his time is spent there.

A movement is on foot to purchase a scooter for **Otto Heap**. Last week while traveling at high speed around the corner of a building he got a pocket full of sand. **Big Ben (not alarm clock) Sloan** refused a phone extension last week. He claims by opening the window and talking he can reach any part of the area.

The North Office garden is showing just how hearty the plants grown at EOP can be. Last week those great big scrapers and tractors actually uprooted the flower bed . . . some plants and poppies were salvaged, however, and are blooming. Thanks to the boys in the road grading gang, **Jack Murphy** and **Richard Cassani**, who were so helpful in transplanting. We know the roads must go through . . . and they did . . . sure is nice.

South Inert is countering with a deluxe rock garden . . . has a "V for Victory."

The office force at Group 27 would like to know why **"Farmer" Shaw** doesn't keep his poor tomato plants out of the flood area. He and **Ted Hintz** are keeping them well watered.

The mud holes at 27 are disappearing and we extend our thanks to the road grading force. **Al Gierich** might use a horse anyway to get around . . . sure would be handy.

Laughing their heads off at the circus in Joliet were **Charles Mann**, **Bill Denver**, **Ed Sheridan**, **George Newton**, **Fred Ford** and **Frank Zupancic**. Sheridan liked the girls, Denver the elephants, Mann the acrobats, Newton the horses, Ford the dogs, and Frank Zupancic the clowns. No one won a tie pin in the boxes of salt water candy, but did enjoy a bottle of beer and a cigar in the box seats . . . all went first class and how. Too, they enjoyed their dinner before the show and the ride to the grounds. The party was a success and George is strong for a steak-fry on the Denver estate.

Wonder If You Know—

"Dick" Ashworth is having trouble in selecting and procuring the new car?

That **John Wald** has quite a time keeping track of men and trucks. More trouble coming with that ball team stuff . . . balls, bats, gloves, and *rides?*

That the office boys got quite a kick out of the little machine used for dictation . . . it looks like a baby accordian but really is a Stenotype. Dictation can't be too fast, but sometimes is too slow?

That we have an expert tailor working in our midst . . . if you need that top-coat let out just call on **Andrew Cherrie**, component checker . . . he has a shop in Coal City?

That **John Murray** feels right at home behind the batter in any ball game . . . the old Victorian!

That **Matt Reay** feels like getting a berth on the EOP baseball team?

That **George Ballis** was blessed with a son last week?

That our sympathies go to **Harold Armstrong** who suffered a broken jaw last week?

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

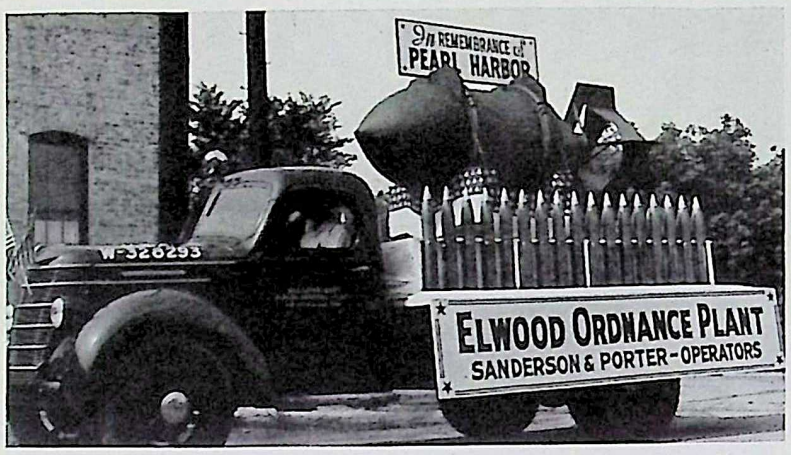
The lucky ones in the Data Card Department, Traffic Audit Department and Production Planning Department to begin vacations are **Dick Ebben**, **Ray Van Hook**, **Jim Wilson** and **George A. Sangmeister**.

Leo Thompson left July 13 on his vacation to attend the Elk's National Convention at Omaha, Neb. Leo is the Exalted Ruler of the Ottawa Lodge.

Bill Stanley is leaving our midst to return to Group 2.

We wonder why **Mary O'Connor** has been singing **"Danny Boy"** lately.

We are all wishing fond fare-



AUDIENCE INTEREST reached a high peak when this EOP float was driven by in Joliet's Fourth of July parade. The size of the bomb was not revealed.

wells to **Stuart Marlette**, and **Joseph Groesbeck.**

By the way, where did **Dottie Mihelic** get that fraternity pin she has been wearing?

Melvin Block has finally gained back the many pounds he lost. Reason!—He is now a proud "papa" of a baby girl.

After **Richard Naughtin** has his vacation he will then begin to conserve tires.

Martha Craig has been living up in the clouds lately, following her exciting adventure over the Fourth of July.

Elva Thomas and **Rowena Roberts** have carried on splendidly since the absence of **Mrs. Dorothy Reibert** from the Traffic Audit Department.

What is the reason **Myrtle Cooper** brings matches and tobacco to work? Is it because she thinks it is more becoming to a certain young man to smoke a pipe?

We are wishing success to our two new-comers, **Margaret Gall** and **Dorothy Maxwell.**

Have you heard **Bud Wright** humming "There'll Be Some Changes Made?"

Harry Brown is quite busy these days with the building of model airplanes. However, he isn't going to make it a hobby.

The Traffic Audit Department aids have one piece of equipment that they can't keep a record of, and that is the adding machine, which keeps **Jim Murphy** busy checking on it.

What is the interest that **Elva Thomas** seems to have at DuPont?

J. B. Dronsfield has picked up the loose threads remarkably. We hope he will remember orders, and not overdo it.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Kitty Barwig became Mrs. Martin Favors at Cape Girardeau, Mo., June 26th.

It won't be the same without **Iggy Bellavin**, who joined the Navy.

Betty Palmer recently was in the news when she saved a man's life. She was one of the first persons to arrive on the scene of a serious automobile accident. Her knowledge of first aid proved valuable.

Who can hand out the neatest line . . . just look at **Eddie Leibelt.**

Most everybody answers to "Moe" in Tetryl Pelleting. **Marge Zugel** is called "Pink Cheeks" and **Mel Hurwitz** is the "Reject King." **"Freckles" Brunetto** is noted for her angel food cake and **"Blondie" Pillsbury** for her pies. **Mary Haroldson** fries a mean chicken for those pot-luck meals.

Thanks are due the person who advised that **John Neely** be put in the lineup . . . a very timely suggestion at that . . . Group 9 defeated Group 8, 13 to 5. Yes, you guessed it, John played.

William D. Whaley, Group 9 superintendent, is enjoying (if the fish are biting) a week's vacation in Ohio.

If ever anyone has a couple hours off, ask **Howard Schubert** to tell the story "A Night in Chicago," by H. Schubert.

The parade at Joliet on the Fourth featured none other than our own **Anna Nordgardt**, who was queen on the float; our "Tetryl Twins," **Lois Peterson** and **Helen Shank**, and **Mary Stevens.**

Being surrounded by beautiful women employees seems to agree heartily with **"Mac" McCormick** and **Mike Malnar**, the two genial and well-liked foremen in 8-11.

The girls can kid **Mary Richards** about the invisible Cadillac all they want to, but it gets them to work on time.

We wonder if **Rose Blazekovitch**, 8-11 liner table, really believes in fortune tellers, or just fortunes.

Congratulations go to **Dorothy Close** on her recent promotion to Floor Lady in 8-11 dipping operations.

Clarence Seabert was married July 4.

Dorothy Bravick, 8-11, changed her name to Mrs. Dowdle over the 4th of July holiday.

Alice Bravato, 8-11, is sure a whiz with an eye dropper.

Congratulations are in order for **Mrs. William Fleming** who was Steffie Brentz, 8-11.

Ralph Pratt, chief inspector of Group 8, is engaged to **Lucille Kosick** of Joliet. It all took place last week.

Harryette Werling and **Frank "Bud" Hulbert** were married June 21 at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Werling**, Fairbury.

Group 8 played the Fuze and Booster Bus Drivers in a close and thrilling softball game July 2. The Bus Drivers were victorious 9 to 8.

Group 8 played Group 9 on the Group 9 field July 7. Group 9 ran up a score of 13 which proved to be unlucky to Group 8, garnering only 5 runs.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

Production has been resumed on Group 2's loading line.

Now that **"Boiler Maker" Joe Connors** has returned to the group after a fine vacation spent at good old South Amboy, N. J., our daily mail has been depleted somewhat. However, we all appreciated Joe's swell post cards.

Rudy Larson, foreman of Building 16, recently spent a week's vacation in the northern woods.

Archie Le Borence, our highly regarded key timekeeper, will leave shortly for a two weeks' vacation in the northern woods.

Jack McCarthy, assistant to **Joe Pate**, foreman, is another one of our men taking a week's vacation.

Everyone was mighty pleased with a letter from **Hilbert "Half" Nelson**, formerly a chief progress clerk here, thanking his associates for the farewell party tendered him before he left for the Army. He is now a private at Camp Grant.

Things We May Never See

Frank "Zeke" Gaglione running the bases after the first inning.

"Jersey" Klegman and **Bob Ardaugh** bringing or eating their own lunch.

"Nate" Johnson without a big smile or some "cat ate the canary" grin on his face.

Hair on **Bert Folks'** head.

Joe Connors shaving two days in a row.

Ed Keenan making two trips home to Aurora in the same week.

Karl Ulrich talking to someone without shaking hands three or four times.

Did You Hear?

"Wild Bill" Stanley is back in Group 2.

John McDonald is going to leave his hair grow out again.

John Kelahan can't get used to working in the daylight—the sun bothers his eyes. The same applies to **Bob Burke.**

Bill Galbraith has been swamped with offers from Hollywood since some of the scouts saw his fine physique at Lake Geneva recently.

The wild fish story **Otto Koch** tells about a bass jumping into his motor boat is really a true story.

Gene Hunt is assistant fire chief in charge of fire plugs at his home town of New Lenox.

Most of the blonde nurses at the Plant Hospital are just crying their eyes out because **Ed "Blue Eyes" Egan** has been released.

The Real Low-down

If anyone has an old sock of any description please leave it at the Superintendent's Office marked for **"Zeke" Gaglione.** We understand that he is having a hard time trying to get a pair of socks to go with his new softball uniform.

RIBBONS were won by both of St. Clair Smith's wire-haired terriers shown here, "Peter," left, and "Lucky," right, at the recent Skokie Valley dog show.

They say **"Shorty" Kirkland** (the short of all shorts) has quit bragging about his wife's cooking since he carried a house brick to work in his lunch pail.

Now we hear that **Bill Malone's** theme song is "Breathless," the reason being that after taking swimming lessons from **"General" Johnson** he nearly stayed down for the count of three.

They say **Art McMahon** should thank his lucky stars that **Johnnie Ala** was handy the night of July 3 when Art had the misfortune to burn out a connecting rod in his "jalopy."

Softball Items

The Group 2 Softball Diamond was dedicated with elaborate ceremonies followed by a game between the Machine Shop (Group 70) and Murphy's Boys. **James J. Murphy**, superintendent of the Group, threw out the first ball and everyone settled down to a good ball game, which ended 6 to 3 in favor of Group 2.

The second game on the diamond at Group 2 was between Group 1 and Murphy's Boys, with the latter winning 8 to 2. We are sure that **Supt. Joseph F. Salmon's** boys would make a better showing for themselves if only Joe would leave them wear shoes. Joe tried to pull one on us but we were just one step ahead of him. He put in fair **Betty Ford** to pitch for his team, trying to divert our batters' attention, but your correspondent is sorry to say that it didn't work because our Boys can sure keep their eye on the ball.

Murphy's Boys also took the Army Officers at a game on our home diamond. The final score was 4 to 3.

After more consideration Murphy's Boys decided they would keep their place in the Gold Medal League in Joliet. Other games have been booked and they will be glad to meet any challengers.

GROUP 3

WILLIAM BERINGER
Correspondent

Those two "house cleaning boys," **Fred Dvorak** and **"Red" Wyciskalla**, are in the spotlight again. They came to work the other night with nice new coveralls; by special permission of **Charles Hansen**, assistant superintendent.

It was a great loss to Building 3, when **George "Seabiscuit" Nichols** was transferred to Building 5A. Every foreman in Group 3 has had his eye on George for a long time. **Eddie Copp**, foreman of Building 4, even offered four of his men and $100 for "Seabiscuit." He must be a good man.

Arthur "Prairie Farmer" Fritz, janitor at Change House 20A, bought the cutest white cap. You should see it. The boys are betting 10 to 1 that it will be just as white next Christmas as it is now.

It cost **Robert Peters** 25 cents to see **"Tiny" Kautz**, foreman, lift a chair. It was a scream to see "Big Tiny" (he weighs 340) lying on his little "tummy" trying to pick a chair up with one hand. Anyone wishing to learn this little trick, just ask Tiny or Peters and they will tell you how it is done, and how to make a little money on the side.

If you want some hot tips on the races, see **Harvey Reavis.** He is an ex-jockey and he knows all the ropes. **Frank Underwood** can also give you a few tips, but don't take them or you will end up over the hill at the poor house.

Warren "Woodpecker" Morrison finally decided to join the navy. He left Group 3 July 10.

William Kavanaugh, sub-foreman in Building 16, was inducted into the army last week.

If you want to know how to get well in a hurry, ask **Don Mancini** about the letter he received from **Doctor "Chuck" Hansen.** It really did wonders for him.

The following notice was found posted on the bulletin board in one of the change houses at Group 3:

Gune 26, 1942

"Please do not spit on the floor or onder the tabels, by the Ganitor."

A group from Building 10 held a picnic June 28 at Starved Rock. A small group, including Ted, Joe, Steve, Kenney, Flip, Bruce, Slim, Bob, Scotty and Dick, made a good showing. A large number couldn't make the trip because of the rubber shortage. The above mentioned were led by their wives. A ball game was held and horseshoe pitching was enjoyed by all. Later, the party went on a boat trip where they met that well known **Skipper Remley.** Some time later another fellow known as Sid, who happens to be Building 10's only musician, made his appearance. The next morning when the fellows showed up for work, they found just how old they really are, and as for the sunburn, use your own imagination.

Tim McCarthy was taking an examination for the duties of a policeman. "What are rabies and what do you do about it?" was one of the questions.

"Rabies are Jewish priests and you can't do anything about it," wrote Tim.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick left for his vacation in the East July 8.

Everyone is wondering when the little girl who works in Fuze and Booster is going to say yes, so **Frank Renchen, Jr.**, can remodel that school house he bought from the area some time ago.

After six weeks of fruitless search for a first baseman, we have discovered a protege of Charlie Grimm in **George Costello, Jr.**

Leo Hopkins has joined the Marines. He says, "I want to slap a Jap in the Yap."

The fellows of Building No. 4 would like advice from the Group's most eligible bachelor, **Joe Haley**, on how to stay single.

We would like to know how we can get **Alfred Munch** back on the beam since he has fallen in love.

Thomas Patton is contemplating negotiations for the oat crop in our areas. They will feed a lot of horses, Pat!

The boys in Group 3-A think they have the champion eater in **Eddie Arnold.** His breakfast consists of 12 eggs, 1 loaf of toasted bread, ½ pound butter, 1 quart of milk and 3 cups of coffee. Anyone on the reservation who thinks he can come close, see Eddie.

Francis Joho, commonly known as King Joho, the Plainfield flash, is once more his happy self. He is back in the good graces of his girl friend.

The boys would like to know what: **Julius Nawrot** sees in fishing—**Jack Wilhoit** sees in a big blonde—**Roger Johnson** sees in the White Sox and why **Paul Timm** moves after 3:30 p. m.

William L. Schultz is the proud father of a 9½-pound daughter, **Sharon Joyce**, born June 30.

Chiropractor — "One who is paid for what other men get slapped for."

Bachelor—"A man who never Mrs. anything."

Armature—"A fellow who sings for Major Bowes."

Equator—"A menagerie lion running around the center of the earth."

Etiquette—"The noise you don't make when you are eating soup."

BICYCLING up and down the long passage-ways at Group 3 enables W. G. Read, assistant superintendent, to cover a lot of territory.

Sanderson & Porter Constructing Huge Power Plant at Hot Springs

Aluminum Parts to Go Into Planes Which May Carry Elwood Bombs

By Carroll A. Duncan,
Project Manager for Sanderson & Porter at Hot Springs, Ark.

Sanderson & Porter, for years specialists in the field of electric utility construction, are rushing to completion under Government contract a 70,000 kilowatt steam-electric power station at Lake Catherine, near Hot Springs, Ark., to supply electric current to a Government-owned aluminum reduction plant. The aluminum to be produced will be used for planes that will probably carry the bombs turned out at Elwood.

When completed, the power station will be large enough to supply the requirements of six cities the size of Joliet.

The power station is one of three major units in the Government's project to produce urgently required aluminum in this area. The other two units are the Bauxite Plant and the Reduction Plant. At the Bauxite Plant the ore is mined and chemically treated to produce "alumina," which, in powder form, is then carried to the Reduction Plant where by an electro-chemical process it is transformed into "pig aluminum," suitable for fabrication. It is in this second reduction process that so much power is required and the full output of the power station will be utilized.

Production Set Soon

The entire project will cost approximately $60,000,000 and is under the sponsorship of Defense Plant Corporation, a subsidiary of Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The Aluminum Company of America will carry on operations.

Although the project was not started until the beginning of this year, production of aluminum will begin in a matter of days, as several temporary power lines from existing sources of power have been brought into the project, pending completion of the power plant.

Sanderson & Porter's design for the power station building calls for two 35,000 kilowatt turbo-generators and two 420,000 pounds-per-hour boilers, with provisions for a future generator and boiler. The building will be located on the shores of Lake Catherine, and the excavation for the intake and discharge condensing water tunnels was carried down to a rock foundation, 18 feet below lake level.

To assure cool circulating condensing water, two 7½ foot diameter steel tubes will be extended approximately 300 feet out into the lake to a maximum depth of 50 feet. These tubes will probably be put in place by divers. A diversion dam has already been thrown across the lake to prevent the return of heated water into the intake system.

Natural gas will be used for fuel and an alternate fuel oil system is being provided to cover temporary failures of the natural gas supply. Provisions have also been made in the design of the plant and boilers to enable the use of coal if the supply of natural gas should become depleted. Western Arkansas has extensive deposits of high grade coal which could readily be made available.

The contract for the design and construction of the power plant was awarded to Sanderson & Porter December 31, 1941.

PROOF that it takes all kinds to do the war job is furnished by this picture of two EOP timekeepers. Ben Sloan, left, weighs 278 pounds, and Norman Ahrens, right, is credited with 98 pounds.

Letters to The Editor

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29, addressed Pvt. Rudolph R. Weise, Co. D, 38th Sig. Tr. Bn.

Surely had a great entertainment by reading over the EOP items, and news of boys of which I got acquainted with as fellow workers, from Groups 61 and 27. I congratulate them all for efficiency and earning promotions. Hello to O'Connel, head timekeeper, McShane and all employees of The Richard Farm Stock.

Hello to old pal Sergeant Bent of Personnel. Surely would appreciate very much if I could receive *The Bomb-Shell* while in service.

I was inducted into the U. S. Army March 13, 1941, voluntarily at Peoria, Ill.

Sergeant Rudolph R. Weise,
Camp Crowder, Mo.

P. S.—Glad to hear from any employee wishing to write. "More the merrier."

Dear Sir:

I received *The Bomb-Shell* Monday and I think it is a very interesting paper. It makes a soldier feel better to think everyone is working together to get this war over with. I did work up there for Mr. McAloon driving a truck, then I was driving a bus but now I am down here in Missouri in the Engineers Corps, which is a good outfit to be in. When you leave here you are a full fledged engineer. I know quite a few of the fellows that work there because I worked there over a year until the Armed Forces called me to service. I just hope you still continue to send *The Bomb-Shell* out to your old employees.

Russell (Pinky) Eyerly,
29th Engineer Training Battalion,
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I received the two issues of *The EOP Bomb-Shell.*

It is a most interesting paper, and having worked at the plant myself I am especially interested in the paper. It's like news from home.

Hoping you will continue to send me the paper during my stay here at Great Lakes.

Harold Conrod,
Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Editor:

Just received a copy of *The Bomb-Shell* and was sure glad to read some news of the old plant, especially Group 2. The boys down here are all wishing you the best of luck from now on. Us soldiers think if we were up there we could win a few games of ball. So look out if we get up in that part of the country. Tell the boys that the Army is a pretty good place after all. Well, have no more to say, so keep 'em shooting.

Pvt. William C. Kennedy,
Fort Sill, Okla.

Dear Sir:

I have received the last two issues of *The Bomb-Shell* and enjoyed reading them immensely. I am hoping to still receive *The Bomb-Shell.* My new address is:

Pvt. Harlow F. Hanson,
Ohio Institute of Aeronautics,
Columbus, Ohio.

P. S.—Please get a reporter busy over in Group 4, Building 14, where I formerly worked.

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for your copies of *The Bomb-Shell.* I think it is a grand paper, and I enjoy reading it very much. I worked in the timekeeping department before I was selected for the Army.

Pvt. Frank J. Houser, Jr.
Atlanta Q. M. Motor Base,
Atlanta, Ga.

Hello Everyone:

I just received two issues of the new plant paper, *The Bomb-Shell,* and want to write and say thanks a lot. I think it is swell. All the fellows here in the Air Corps had to read it, and all think it is tops.

One thing in particular that interested me was the picture of the loading line in Group 1. I recognized several of the fellows and all look familiar.

I worked in Building 13 with most of those boys. I can't express my appreciation enough for the paper. It is wonderful. It takes a fellow's mind off the everyday drudgery of Army life and places him back in his old familiar setting.

So "keep them rolling" and all the fellows in the Air Corps will "keep them dropping" and when we run across an EOP bomb we will drop it right in Togo's lap. We promise you that.

So long, EOP.

Yours sincerely,
Pvt. Leland L. Wright,
Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

THUMBING a ride is seldom necessary for Vic M. Dagenais, section chief of supplies and office equipment, who is usually busy with obtaining transportation for visitors and employees.

Special Morning Shows

The Mode Theatre in Joliet announces an early morning show for EOP workers beginning Tuesday, July 21. The doors open at 10 o'clock, the show begins at 10:30 and is over at 1 p. m. This policy will be followed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to be extended six days a week if it proves popular.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Frank Scoma bragged the other day: "I learned to cook that southern way back home." Probably the southern part of Sicily!

Sergeant Alar should 10:08 in much faster time when at Group 8.

The boys have done a nice landscaping job at Central Station. Now everybody can tell right away that there is a fire station in the vicinity.

"Woe is me," says **Sergeant Hanson,** "no more snuff boxes allowed in the Groups."

Bob Connelly should tell us more about that golf match with the Guards (**Sergeant Bayer** informs us—and we believe him—it wasn't necessary for them to stoop to using a "short pencil").

Dinner at Central Station the other day produced a miracle. There was no "boarding house reach" after edibles by long-armed firemen—no raucous yells to "pass the ——— bread" — no stories about owls. Everybody was neatly and cleanly dressed, freshly shaven, and polite to the point of nausea. Each man tried to out-Brummel the other. . . . What was the reason for all the lads making themselves so pretty and refined?

Fire Inspector Collins will challenge anyone, Guards preferably, to a mile foot race. The outcome will be judged by **Stuart Moloney** and the Fox; in case of disagreement between the judges, only the Fox's vote will be counted, of course.

PARADE MARSHALS in Joliet's Fourth of July parade were Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman (left), EOP commanding officer, and Lt. Col. H. L. Kalbach, KOW commandant. Behind them are shown, left to right, Lts. Volney Tullsen, W. R. Bowman, J. S. Gates, W. J. Durrenberger, P. D. Cooper, M. G. Brandon, C. R. Crandell and C. H. Beilharz.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Every time that we get one of our young men broken into the correct precedure of handling and checking material, along comes Uncle Sam and away goes our employee. **LeVerne Lindstrom** has had his heart set on serving with the U. S. Marines. So instead of waiting for Uncle Sam's call, he has been accepted after many trips to the recruiting office. Lindy promised to send us an Italian for breakfast, a German for dinner and a Jap for supper.

When **Fred Wachendorfer** saw a crowd around the swimming pool the other day, he stopped to see what it was all about. Insted of a trained seal as he had expected, he saw our government checker, **Frederick Doubeck,** swimming around with his head up and his mouth open, catching peanuts tossed in by the on-lookers. Doubeck says that the proper way to keep fit is to swim every day and eat nothing but vegetables. He is so full of rabbit food now that instead of walking he hops around.

Cyril Lazier has been very successful in side-stepping the women. But now that the laundry is in operation across the road, it looks as though the girls are closing in on Cyril.

It has been suggested that a hitch hikers depot be installed on the Chicago Road, south of Joliet. The employees of the EOP could pick up any fellow-employee that they have room for in their cars.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Ed Larkum, labor cost distributor, is in Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, resting up from a rather serious heart attack.

Charles Connell, labor cost distributor, spent the holidays, plus another day, at London, Ontario, speedy trip, but delightful?

Ray Shepley, our genial timekeeper, left July 8 to don a uniform in the armed forces. He will be missed by all throughout the building.

Fred Oman and **Henry "Hank" Lockwood,** engineering, will soon be leaving to take positions with a firm doing work for the government at the defense base in Honolulu.

George Altstadt and **Larry Wohlweber** are stagging it together this week. Their wives are enjoying the country life, in other words, a vacation away from the city.

Polly Marston, mail and records, has returned from her vacation full of vim and vigor. Polly and hubby enjoyed (in spite of it being so cold that six thicknesses of clothing were necessary) that good old country air up near Eagle River, Wis.

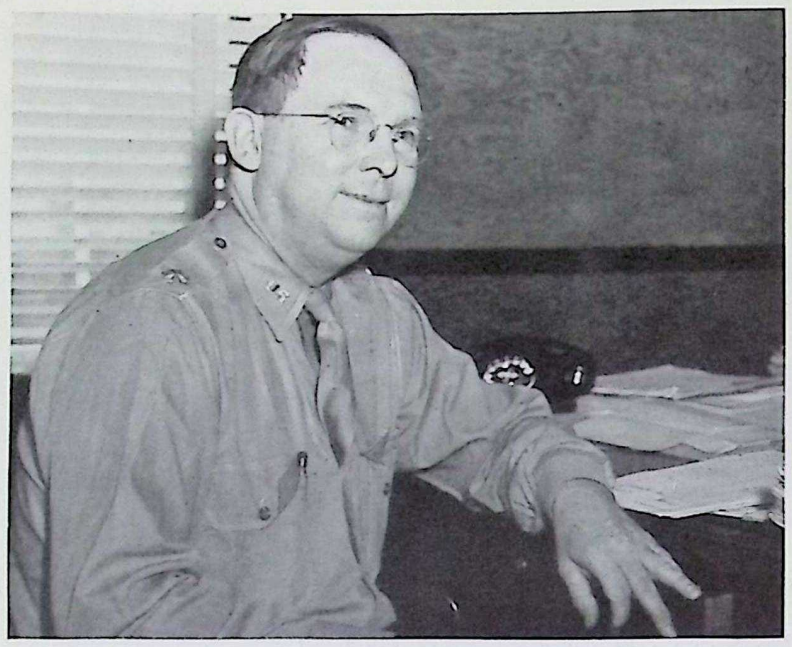
Rosemary Kane, Jean Himes, Jean Tyrell, and **Wilhelmine Roeder** staged a weiner roast June 30 at the Troy Forest Preserve in honor of the birthdays of **Edith Lewis** and **Jackie Dailey.**

Jackie Dailey is back with the crew after spending a week's vacation touring around the southern part of Illinois.

Marge Brennan is taking a course on the key-punch in Chicago. She will be holding down the position now held by **Ruth Johnson,** who is leaving July 18.

Wedding bells tolled July 7 for **Evelyn Reed,** executive office receptionist, and **William Murphy,** Fuze and Booster. **Father Pishone** officiated at the high mass at St. Rose Catholic Church, Wilmington. **Virginia Cashen** was maid of honor. **Howard Cox** was best man. After the wedding a reception was held in the home of the groom's parents in Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy will reside in Wilmington upon their return from a short honeymoon.

In the Sievert Tea Room on June 29 Miss Cashen and **Marjorie Howerton** entertained at a personal shower in honor of Miss Read. The guests included **Arlene Thorson, Anna Mae Thompson, Shirley Grassle, Eleanore DuFrain, Veranice Quade, Rita Dwyer, Geraldine Drechsel, June Kaehlert, Beatrice Bovee, Maxine McBride, MaeBelle Anderson, Katheryn Johnson, Mary Clow, Emalie Mueller, Mrs. Jeanette Larson, Mrs. Ruthe Myers** and **Mrs. W. D. Murphy.** Airplane Bunco was played and prizes were won by Miss Bovee and Miss Drechsel, who in turn presented them to the guest of honor.



SOFTBALL PROWESS and a mastery of foreign languages are accomplishments of Major A. C. Johnston, executive officer.

Women

By CATHERINE NOONAN

The other day we took a trip through some of the groups in the Fuze and Booster area in search of what girls put in ye old lunch box. We were in frantic search of "that something different" to pass on to other girls that would break the monotony of the bologna sandwich (on white, rye, or whole wheat, it's still bologna). Not any of the girls had any suggestions for a different kind of sandwich. So if you are in possession of some magic formula to make the lunch box a joy, won't you please send it to us at *The Bom'-Shell* office so that we can pass it on to the other girls.

When your son, brother or husband comes home on furlough, he probably brags about the Army bread to your utter consternation. The Army bakers have had many flattering requests for the recipe used in making bread for our soldiers. The formula for the Army loaf, developed by the Quartermaster Corps, ordinarily is based on a hundred man supply. The bakers at Camp Blanding, Florida, have broken down this famous bread recipe to a two-loaf quantity, suitable for home use. Here are the directions:

Materials include two pounds of flour, two cakes of yeast, six and a half teaspoons of salt, nine and a half teaspoons of sugar, one and a half cups of milk and 13 tablespoons of shortening. Dissolve the yeast in a half-cup of tempered water. Mix salt, sugar and milk, and add yeast slowly. Add slowly about half the flour to this mixture, meantime constantly stirring. Add the rest of the flour and mix with the hand. Cut the shortening into this dough and set the dough in some warm spot to let it rise. The first rise will be completed in about 50 minutes, after which the dough should be punched down and then let stand for 12 more minutes. Shape the dough into loaves and bake for 55 minutes in a 450 degree oven.

After having packed hundreds of lunches for the munition workers in your family as your contribution to the war effort, you, the lady of the house who is not engaged in active defense work, probably bemoan your fate and wonder what you can do to help. Moan not. Your Government has sent out an SOS to all housewives and there are many things that you can do.

Saving kitchen grease isn't the most exciting job in the world, but it really is an important one at this time. We have lost a good half of our imports of oils and fats just when we need them the most. We need them for food, paints, varnishes for planes, explosives, tanks and medications. Your Government is asking you to salvage all the greases that ordinarily are wasted in the kitchen.

Your first step is to get a pound size tin can with a wide mouth (the kind your vegetable shortening or your coffee comes in is perfect). Scrub it out so it's scrupulously clean, and put it on the back of the stove or where it is handy. Save every drop of grease from roast ham, beef, lamb and poultry; all the drippings from broiled steaks, chops, veal and bacon, every ounce of lard or vegetable shortening in which you've cooked doughnuts, French fries, fish or anything else you fry in deep fat. Strain these fats into your wide-mouthed tin can and keep in your refrigerator or some cool place until you've collected at least a pound of grease. Be sure that it doesn't grow rancid because then the glycerine content will be lessened. When you have a pound or more take it to your meat dealer. He will pay you for it and start it on its patriotic journey.

Antiques take the spot light, and that cherished dream of yours about being an antique hunter is about to become true. Especially, if you will confine your interest to hunting for rubber antiques.

Ninety-seven per cent of America's former rubber sources have been cut off by you-know-what. Therefore, you have the job of looking from the attic to the basement for every bit of rubber that you can contribute to your local salvage depot. No one in your household will be safe from your clutches in your search for the commodity that is more precious than gold at the present time. Get the men in your family to gather the old garden hose and old tires and tubes. In the meantime you can be looking for old hot water bottles, rubber gloves and aprons, galoshes and what have you. If you will carefully explain this crucial situation to that roly-poly baby of yours, he will gladly surrender his old rubber pants.

Don't overlook anything made of rubber—large or small—old or new. Even if the life has gone from it, don't think that it is valueless. Remember, most of it can be reclaimed.

Now you have a defense job right in your own home that makes you a major part of the war effort.

Personnel

LEE R. REYNOLDS
Correspondent

The cast and chorus of "H.M.S. Pinafore" met at the home of **George F. Bent**, personnel director, July 9, for a steak fry before rehearsal. Chorus work for the production is rapidly shaping up. The next meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Western and Raynor, July 17.

We heard from our old friend **Arthur Erickson**, a valiant fighter against the malicious and devastating disease. Art reported that he has to report to Naperville Sanatorium in two months and if passed by the doctors then he will be coming back to us.

Evelyn Connor, who has been out since April, returned to work July 13.

Charlotte Doxsee, one of the old timers in Personnel, is missed very much since her transfer to the Administration Building.

More for Cast of "Pinafore" Sought

If you want a fling at the footlights and the glamorous life of the theatre, **George F. Bent**, personnel director and originator of EOP's first operatic venture, "H.M.S. Pinafore," is looking for you.

Although rehearsals have been started and many of the parts have been cast, Mr. Bent is still talent scouting for a baritone, tenor and a bass. So wherever you are, whatever you are doing, don't continue to hide your light under that proverbial bushel, but see Mr. Bent at once.

In the cast and chorus are **Arthur Friedberg, Walter Peterson, Catherine Gorey, Harry MacRae, John V. Wall, Viola M. Leith, George Kellenbach, Warren Weithofer, Helen Bardi, Floyd C. Schauland, Marcella Burnham, J. Donald Kane, Norma Fratia, Bernadine Phelan, Mary V. Odenthal, Robert Wilhey, Leona Hagen, Ray McGuire, Eugene Staehling, Leonard A. Pease, Lee Reynolds, Dara Prew, Mary L. Grady, Hazel O'Connor, Jeanette Carlson, Edna Goldthwaite, David Graves** and Mr. Bent. The production is under the direction of **Arthur Eneix.**

SMILE GIRL of EOP should be the title of Arlene Schloendorf, mimeograph chief and menu cartoonist. Her winning personality, so vividly shown here, is evident in all her works.

Patterson on KP Duty When Call Received

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son of Charles R. and Lodice E. (Porter) Patterson. He received his education at Union College in Schenectady, N. Y., from which he received a B.A. degree in 1912, and at Harvard Law School, from which he received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1915. He served as chairman of the "Harvard Law Review" and was Marshal of his class in his third year.

Immediately after graduation from Harvard, Mr. Patterson was admitted to the New York Bar and (except for service in the Army), practiced law in New York City for the next 15 years. He joined the law firm of Root, Clark, Buckner and Howland, remaining with this firm until 1916, when he resigned to go to the Mexican border with the 7th U. S. Infantry. On May 15, 1917, he received his Commission as Second Lieutenant, Infantry Section, Officers' Reserve Corps, and was placed on active duty at the Reserve Officers' Training Camp, Plattsburgh Barracks, New York. Three months later he was commissioned a Captain of Infantry and assigned to the 152nd Depot Brigade at Camp Upton, New York.

On April 13, 1918, Captain Patterson left the United States for service in France with the 306th Infantry, and served in the Baccarat, Vesle and Foret-d'Argonne defensive sectors and in the Oise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne offensives. He was cited in General Orders: for "extraordinary heroism in action" and for gallant and meritorious action on the night of August 11, 1918. On August 14, 1918, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Two days later he was wounded in action, but was again cited in General Orders for gallantry on September 26. On March 26, 1919, Captain Patterson was promoted to Major of Infantry, and was assigned to command the 2nd Battalion, 306th Infantry. One month later he returned to the United States, and on May 27, 1919, was honorably discharged from the military service, shortly thereafter returning to the practice of law as a member of the firm of Murray, Aldrich and Webb. He continued with this association until 1930 when **President Herbert Hoover** appointed him Judge of the United States District Court, Southern New York District. His services were outstanding and he established a record for non-reversals in the higher courts.

In March, 1939, President Roosevelt elevated Judge Patterson to the position of Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, as previously stated, the second highest court in the land. Here again, his services were outstanding, one of his most prominent decisions, perhaps, being the upholding of the conviction of **Earl Browder** for passport fraud.

One of Judge Patterson's first actions in 1940, after his nomination as Assistant Secretary of War, was to urge the adoption of a system of compulsory military training. He expressed the opinion that this was the only democratic way to raise an army for the United States. At the same time he urged that the Secretary of War be given authority "to vitalize the active list of the Army, removing therefrom those officers who are unable to stand up under the strain to which they must be subjected, if we are to build up a modern army capable of meeting the demands of modern combat."

Judge Patterson was married in 1920 to the former **Margaret T. Winchester.** Their four children are **Robert P., Aileen W., Susan H.,** and **Virginia.**

Group 1 Girls First Chosen for Line Jobs

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women in Group 1. She has the ability to understand problems and the knowledge to solve them. Since September, 1941, Miss Taylor has been absent only two days due to illness (*truants, please note*). "One of the factors that contributes to making my work pleasant is that the turn-over of employment in our group is so small that it is negligible. Another is that our girls adjust very easily to the work and have a splendid record of attendance." These factors, indeed, are a fine tribute to Miss Taylor's skillful management.

Miss Busby's home is Laurel, Miss. She was in Louisville, Ky., doing office work when she was called to EOP to be the first woman employed, and is now the forelady of 18 girls. "My present work is vastly different from the office work that I had been doing. But I like this new job very much. Here there never is a dull moment. I like the different associations and the new personalities." To prove her point, Miss Busby also has had a remarkable record of attendance.

Miss Taylor and Miss Busby admitted that the two most difficult problems confronting the women in their group are transportation and what to put in the lunchbox. They agreed that the women faced these problems with a sense-of-humor and that the problems were minimized by the important work that they were doing.

Without taking any risks whatsoever, it can be said that Miss Taylor and Miss Busby are two of the most charming women in the area.

They are far, far removed from our be-bustled and be-pompadoured sisters who first entered the "men's world." They are attractive, well-groomed women who perform their jobs with efficiency, tact, and ease. During their working hours, they wear tailored blue denim uniforms with contrasting dickeys (the dickeys are their own contribution). Although they hold responsible positions in a highly competitive world, they are still feminine enough to know what a good manicure and artful makeup can do for a woman's morale. Both of them have the respect and the loyalty of the women who work for them. In spite of questionnaires and all that, Miss Taylor and Miss Busby prove that it can be fun to work for a woman.

When Miss Taylor and Miss Busby were asked if they had had any unusual experiences since they have been at EOP, they both looked at each other and laughed, remembering an incident that happened many months ago. "When we first started the night shift," Miss Taylor said, "There weren't as many women in Group 1 as there are now. As a matter of fact, we were the only women in the entire area. Naturally, we felt a little strange due to the adjustment of new work. Well, everything was going fine and then something happened to the lights, and we sat in darkness for half an hour. I'm afraid that our reaction was purely feminine. But it was an eerie place without lights. So we sat in the dark consoling each other until the lights came on again."

Today, to the women in Group 1, that incident only invokes laughter. They have a big job to do and they're doing it.

PREDICTION OF JULY 10 date for general office moving made by Chief Engineer A. E. Frosch proved to be almost perfect prognostication. He is shown figuring it out.

EOP Nine Wins First Game on Home Diamond

Softball Games Now Scheduled Regularly in Area

The EOP baseball nine won its first game on its home grounds July 10 by defeating the Moran Crackers 6 to 5 in a 10-inning duel.

Jack Kusinski has the EOP softball team rolling along at a merry clip. Since Jack has taken over the team they have not lost a single game, and if Jack has anything to say about it they won't lose one.

The three moundsmen, **Les "Horse" Tammen, Ed Washburn** and **Lou Haake** take their turn at pitching and the rest of the boys just set out to wear the opposing pitcher out and it's demoralizing to play a gang like that.

The boys have been playing in the Joliet Industrial League, having won the round just completed, but because they also play on various group teams will be unable to compete in the Industrial League. The EOP League plays on the same nights.

A girl's softball league started play last week down in Fuze and Booster. **Helen Kammerman** is manager of Group 4. **Florence Keller** manages Group 5. **Gertrude Freeman** manages Group 6; **Martha Bintzler**, Group 7; **Dorothy Lehman**, Group 8, and **Mathilda Delrose**, government inspectors. There is also a girl's team in Group 1. Guess they ought to do fairly well, too, with **Betty Ford** on the mound.

"Red" Bentington and **Stewart Marlett** are trying hard to get a softball team out of the Administration area.

Tot Takes Scrap Plea to Heart

Joseph K. Szwaja, mechanic at the Service Garage, really has a patriotic youngster in his 8-year-old son. **Joe Junior** was asked by his school superior to collect scrap rubber for the current campaign. He promptly removed all rubber heels from shoes at home, cut off the garden hose (he couldn't loosen the connection) and even took his mother's hot water bottle as well as dad's overshoes, turning over a neat little pile of "scrap" rubber to Uncle Sam. Old Joe didn't have the heart to punish the boy and is in hopes that this will not happen again.

FUN

You Can't Beat It!

By "TINY" CAHOON

Guess it pays to cry out because I found a piccolo player and the concert band situation is much brighter with several new registrations.

The golf tournament news came in too late for last issue. **Ed Swanson**, timekeeper in Group 70, won the Banker's Handicap 85-18-67, and **Herman Stonitch** blasted out a neat 73. Four other players carded in the seventies.

Did you read about **Betty Ford**? She didn't do badly against Group 2 last week.

Frank Wehrle's baseball team is going along fine, winning as they go. You can see some all around good play watching the team. And can **Bob White** ride that apple? When a Wilmington outfielder panted up to a long one he picked it up and then dropped it yelling "it's still hot." When Bob has nothing to do but school work he negotiates the "pig skin" for **Bo McMillan** and the University of Indiana. He's captain-elect for 1942.

Group 3 held its own group dance last week. **Red Boucher** and **Bruce Fahrner** headed the committee. **Chuck Hanson**, Assistant Superintendent, was a guest and he says that **Ed Wicks** is the funniest person he has ever seen and if you don't believe it ask Sophie Tucker. Ed was master of ceremonies on Sophie Tucker's program for years.

Thanks, youse guys and gals, for trying out for "Pinafore." It's fun, isn't it? We nearly have a full cast now.

You trap shooters (I mean with guns) can rush the cause along by locating a good spot off the area.

The "Bomb-Shell Revue" is going along nicely but there is still plenty of room for that fine talent not yet reported.

In a softball game between the Army and the Administration boys **Maj. A. C. Johnston** retired the last three batters with something like black magic and sewed up the game.

With softball, baseball and golf teams doing so well I wonder just how much interest we would have in an EOP football team. If you would support a good football team, just drop me a post card.

By the way, **Rennie Ryan**, my secretary, made no mistake in typing about **Bob Walsh** being a champion. His family are all great golfers, it's true, as **Dick Lowery** said in his column last issue, but champions still must carve their own niche.

Helen Skumonich, Group 5, sent in the names of **Helen Cusick** and **Josephine Cosgrove** and her own as wanting a girl's golf tournament. How about it, girls, would you like to have an EOP tourney?

I am expecting the archery sets any day now, so call me "William" and "Tell" me that you will try them out. Where did I get that?

Bob Stewart is working with some fine swing band talent these days. I heard one rehearsal from a distance and complimented him on the group, then he told me it was only an accordion player. What can you do with a guy like that?

The people in the know say that **Karl Ulrich**, assistant safety supervisor, is an authority on birds. If the lady who told me about seeing Karl with a flock of sparrows will call again we will start a bird club.

MURPHY'S BOYS are shown here as they posed at the dedication of their Group 2 softball diamond. Standing left to right are: Eugene Hunt, manager; George Zobel, captain; Harold Spiers, Owen Golden, James J. Murphy, superintendent. Group 2: Lawrence McKeon, Kenneth Peterbok, Raymond Murray, Wilbur Galbraith, manager. Bottom row: Frank Gaglione, Andrew Feeney, Joseph Furlan, George Schoppe, Edward Keenan, Robert McGuire. Robert Murphy, Donald Bryant and Otto Koch were not present for the picture.

CHAMPIONS are included in this aggregation of golfers snapped at the first EOP tourney at the Crystal Lawns Country Club. Shown standing, left to right, are Bob Walsh, Group 3-A; Russ Stevens, Group 60, and Ed Swanson, Group 70. Squatting are Heinie Sick (left), Crystal Lawns pro, and Bob Burke, Group 2.

Bob Walsh Wins EOP Golf Tourney

The EOP Golf Tournament held at Crystal Lawn Course in Joliet July 12 was well attended and fine scores were posted in spite of a very strong wind that had many of the players in trouble.

The Banker's Handicap was won by **Bob Walsh** with a 75-2-73. He also came in with low gross for the eighteen holes. Following are the next nine men and their low gross score.

Armand Vicinni	39-37=76
Ed Swanson	40-37=77
Marvin Bell	41-37=78
H. H. Bowler	41-38=79
Roger Wheatland	41-38=79
R. H. Watt	43-37=80
Owen McCarthy	41-40=81
Tom French	42-40=82
Gene McAllister	42-42=84

Other prize winners were: **Bob Marlette**, Group 3, two high holes, a brace of nines; **Armand Vicinni**, Group 1, 2nd low gross, 39-37—76; **Swanson**, Group 70, 3rd low gross, 40-37—77; **Wheatland**, Group 66, three low holes, three threes; **Fred Vicinni**, guest prize, low gross, 40-40—80.

EOP Summer Carnival Scheduled for August 8 in Recreation Building

H. H. Bowler Is Named General Chairman to Plan Entertainment for Workers and Friends

The Elwood Ordnance Summer Carnival will be held in the Recreation Auditorium Saturday, August 8, with an admission fee of $1.25 a couple. This party will be run along the same lines as the last party in that outside partners of EOP employees may attend.

The Carnival idea should be very interesting and novel. On the ground floor of the Recreation Building, booths will be set up with their backs to the bowling alleys and the regular carnival program will take place in these booths.

There will be about twenty of these booths to be occupied by the first groups asking for them. There will be very desirable prizes given to the groups either for decoration or business transacted in the booths or both.

The Auditorium will be reserved for dancing and a splendid program is being arranged by a committee. The band that will furnish the music will be announced in the next issue of *The Bomb-Shell*.

The committee includes **H. H. "Red" Bowler**, general chairman and publicity; **H. E. Hafele**, music; **E. V. Sperling**, arrangements; **Carl Anker, Karl Ulrich** and **Ed Craik**, decorations; **Marion Hyland** and **Mildred Delaney Rub**, tickets; **Helen McGinnis**, program; **R. C. Wilhelmi** and **Annamarie Kinney**, refreshments, and **John Olson**, treasurer.

Dr. Schultz Receives Pedigreed Dog from Friends

Dr. H. L. Schultz, chief of the EOP Medical Department, was presented with a wire-haired terrier by a group of his friends July 11. Under the leadership of **St. Clair Smith**, superintendent of the High Explosives Department, a fund was raised with which to purchase a dog to replace the one which was lost by Dr. Schultz. In the presence of the contributors to the fund, appropriate presentation remarks were made by **James J. Murphy**, superintendent of Group 2.

After the dog, known as "Boots," but registered as "Actress of Anneswood," was contracted for, she was entered in her first show, July 5, at the St. Louis County Kennel Club and won first prize in the all breed puppy match.

Notice to Employees—

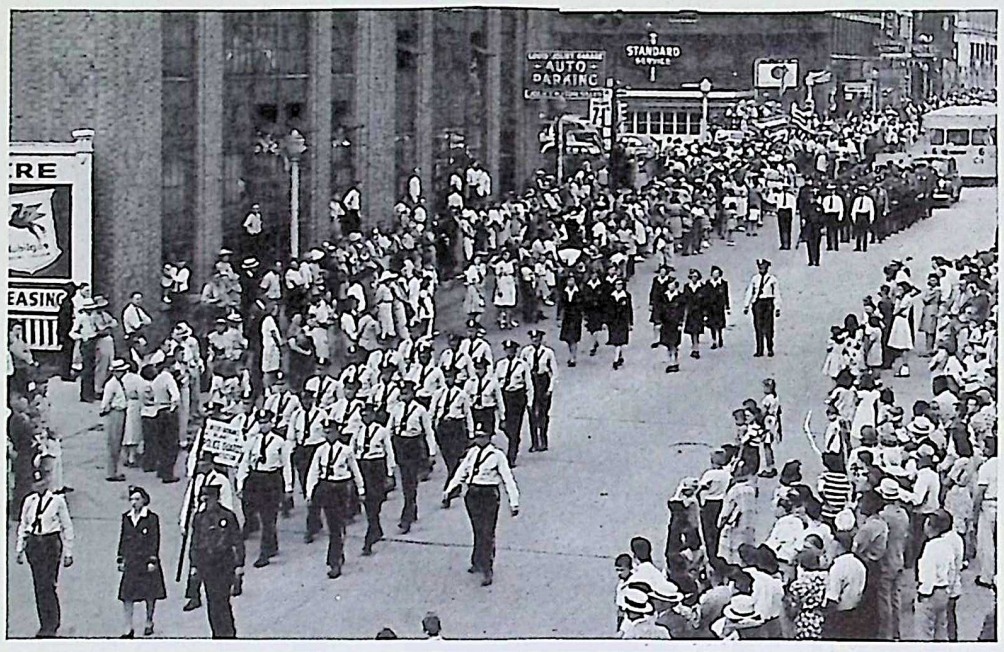
Payroll Allotment Authorization for Purchase of United States Series E Saving Bonds

- New employees may participate in the plan by executing a Payroll Allotment Authorization Form which should be carefully filled out in order to provide Sanderson & Porter with all essential and necessary information.
- Any employee desiring to increase his or her weekly payroll deductions may do so by giving written notice (by letter) to the Payroll Manager, Sanderson & Porter Payroll Dept., Administration Bldg. Such notice should be made at least (10) ten days before payroll deduction date.
- Any employee desiring to make a change in Co-Owner, Beneficiary or address may do so by giving written notice (by letter) to the Payroll Manager, Sanderson & Porter Payroll Dept., Administration Bldg. Such notice should be made at least (10) ten days in advance.
- No partial withdrawals may be made from the accumulated deductions, nor may they be assigned for loans or otherwise.

JOHN F. DOLAN, Manager,
Payroll Department

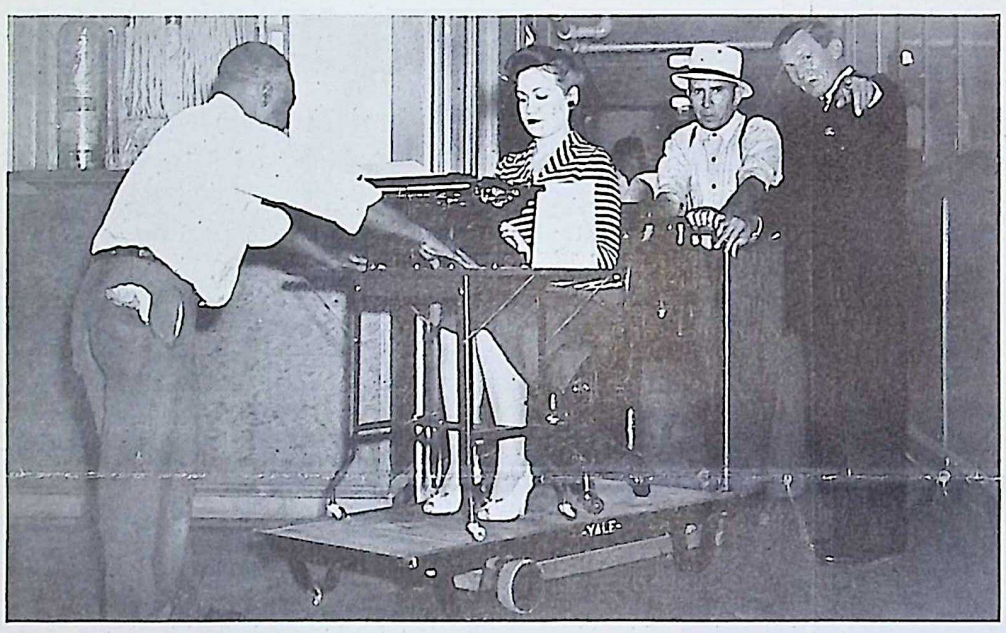
OUT AT HOME was Lloyd Widup when he was tagged by Catcher Andrew Feeney in this action shot taken during the Group 2-Machine Shop game.

ELWOOD ON PARADE



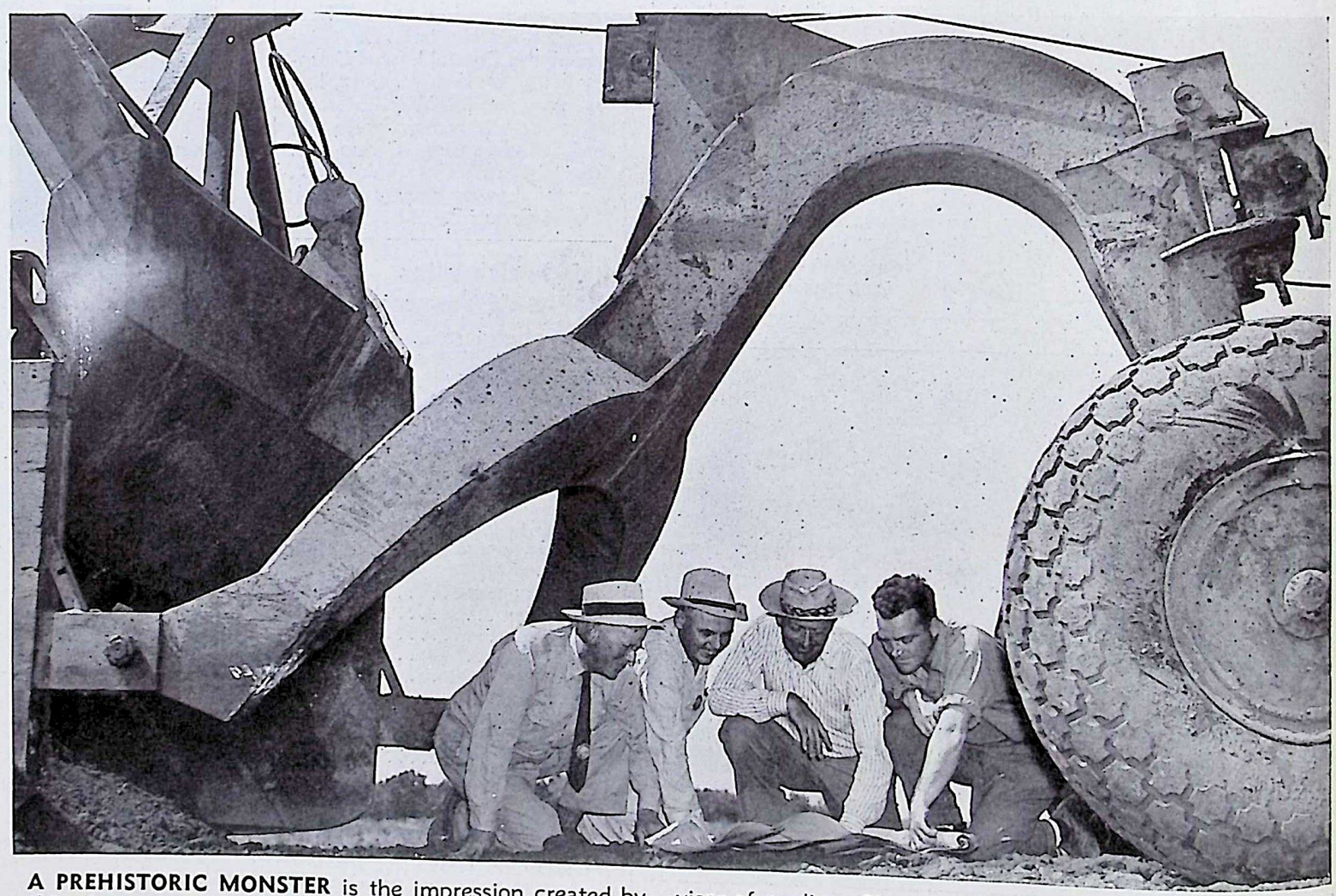
PLANT PROTECTION is the job of the units shown here marching in the Joliet Fourth of July parade. In the lead are the members of the Guard unit, followed by the Police Matrons and the Fire Department representatives.

LIFE IS GIVEN to the EOP floats in the Joliet Fourth of July Parade by the presence of girls from the Fuze and Booster groups as shown here in the front, followed by the trucks bearing various sizes of bombs.



INTERRUPTION TO WORK was kept at a minimum during the moving of offices resulting from the completion of the extensions to the two wings of the Administration Building. Shown at the typewriter is Virginia Krause, secretary to Assistant Comptroller George B. Pumphrey, while R. L. Voss, superintendent of the administration area, directs Harry H. Roberts, front, and John Perino, back.

RAPT ATTENTION is given John O'Connell, chief of the Timekeeping Department, when he addresses a meeting of his men. Pictured here are Bernard McShane, Milton Treitel, Robert Balma, Archie LaBorence, Harry Knarr, Grant Stilt, Arthur Couch, William Prindle, Elmer Dames, Frank Zupancic, Glenn Allen, Ben Sloan, Lawrence Holz, Paul Lauer, Charles Di Peso, George Barr, Clyde Mulligan, Paul Donahue, Thomas Ashton, James Murphy, James Hynds, Charles Swanberg, Joseph Bandino, Orville Bacon, Paul Zankowitz, Conrad Howard and Norman Ahrens.



A PREHISTORIC MONSTER is the impression created by this giant scoop used by EOP'S road building organization when four supervisors were photographed while studying a blueprint. Shown left to right are John H. Ryan, supervisor of grading; Charles Irving, supervising roads engineer; E. L. Schuyler, grading foreman, and Irving "Red" Harbour, superintendent of road and highway maintenance.

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Harrison Plays Planning Role in Building EOP

Brigadier General On Scene Early As Plant Was Started

By Harrison Smith

Brig. Gen. William H. Harrison, until recently Director of Production, War Production Board, was appointed a Brigadier General, and Director of Procurement, Headquarters Services of Supply, June 27, 1942.

General Harrison was given leave of absence as vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in order that he might become associated with the defense program. He was appointed Director of the Construction Division of the National Defense Advisory Commission on July 9, 1940, for service with **Lieut. Gen. William S. Knudsen.** On January 18, 1941, he was appointed Chief of the Shipbuilding and Construction Branch of the Office of Production Management, where he served until September 8, 1941, when he was appointed Director of the Production Division of the War Production Board.

On December 1, 1942, eleven days after the beginning of permanent construction at Elwood, General Harrison made his first visit to the Elwood plant, in his capacity as Director of the Construction Division of the National Advisory Commission. On this first visit, with War Department officials, General Harrison joined in the discussion with representatives of Sanderson & Porter and the Army, of the proposed plans for carrying on the construction work. Subsequent to this visit, General Harrison made many other visits. On occasions he came unannounced, with a desire to observe for himself and unchaperoned, the progress of construction. On other occasions he held conferences with executives of Sanderson & Porter and the Army on various phases of the work, his comments and suggestions always being pertinent and directed along constructive lines.

Remains in Touch

General Harrison has never lost touch with the progress of Elwood. When the first loading line was placed in operation on July 12, 1941, he was one of the first to be advised of it. Since the beginning of operations General Harrison has shown, on numerous occasions, his interest in Elwood Ordnance Plant and the welfare of its people. By his friendly and helpful attitude he has done much to create in all of us a feeling of confidence and respect, and a desire to so conduct our business as to receive his commendation.

General Harrison was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 11, 1892, and received his early education in the Brooklyn elementary and high schools. He entered the services of the Bell Telephone System in 1909, at the age of seventeen years, as a repairman in New York City. Later he became a member of the Engineering Department of the Western Electric Company, a Bell System subsidiary. During his employment

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BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM H. HARRISON
Director of Procurement, Services of Supply

"WITH THE ENERGY, knowledge, and skills of this country devoted to the protection of our way of life you men and women of the Elwood Ordnance Plant have shown by results the recognition of your responsibilities.

"Your jobs require skill—discipline—devotion to the job—and the other requisites which make good soldiers.

"Our troops now at the various fronts need and will effectively use the munitions you are producing.

"The Elwood Ordnance Plant has proven its competence and ability—we are counting on continued results—for *NOW* is when the need is urgent.

—Brig. Gen. William H. Harrison.

Gerber Heads New Ordnance Division

Col. T. C. Gerber, former EOP commandant, has been named Field Director of Ammunition Plants for the Ordnance Department, with headquarters in St. Louis. Representatives of munition plants met here July 20 to hear details of the proposed operation of the new division under the Chief of Ordnance.

Munition Workers Served by USO

When the plea for funds for the United Service Organization is made to you, remember you, too, are eligible for USO services at their headquarters. EOP employees gave more than $4,200 last year. Superintendents of the various groups will handle the solicitation this year.

Leave Your Telephone Number with Family

Employees are requested to leave with their families their time clock number, group number, building number and telephone number where they can be reached so that incoming calls at the plant for them can be handled without complications.

First EOP Girl Leaves to Take WAAC Training

Alice Pichon One of 41 from 5500 to Be Accepted

Although definitely not a message of love, **Alice Pichon** regards the missive she received July 16 in a small post office at Braceville, Illinois, as the most thrilling letter of her life. The letter was an official acceptance from the WAAC for officers training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

"I had completely given up hope," said Miss Pichon, first EOP woman to join the "Wacks." "As a matter of fact I didn't open the letter right away because I thought that it was a formal thank you and the reason for my rejection. You see, I was supposed to be notified one way or the other immediately following my last interview on June 22, and here it was July 16. Well, you can imagine how I felt when I read that I was to report at Fort Des Moines on August 3 for the officers training course."

After two penetrating interviews, a mental alertness test and a physical examination, Miss Pichon was one of 41 women selected for the WAAC officers training course out of 5500 applicants in the Chicago area, Sixth Corps.

"The thing that I am getting the biggest kick out of right now," Miss Pichon said, "is that I am on a furlough just like the men in the army get."

Worked in Cafeteria

The first week in June Miss Pichon started her duties as supervisor of the private dining room at the EOP cafeteria, never realizing that she would have an interview a few days later that would lead to an army career. Prior to that week that will probably change the whole course of her life, Miss Pichon was a home economics teacher for three years at the Oakland Township High School at Muncie, Ill.

A mental alertness test, the same as taken by men recruits, is the first step in the preliminary routine of a WAAC candidate. Others fail when asked the square root of 3⅞ miles by pi when A is walking east in the rain and B isn't doing anything at all, but Miss Pichon isn't defeated by this kind of child's play.

After her mental alertness was established to everybody's satisfaction, she had her first interview with an army officer and two experienced personnel women at the recruiting station in Chicago. "My appointment was for 12:30 but I didn't have my interview until 4:30. I think that this was done on purpose to test our nerves. Not all of the women could stand the suspense."

Almost Missed Test

Miss Pichon not only stood the suspense but was completely at ease under a barrage of questions and microscopic scrutiny by experts in detecting undesirable mannerisms, emotion instability and any other qualities that would detract from being a good officer. "I was asked why I wanted to go

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Employees Set Pace

We believe that the extravagance sometimes associated with war industries is missing in the operation of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. This most satisfactory state of affairs is due to the efficiency of our workers and their co-operation with the management in requiring strict observance of rules, and in setting a good example. Great credit is due to the large majority of employees who feel and know that their work at EOP is a definite contribution to winning the war. The inspiring messages which employees have received from men whose efforts in behalf of their country have been outstanding, attest to the importance of the work of this plant. This knowledge is responsible for the fact that many employees have set their own standards of conduct and insist that those of their associates who may not be so thoughtful do likewise.

When savings in material, money or time are effected, and when personal production is increased, the employees and the Nation are the sole beneficiaries. Sanderson & Porter were selected to operate the plant for the War Department, under the direction of the Ordnance Department of the United States Army. The firm's compensation for management services is a fixed fee for performing a certain part of the war program. If, as a result of the combined effort of all, this job is done more efficiently, more economically through savings and through stepped-up production, then you and every other citizen of the United States benefits . . . no one else.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

Since the last issue of your favorite newspaper, I had a vacation, an earned one . . . if you please, you who think it's a soft snap roaming around the area gathering up the weighty information that effervesces from these lines of type every other Friday? Try it awhile, brother, and I'll bet you will soon be back pushing those empty shells down the conveyor and raving about how easy they skim along.

Well, anyhow, I got the well-earned(?) vacation and in a mood of self-pity . . . "America needs us strong" and "save the body and you save all" and all that stuff, I found myself arguing with me.

"Scorchy," says I to me, "you need a good rest . . . get away up in Wisconsin and sit still for awhile."

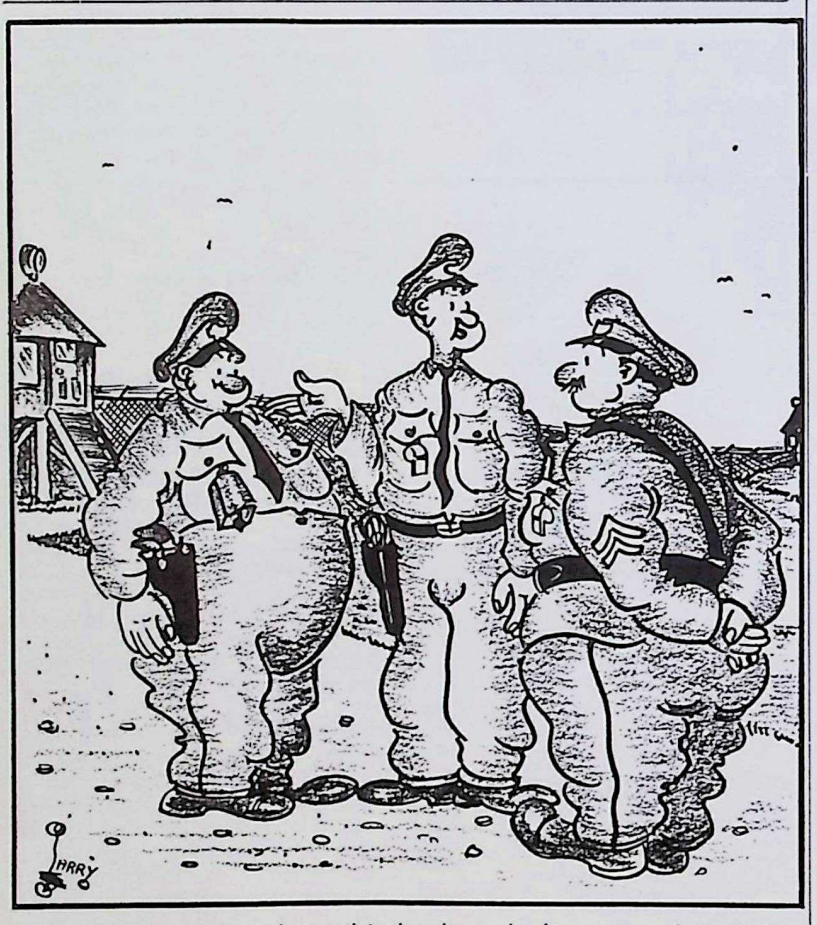
By golly, that seemed like a great plan and, all of a sudden, I was agreeing with myself. I went. I sat. I thought. That thinking stuff is tough work for a guy like me who has trouble remembering his own clock number, but in true EOP style, I kept on thinking. Eureka, an idea!

After the war is over, I would start my own Income Tax Bureau and instead of paying taxes I would go around collecting them. All I would have to do would be to offer lower taxes than anyone else and a lot of fellows, and surely all my EOP pals, would line up to patronize their old crony who was giving them a break with nice low taxes.

Then I got to thinking about all these birds working steady for good wages and how they are spending it about as fast as it comes in. Sure, some of it goes into War Bonds. But how about that little extra for that rainy day? My money says it won't be there.

Someday this war is going to end and then the smart guys . . . "economists" I guess you call them, will start talking about "a period of adjustment," or "a restoration of our industrial economy," and all that kind of syrup they ladle out to ease the pain when you are looking for a job you can't find.

The more I dwelt on this angle the more I was convinced that pals with bulging pockets today might not be such good customers later on. And with the rapid-fire, direct action that marks my every move I rushed into Group 60 and upped the War Bond subscription and the following Saturday opened a savings account for a little each week against the day when. . . .



"He says he forgot his whistle, but don't worry about him getting lost."

3 Trips to Joliet Made by EOP Bus

Three round trips daily are now made by an EOP bus for the convenience of residents within the EOP area and those employees who are required to go to Joliet on business.

The bus leaves the Administration Building, passes all plant residences and makes stops along Route 66-A at Residences 74-1, 74-2, 74-3, 74-4A, Central Road, Road 2-N and Residence 74-8. The Joliet terminal is the parking lot adjoining the Elks Building at 155 Scott Street.

The bus leaves the Administration Building at 9:30 a. m., 12 noon and 2:45 p. m. It leaves Joliet at 10:30 a. m., 1:45 and 3:45 p. m.

Schedule changes may be made as experience dictates and the co-operation of employees and residents is requested during the initial operating period.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I wish to say that we Negro matrons of EOP want everyone to know we enjoy doing our work for defense.

Maybe it is only a minor part that we do, but we keep things spic and span for the ones who have major parts in defense so that they may be at all times fresh and clean in their surroundings which enables them to work harder and faster for our good old USA.

I am acquainted with all of the matrons at Fuze and Booster and they in return are glad to help in this onward course we are pursuing.

Please don't forget, even if we don't have a poster, we are 100 per cent in the War Bonds campaign.

Wilda Willis,
Matron, Guest House.

Harrison Plays Planning Role in Building EOP

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with the Western Electric Company he attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and was graduated in the Industrial Electrical Engineering course in 1915. From the start of his employment with the Bell System, General Harrison served in practically every branch of the system, at different times occupying the position of engineer, an official of the New York Telephone Company, vice president of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, in which latter position he was in complete charge of the Department of Operation and Engineering.

General Harrison received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1938. In the following year he was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Notre Dame. He is past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, former chairman of the Philadelphia Safety Council, former trustee of the Village of Garden City, Long Island, and its Commissioner of Public Works. He is a member of the New York Engineering Society and of the Newcomen Society, and a director of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. He is also director of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and the 195 Broadway Corporation.

General Harrison's permanent home is Garden City, Long Island, N. Y. He is married and has two sons—**William H. Harrison, Jr.**, a selectee in the United States Army, and **J. Grant Harrison.**

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick has returned from his vacation. All the boys were glad to see him and he was pleased to find everything in order. He spent his vacation in the east visiting many friends and taking in a few spots on Broadway, including the "Hot Tomato." He said all the bright lights are dimmed for the duration and Broadway isn't what it used to be.

Congratulations to **John T. Dillon** who is the proud father of a baby boy, **Richard James.**

Group 70 played our softball team according to schedule July 9. At the end of seven innings the score was tied at 2 all. Two extra innings were necessary to decide the winner. Group 70 managed to get 1 run across in the ninth inning making the score 3 to 2. **Lou Haake**, the star pitcher of the Joliet Rivals Club, did a commendable job of pitching for Group 70. Our Bombardier Team did a fine job considering the fact that we had very few regulars on the team. We have a good team in the making and should be able to win a lot of ball games.

Harry M. Knarr is on vacation visiting a friend stationed at an Army camp in North Dakota.

Claude Chapman, the congenial man from Wilmington, with the ever-ready smile, was raising a very nice mustache, but during his trip home over the holiday, lost it. Wonder if it could have been an order from the home front.

It seems strange lately that a young lad, **Russell Torkelson**, should be planning on building a home of his own.

The anxiety of **Viggo Frost**, custodian of change house 20A in Group 3-A, came to an end July 10. Upon his arrival home he found he was the proud owner of twin kids (speaking of his nanny goats, of course).

Howard Gueller, first baseman for the Bombadiers, knows how to use his head when he can't use his feet. Howard was pulled off the bag by a wild throw and being unable to untangle his feet quick enough, fell head-on the bag which easily made the out.

We congratulate **Fred Green** of Building 4 who is the proud father of a girl born July 10th, which accounts for him having a hard time to navigate Saturday, the occasion robbing him of his sleep.

It was heard that **Robert McAvoy** is taking lessons from "Charles Atlas," on how to get muscles, so he can take his shirt off on a warm day and not feel embarrassed when **Roland Oertel** clocks out. Until now he has had two lessons and expects to get the muscles in the next lesson.

George Duane Turner, known as the "Clark Gable of Building 10," took a trip to the dells over the Fourth.

Emil Galovich, Jr., is hoping that this coming week will bring to a close his pending deal for a partnership in a beauty parlor at Wilmington owned by a certain pretty blonde.

The Bombardiers will feel the loss of **Gordon Gabriel**, one of their best players, who suffered a broken ankle while scoring a run in a game with Group 66.

Asst. Supt. George Costello, Jr., left for a vacation July 26.

We understand that **Colby Erickson** is back under old management since his wife has returned from her vacation.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Most of the material checkers at Group 23, known as "The Hub," are seasoned EOP veterans.

John Markley, our genial boss and assistant to **Supt. Charles Herbig**, expects his wife to move to Joliet soon.

Gerald Fitzgerald, alias Wrong Day Corrigan, is becoming more punctual each day. Now he never comes to work on his day off.

Checker **Robert Grady** seems to be in a highly nervous state. He has failed to account for some boxes he checked in some time ago.

Harold Culbertson, better known as Cub, has just returned from an enjoyable vacation in Wisconsin.

George Duren, our able G-man, has been transferred to the Material Warehouse.

G-man **Ernie Kastman** is still among us. Ernie also reports an enjoyable vacation in the far North, but says he is glad to be back for a much needed rest.

James Eib, a recent recruit to this department, has hitched his wagon to a star.

Congratulations to **Harold Ellis** on his fast sprints to catch the Morris bus.

Bob Gulso now spends all his leisure time on the beautiful Kankakee River.

Norman Hammerschmidt was overheard while telephoning to Mr. Herbig. Seems as though Norman was complaining because he couldn't crowd his name on the office receiving reports.

Charles "Chuck" Sterman has a queer feeling when anyone mentions going to the army. We wonder if it is because his prospective father-in-law is an officer?

Kenneth Pratt says that Mr. Herbig is really becoming an efficient driver and feels indebted to him for his transportation. The checkers get mighty lonesome and tired, to say the least, on some of their long hikes between assignments, especially in the wee hours of the morning.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Planted, grown, harvested and cooked by Agnes Freehauf while Loretta Ryan is vacationing.

The following Production Progress clerks have left for active service in the Army: **William Bedford, Jack McCarthy, Bud Thoern, Jack McCor, John Troutman** and **Bud Vogel.** These young men were from Group 1. We also have an enlistment in the Navy, that of **Tommy Burns**, who left July 29.

Everyone looks especially happy these days because they are either making plans for their vacation, or they have just returned after happy days of relaxation. Included are **Loretta Ryan, Martha Craig, David Gianuzzi** and **Jim Spurlin.**

Mrs. Catherine B. Ray is entertaining her sister, **Mrs. James B. McClavy**, Memphis, Tenn.

Mae Norem has exchanged her "pig tails" for a three inch cut.

Carl Clendenen and **Cliff Bryant**, the "peach and plum kids," are awaiting the tempting feast promised them by **Agnes Freehauf.**

Fred Mastin seems to be having the exasperating bother of handling a "problem child" with **"Master" Paul Pickens**, but with the aid of **Paul Leming** he may be able to accomplish the irksome task.

Gertrude Finnegan has joined the department.

Ray Van Hook makes a trip to Springfield every weekend. He says it's to see his mother, but we wonder.

It's remarkable how **Dorothy Mihelic** and **Marie Sanders** can look so spry the next day after coming home from dates at 3:45 a. m. and 4:45 a. m. respectively.

Mary O'Connor corresponds with 23 men in the armed forces. They ought to give her the Distinguished Service Cross.

Mel Block saw a sign in Chicago the other day which read, "Now that they are taking women in the armed forces, I regret that I have but one wife to give for my country."

Usually around 4:45 p. m. you find **Dick Ebben** with lots of work on his hands. Could the reason why he always finishes in time be because he has such splendid help from **Mary McGovern.**

Service Flag to Honor Former Employees Now in Armed Forces

Men Express Appreciation for Tabloid, Ask for Letters; Paper Furnishes Addresses

Delivery of a huge service flag to honor the more than 900 former EOP employees in the armed forces of the United States is expected within ten days, according to **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller.

Mr. Bassett explained that even the extraordinary size of the flag will not permit the use of an individual star for each service man. Instead some 500 stars will be shown and a panel will be utilized to indicate the exact number. This number will be changed as more are called into service. Other large companies have been compelled to use such a plan.

Appropriate ceremonies will be held, Mr. Bassett said, when the flag is unfurled in the Recreation Building.

Under the supervision of **George F. Bent**, personnel director, families of men in the service are being asked to furnish their addresses so that copies of *The Bomb-Shell* can be mailed to them. Recent issues of the paper have carried letters from the service men expressing appreciation for news from home.

Letter Writing Urged

The men in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and other forces welcome letters from their friends and former associates and EOP workers can do nothing more appreciated than to write these men a note regularly or, at least, now and then. Beginning with this issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, the names of EOP men in the services will be published. Two hundred names are carried in this issue. Others will be published in future issues until the list is complete.

If you wish to write to any man listed, telephone *The Bomb-Shell* office, Line 4206, and his address will be given to you. If you know the name and address of any man you think may not be listed in the office, telephone Line 4206 so that the paper may be sent to him.

Letters from former EOP workers continue to express interest in the paper and appreciation for receiving it. **Harry E. Kimmel**, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, writes, "I have finished my basic training and am now ready to be assigned to a definite job. I am willing to do my part as I know my many friends in the plant are willing to make their sacrifices. Thanks again for the paper. It surely helps me to keep up with the happenings back there."

"I received *The Bomb-Shell*, three issues," says **W. A. Barcus**, Great Lakes, Ill., "and enjoyed them very much. I would like to keep on receiving them. I think the name is very appropriate and the news is good. I would like news of Group 7. I don't have the addresses of any of the boys on my shift. I was on the shift of a fellow named Ted. I don't know his last name, but he is a new man on the job. I am looking forward to the next issue."

Reads Every Word

Sgt. Paul J. Roy, Camp Forrest, Tenn., writes, "I have enjoyed reading it and see much in it of interest to me." **Pvt. George P. Soteropoulos**, Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb., says, "I would greatly appreciate it if you would forward a copy of each edition of *The Bomb-Shell* to me here at camp. I am now permanently stationed here. I have been assigned to my job as stock clerk in the Mess. My job consists of taking care of the books, seeing that the cooks get the right amount of food and checking what is returned. I enjoy reading the paper, for I like to keep up with the news of the plant and of the people."

"Received three issues of *The Bomb-Shell* this week," pens **Pvt. A. E. Gresham**, U. S. Marine Corps, San Diego, Calif., "and I want to thank you for sending them as I read them from top to bottom, especially for news of Group 3, which was very well covered. Hope I can drop some of those bombs I used to help make very soon. Keep up the good work as we will drop some more soon."

"I have read every word in it and promise to do the same to every copy I receive," says **Corp. Lyman C. Bedwell**, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. "I hope all former employees are receiving it and get as big a kick out of reading it as I do. As a former member of the Timekeeping Department, I'd like to see more items regarding **John O'Connell** and his gang. And I'd like to add that my training under O'Connell has not been in vain as now I'm still in payroll, having in my charge our Regiment's payrolls and some 50 officers."

Interested in Home

"Since your paper has become a frequent caller at my quarters," writes **Lt. Charles E. Campbell**, Camp Bowie, Tex., "I have been trying to find time to drop you a note and tell you how much I appreciate *The Bomb-Shell*. It makes me recall names and faces and feel at home.

"I think your efforts have been swell in getting the paper to us. You people at home have made us feel we aren't forgotten. No matter who the man is, he is always interested in his friends and home. Should I have any friends who might get to read this, I would like to thank you all for what you are sending us and I know you will do more than your share to hold up your end. Just keep that stuff coming, we'll drop those eggs. I do hope your paper follows me where I am going."

EMPIRE BUILDERS are the breed to which A. M. Lockwood, general superintendent of utilities, shown peering intently into the future, belongs.

Mother Says Mailing "Bomb-Shell" is Grand

Mrs. D. V. Peterson, Frances Road, Joliet, is the first mother of a former EOP employee in the armed services to express appreciation for the mailing of *The Bomb-Shell* to her son, **Pvt. Leroy L. Peterson**, Air Corps Technical School, Keesler Field, Miss.

Mrs. Peterson's letter said in part, "This is Leroy's new address. He writes he surely enjoys the paper. He formerly worked in Group 1. I think it is grand that you send the paper to the boys. Thanking you for it, I remain sincerely, (his Mother) Mrs. Peterson."

"Here's hoping that you will continue to send me *The Bomb-Shell*," declares **Albert E. Ray**, U. S. Navy, Boston, Mass. "I worked under **Henry Gormley** as a fireman in Groups 4 and 9. Being a young man, I joined the Navy to do my part at the front. I also have a brother working there, **G. D. Ray**."

★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

George Adams
Theodore Adams
Forest D. Allcut
Horace T. Allen
Arthur B. Anderson
Daniel S. Anderson
Joseph G. Anderson
Adolph V. Adreoni
Joseph Badorski
William A. Barcus
Henry R. Bartz
Lyman C. Bedwell
Lester A. Bell
Edward L. Bellows
Patrick L. Benoit
Rene M. Berta
Wayne E. Bezold
Thomas W. Birkey
Stephen B. Biro
Joseph P. Boetto
Michael J. Bollero
Joseph E. Bonczek
Paul W. Bone
Ervin F. Born
John H. Bovis
Corbley H. Bowen
Marshall C. Bowes
Eugene Bradley
Martin E. Bragg
John M. Brannick
Elmer H. Bretz
Seraphin J. Brish
Robert C. Brothers
Edward W. Brown
Joseph W. Brown
Paul T. Brozman
Jack A. Bruer
Harold W. Brunner
William T. Bryant
John R. Burke
Earl W. Burkhart
Russell E. Burnett
James M. Burns
Joseph Bussoni
Raymond P. Button, Jr.
Charles E. Campbell
Thomas L. Canale
Francis J. Carpenter
Fred R. Carpenter
Louis A. Cartier
Louis F. Carugati
William E. Case
Elet E. Chanley
Victor M. Chiovatero
Frank A. Cholewa
John M. Claudin
Edgar W. Cockbill
Roy O. Colby
Wallace B. Collyer
Harold W. Conrad
Emmett M. Corrigan
Hugh P. Corrigan
Oral Cox
Stanley J. Curran
Robert E. Cushing
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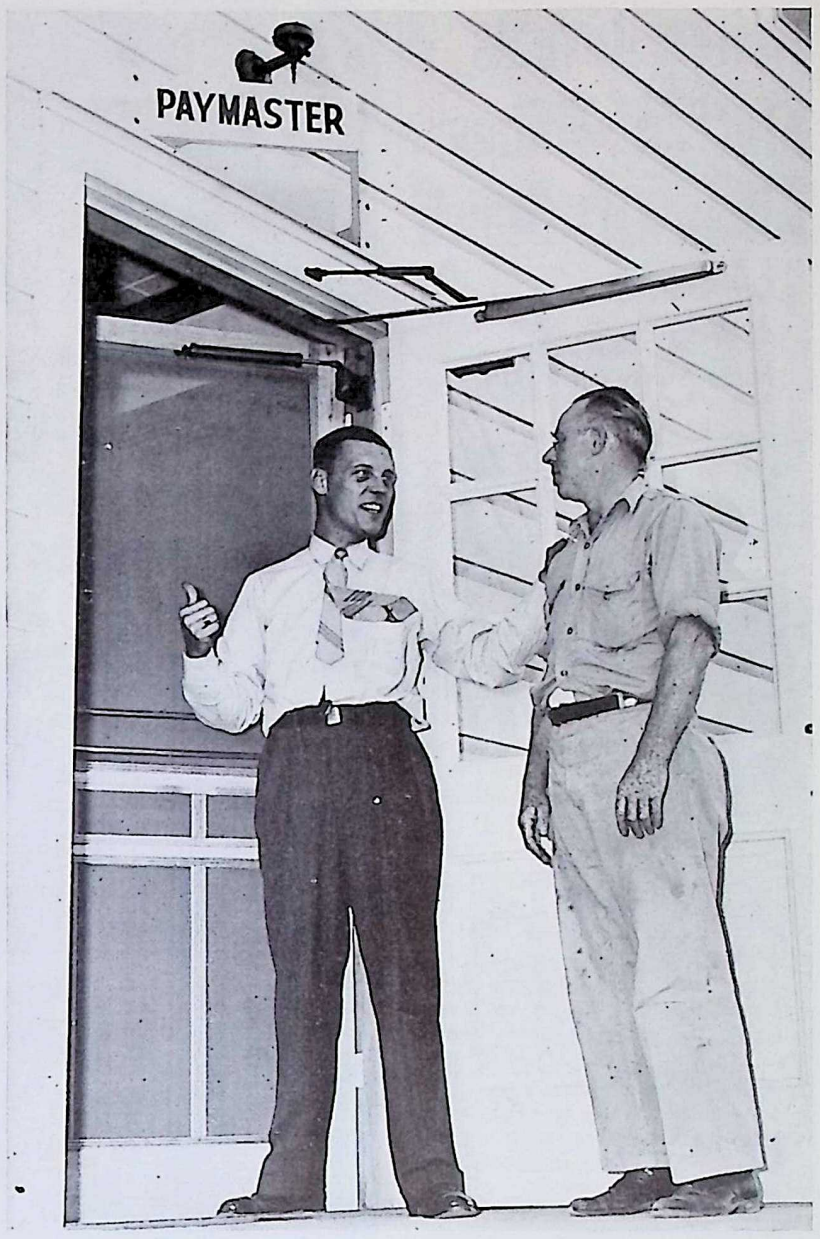
John C. Davidson
William A. Davin
Pete A. Debosik
Peter Robert Dettore
Peter M. Dillon



HERE IT IS, implies John J. Machias (left), assistant paymaster, as he points out to Charles J. Curtis, boiler-house fireman, the new entrance to the Paymaster's Office in the east wing of the Administration Building. Employees who do not receive their checks on paydays are asked to go to this entrance to get their "yard of green paper."

Peter J. Dinelli
Louis A. Dixon
Michael W. Doyle
Earl Dransfeldt
Joseph P. Dubach
William G. Ducey
Maurice Dunahee
Fred H. Edwards
James H. Edwards
Norbert L. Egges
Albert A. Eilers
Clarence V. Emhouser
B. C. English
William English
Douglas C. Etling
Clarence A. Evans
Garrett B. Eversole
Glenn A. Everson
Robert W. Everson
Russell L. Eyerly
Miles B. Farrell
Joseph R. Ferguson
Robert L. Fitzgerald
Arthur H. Florian
Frank Foli
Floyd H. Foster
William A. Fowler
Kay Louis Frandsen
William G. Franke
Harold A. Fratz
Earl H. Fredericksen
Louis F. Fritz
Orville R. Fritz
Grant S. Frost
John L. Gable
Francis Galbraith
Edmond A. Gaska
Joseph W. Gergovich
William B. Gestal
Andrew V. Getson
Joseph M. Giori
Lawrence J. Girot
Ralph C. Gmelich
Charles W. Godel
Glenn E. Gordon
Lindsey L. Gordon
Richard J. Goss
Harold Graves
Edward J. Greenwald
Albert E. Gresham
Thomas Clair Gresham
Joseph Griglione
William G. Grohne
Frank W. Hankey
Harlow F. Hanson
Ray C. Hardwick
Raymond A. Harper
Laverne Curtis Harton
Melvin V. Harty
John F. Heenan
Otto R. Heiden
Frank J. Helle
Robert W. Hess
John W. Hibler

William D. Hickey
John D. Hight
Ernest F. Hoenes
Paul J. Hoffman
Sam Holtzman
Franklin J. Houser
John F. Housman
Harold H. Hudak
John Hudek
Floyd A. Huddleston
Andrew E. Humenick
Ellwood F. Hupke
John H. Hutcheson
Albert Jacovec
Edward H. Jahneke
Alfred H. Jancovius
James L. Jerbi
Merle C. Jerbi
Archie R. Johnson
Elmer L. Johnson
Glenn M. Johnson
Robert E. Jones
Glenn D. Jordan
Albert R. Kallai
Edgar W. Kallenberg
James A. Kaye
William C. Kennedy
George E. Kezerle
James D. Kilbride
Harry E. Kimmel
John P. Kinsella
Louis W. Kirkham
Joseph F. Klafta
Leonard A. Klenzak
John S. Kluka
Irving A. Knight
Jehle F. Koehler
Thomas J. Konowalski
Joseph J. Kopczick
Ralph K. Kotches
Richard H. Krallman
Edward L. Kurth
Leroy Kusper
Willard C. Lage
Thomas P. Landers
Ellis E. Lange
Herbert G. Lent
Joseph F. Liberty
Ferdinand R. Lippner
George B. Lovell
Francis T. Lynch
James A. Lynch
Weldon E. Mahr
Ralph H. Mallory
Zellio Malosti
George Alvin Mason
Amos N. Mathison
Edward K. Matteson
Jack D. McCoy
Durwood H. McCullough
Henry E. McCullough
Dennis Delbert McCumsey
Henry J. McElroy
Robert W. McFadden

Writer Reveals Stuff 'n' Things About OD Bunch

Civilian Personnel of War Department Have Many Interests

By Seymour Kurantman

It was a hot July day and I was feeling like a piece of damp toast. The telephone rang and the editor's voice came over from the Recreation Building.

S. Kurantman

"Mr. Kurantman," he piped briskly, "how about batting out an article for *The Bomb-Shell* on the War Department employees at the plant?"

"What?" said I, and he repeated. I had heard him the first time. Weakly I said that I would do it and asked what he wanted in it.

"Oh," was the reply, "you know, just stuff about the people you work with, where they're from, what they're like and stuff like that."

"OK," said I again, even more weakly this time. Boy, it was a hot day and the idea of sitting over a hot typewriter seemed very unattractive.

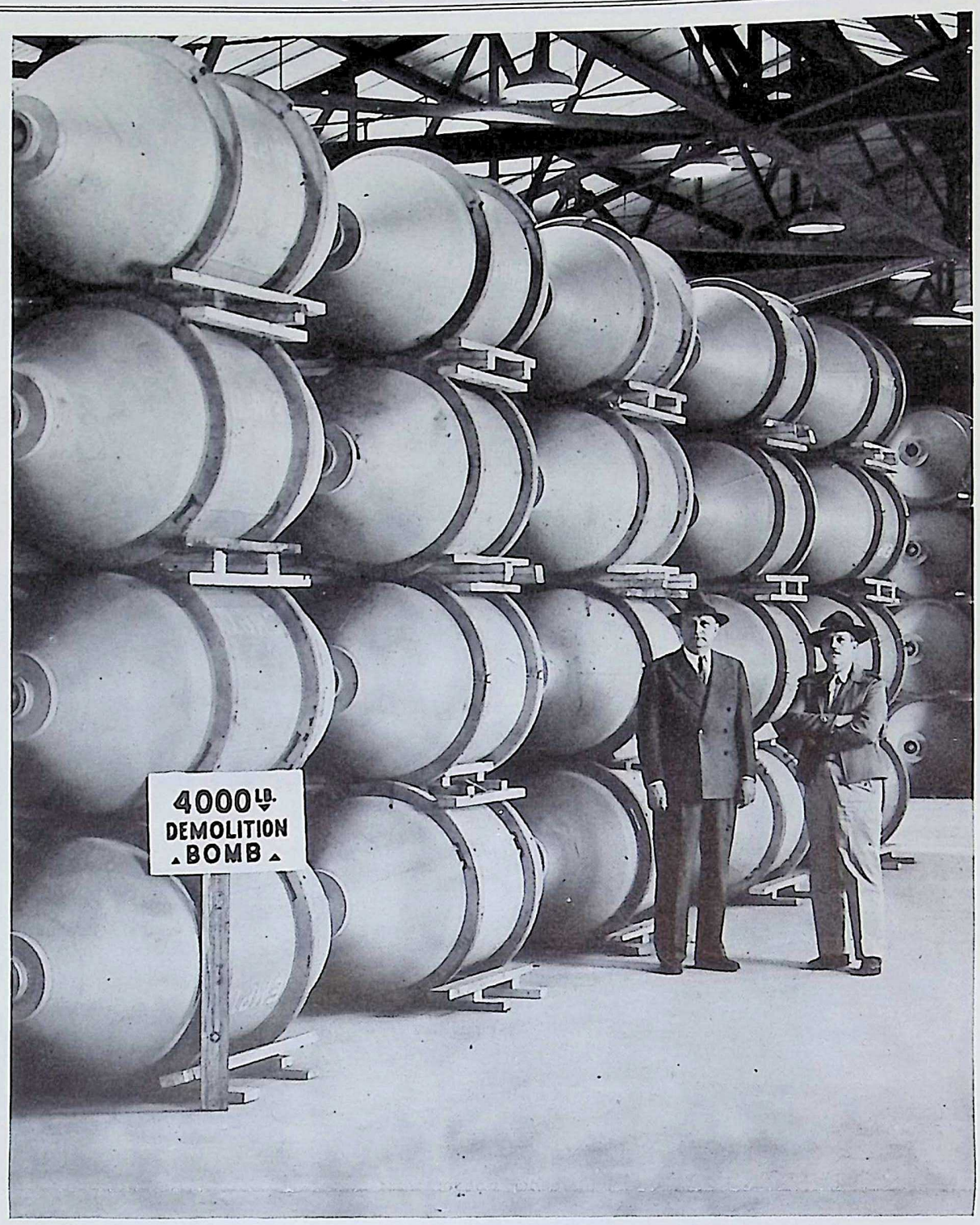
That was on a Friday and copy had to be in by the next Wednesday. Over the week-end I had the uneasy feeling that something had to be attended to. This feeling persisted until Tuesday night and then I faced the inevitable and a blank sheet of paper in the machine.

Well, it shouldn't be tough. There's plenty to write about the War Department civilian personnel at EOP. First, there is the scattering of cities and states represented. New England claims **"Red" Bowler, Bernie Lyons, Bob Cohen, Seymour Stearns** and **Melvin Herwitz**, all from Massachusetts. New York, heavily represented on the S & P roster, also has its native sons in your correspondent, **Dave Horwick** and **Bill Tynan** to name some. Then there's **Oley Olson** from out of this world, that is Brooklyn, the home of "dem bums."

From other points around the compass are people from Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Arkansas, Colorado and Texas, and a heavy representation from Illinois, of course. Finally, there is **J. P. Zagade** who will tell you, at the drop of a hint, of the places he's lived in from New York to Montano, from Illinois to Mexico.

Of interest too, is the literacy of this bunch, with a high percentage of college graduates. Represented are Harvard, Notre Dame, Columbia, College of the City of New York, New York University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chicago and the state universities of Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and many others. We have people with master's degrees and others who have studied for Ph. D's. There are engineers, lawyers, school teachers, chemists, draftsmen, psychologists, accountants and technicians of all kinds.

Of course, statistics are on the proscribed list, but it is enough to say that among the girls are plenty who are married or engaged with a number of plant romances included. Outside of the plant, the interests are varied and absorbing. Several are pilots and on any clear day around 6 or 7 p. m. you can spot **Art Koch** in his plane, if you know the markings. **Lewis Mines** writes and **Mary Tyler** listens to serious music. Others are stage-struck and haunt the Chicago theatre openings. One fellow, who shall be nameless, assiduously cultivates a social career in Chicago. And so it goes.



BLOCK BUSTERS is the term applied by war correspondents to the two-ton bombs dropped on Hamburg last week. Four-thousand-pound bombs shown here are loaded at EOP. Pictured also are Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, EOP commanding officer (right), and W. E. Canniff, manager of engineering and operations.

Nowell Park Day Sunday Will Be Free to Workers

Annual Celebration to Include Shows, Contests, Movies

The Recreation Department of the Joliet Park District will stage their annual Nowell Park Day celebration at Nowell Park Sunday, August 2, and a cordial invitation is extended to EOP employees to attend and enjoy the many entertaining features to be presented.

The Gala celebration will start at 11 o'clock in the morning and wind up some where around midnight with something doing every minute.

There will be free swimming in the pool all day. A water ballet with swimming, diving and comedy acts will be presented at 2 o'clock under the direction of **Fred Culmer.**

Later in the day an athletic show with boxing and wrestling exhibitions will be staged on the grounds. A boxing ring will be set in the center of the park where every one will have a clear view of the bouts. Early in the evening a vaudeville show will be presented with acrobats, dancers, singers and band music. In charge of the athletic show and the vaudeville numbers will be **Walter Shaughnessy,** Joliet boxing and wrestling promoter, who works in Group 1 with the midnight shift.

Along with these attractions will be baseball games, horseshoe pitching and shuffle board tournaments, races for the children and to wind up the day after dark there will be movies.

Recreational Director John *Clemens is the guiding hand of* this affair and as in the past expects a big turn-out. Clemens urges visitors to bring their lunch and spend the entire day enjoying the entertainment that his department is offering on this big free day at Nowell Park.

Ordnance Insignia 110 Years Old

Oldest current insignia in the Army is the bomb and flame of the Ordnance Department. It was adopted 110 years ago to be worn in gold embroidery on the skirts of long coats by Artillery and Ordnance officers.

When it was removed from Artillery uniforms in 1851, Ordnance became sole owner. It has identified the Ordnance Department ever since. More recently, the flame has been streamlined.

The device originally came from the British. Under the name of Grenade it had long been the badge of Royal Engineers, Royal Horse Artillery, and the Grenadier Guards.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Cut, basted, fitted and sewed by Nancy Sherwood in absence of Helen Shimek, on vacation.

The Transportation Department held a farewell picnic in honor of **Mrs. Philomena McCraley** at Inwood Picnic Grounds July 9. Mrs McCraley resigned her position in order to accompany here husband, **Dr. W. J. McCraley,** now a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army at Camp Grant. Those present included Dr. and Mrs. McCraley, **E. J. Egan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walters, Jackie Deitz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watkins, Mrs. Dale Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. George O'Reilly** and daughter, **Coleen, Helen Carlberg, Margaret Hayden, John Arthur, Robert Peterson** and **Ernest Raunser.**

The next picnic will be held at the country home of **John Arthur,** chief car checker, Transportation Department, at Coal City.

George Redmon, roadmaster, Maintenance of Way Railroad Department, has moved into the EOP residence area.

Richard Carroll, night yard master at the Railroad Classification Yard, has left for the ARMY.

We are told that **E. J. Egan,** superintendent of the Transportation Department, while not the most successful poker player, has the best appetite for non-existent lunch.

Our genial trainmaster, **John E. Ryan,** has a new assignment—awakening the roadmaster at 3 a. m. daily.

E. G. McAloon, master mechanic, holds the pinochle title and is saving his winnings to donate to the USO.

Helen Shimek, secretary to **A. M. Lockwood,** journeyed home to Uniontown, Pa., for her vacation.

Mrs. Frank Jensen, 19 Stryker Avenue, Joliet, wishes to extend her thanks to the Truck Drivers and Carpenter Department of Group 64 for the flowers sent to her in her recent bereavement. **Frank Jensen** was associated with the Truck Department.

To quote **"Doc" Craig** of the Locksmith Shop: "After all our business is taking care of other people's troubles—and you have to admit that we are the *key* men of EOP."

We would say that the Locksmith Shop with its crew of four men, **"Tim" Thompson,** manager; **Ralph Heap, "Doc" Craig** and **"Scottie" Morris,** is really on the job. When they are around there is no need to worry about lost keys or getting locked out of your car. Their "service with a smile" department will solve your key problems. It seems, however, that these men have developed a problem of their own which they can not solve. Since the opening of the new laundry across the way, the men at the bench are beginning to complain of eye strain.

John Konetski, Water Department, took time out from filling salt dispensers July 3 to marry **Dorothy Bowers** of Pontiac.

Claude Sayre spent the week-end of July 17 in Silver Cross Hospital. We are glad Mr. Sayre is back again after his check-up. Did we hear rumors of a diet?

J. V. Wall had a very short stay at Richard Farm. We hear that he is now on the job in Chicago—one of those men who is going to help us out with synthetic rubber.

Tom Singer, superintendent of the Paint Shop, is in the hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

They tell me that **Bill Ryan** of the Sheet Metal Shop had a lot of luck recently. It seems that he put a quarter in a slot machine and a considerable quantity of slugs flew out. Perhaps he could use a few of them to start a collection for a new hat for **Ed Briscoe.** Bill's hobby is buying war savings stamps.

Members of the Radio Communications Department and guests enjoyed a steak fry at **R. A. Brown's** cottage on the Kankakee River on July 14. **Lary Jack** and Mr. Brown cooked the steaks and were voted capable chefs. Swimming, fishing and boat riding furnished diversion. **Ed Soulon** is better known as "Popeye" ever since he has shown his (in)ability to handle a motor boat. We're wondering who will be the first to see the moving pictures that were taken at the steak fry and just how strict the censor will be? A certain young lady in Radio Communications likes to fish if somebody else "threads" the hook and if she can go out in the middle where there are no "ruffles" in the water. She caught one, too, and says she had a lot of bites (mosquito).

Ask **Don Sharp,** timekeeper at Group 23 Road Maintenance Building about the day his newly made out report blew out of the window and up on the roof, how he scurried up on the roof and the report blew down, how he scurried down and blew up.

The Radio Communications Department just received a phone call from Water Softening Building that "Amos" and "Andy" were over there. They sent after them and they are once again on guard at the Radio Shop. By the way—they are our prize pooches.

Donald Smith, Truck Department, stepped out of the bachelor class last week. He is now back at work and seems to think the benedict status is very satisfactory.

The Round House has acquired a new family, five babies to be exact. But, alas, poor **Dave Creider** is sad. They're all girls. Who's to carry on the family name? (Mother cat and kittens doing well).

Operating engineers are talking about the picnic they're going to have Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Joliet Gun Club. Engineers **Al Nelson,** Group 6; **Henry Gurley,** Group 9, and **George Weber,** Group 3, are the entertainment committee and all the power house engineers will have tickets. Everyone is invited.

GROUP 3

WILLIAM BERINGER
Correspondent

If you want to save yourself the price of a newspaper, just talk to **Johnny "Winchell" Hamilton.** He can tell you all the latest.

Did you know that **Tiny Kautz** is also known as "Bubbles"?

Fred Dvorak is selling shares in his chicken ranch in Coal City.

Edward "Red" Wyciskalla of Building 3 left to join the Army. Red was with us since the start of operations in Group 3.

Sammy Johnson is raising a turkey on his farm. He is going to give it to Tiny Kautz. That's one good way of keeping off the ramps.

Understand **Chuck Hansen** is breaking in a new Assistant.

Any Group desiring the services of a First Class umpire, please do not hesitate to call on us. We seem to have an over-abundance, and would be very happy to loan you **Eddie Copp** any time you feel the need.

Who is this guy in Building 10 that lost his cow and had to take three days off to find same? The next time this happens, he should let a few of us in on it. We will be very happy to help him look, as we understand he had a swell time.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to receive that great big box of fish from genial, bicycle-riding **Asst. Supt. Willard G. Reed,** want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation. The bass and muskies sure were swell.

A story is making the rounds to the effect that **Morris Dick,** the G-Man, in testing a bomb body, the other day, lost three molars. The fact that he lost the molars is very evident, but what we don't know is whether he was removing a tail plate or a nose plug.

What do you think of this? Our "hard working" engineer, **George Weber,** took a vacation.

Kenny Fendrick walked 42 miles to join the Army. When he got to the post, the Officer politely informed him that he had flat feet. When asked why he wanted to join the Army, Kenny replied, "Because I don't want to walk back over those 42 miles."

"Dougherty's Bombers" looked very good in their opening game with Group 1. The infield was fast and **Frenchy Cross** and **Delora Vallancourt** made a very neat looking battery. The score was 2 to 1, and believe it or not, we are tied for first place.

By chance have you heard about the frequent visits to the Woodruff Golf Club by **Kermit (Little Chief) Long?** About every third shot by the master, a strong wind is created, but the ball doesn't move. I'd suggest we get the little chief a box to stand on so his clubs will be at proper length, or shorten them. He did turn in an honest 46 for 9 holes.

There is a rumor around that **Donald Phelan** (alias Leo the Lion), is a prominent member of the new Club Hotel Louis, Joliet.

Did I ever mention before that **John F. (Porky Pig) Boget** is putting on so much weight that you can't tell which direction he is walking? They tell me since he has put on so much weight he has started a new dance craze called "The Pork Chop Polka." That's in ¾ time on the down beat in case you would like to learn it in six easy lessons.

Emil Odchodnicky decided to cash one of his many pay checks to buy a gallon of gas and a small sandwich. After doing so he spent a very extensive weekend in his room, reading how to be a hobby expert. If you want to have a hobby see Nicky at your earliest convenience. This is not an advertisement.

LARGEST CLASS ever to receive the U. S. Bureau of Mines diplomas for training with oxygen breathing apparatus is shown here being handed their certificates by Chief R. W. Mortensen, Fire Department. The course embraced a twenty-hour training period of rigorous study and tests. Receiving diplomas are G. H. Hanlon, Ralph Maloney, George Horn, William Klegman, J. O. Clement, W. C. Littrell, T. H. Kloeckner, A. N. Mathison, Lawrence Molck, R. Doyle, Jr., O. K. Olson, Lynn Boman, C. J. Weiss, D. F. Trainor, Harry Swartz, F. F. Scoma, M. F. Settlemoir, R. H. Shreffler, G. F. Zelke, M. S. Murawski, E. L. Fitzgerald, W. F. Hayes, L. C. Anderson, Joseph Drazy, R. E. Batty, G. C. Alexander, W. H. Lueder, R. C. Everhart, B. L. Benson, William Day, L. F. Lazar, R. E. DeBolt, C. F. Davis, Jr., W. H. Atwood, T. F. Downey, R. D. Blake, E. S. Dickens, G. C. Scherzer, A. P. Elias, E. L. Frame, L. F. Glodowski, H. A. Guderjan, L. D. Hildebrand, George Learned, Frank Marek, F. J. Pavlich, D. W. Pratt, Patrick Rogers, W. H. Reichert, F. J. Rutkowski, F. L. Ryan and Chief Mortenson.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

The booster lines of Groups 6 and 7 want you all to know **Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Utley.** They are a "100 per cent all-out for defense family." They have loaned Uncle Sam four sons.

Mr. Utley is a foreman of machinists in Group 7. Mrs. Utley is a forelady in Group 6 and a very proud mother. She received a pin with four silver stars, the American eagle and a chevron from the Emblem of Honor Association in New York.

The four sons are **Howard,** a sergeant in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; **Harold,** a corporal in San Francisco; **Gordon,** formerly of Group 4, is now a private in Camp Chaffee, Ark., and **Jack,** a private in San Francisco.

Group 6 girls' softball team played Group 1 at the Softball Diamond in the Administration Area July 17. At the end of four and one-half innings the game was called, leaving the score 29 to 6 in favor of Group 6.

C. F. Nanninga, Group 5, has three sons in service and the fourth is ready to go. Two are Marines and one is in the Army.

Mary Krawetz, a forelady in Group 5, has been given a beautiful diamond ring by **Ferdinand Begis,** Government inspector.

Congratulations are in order for the recent marriage of **Dolores Broadstreet** of Kankakee to **Corp. Howard Nelson** of Camp Polk, La.; **Dorothy Gagnor** of Kankakee to **Leonard Tibbie,** and **Ethel N. Chaudoin** of Fairbury to **Milton Mowey.**

Helen Senecker, Group 8, is a whiz at rolling liners. **Jeanette Carlson,** enjoyed a week at Saugatuck, Mich. **Lorraine Iverson** will try out as pitcher for the Group 8 girls' baseball team.

We heard that the reason **Eilleen Woodcock,** Group 8, makes such good time to and from work is because she has collapsible wheels on her Model "A."

We wonder wonder what **Mrs. Robert Otte** said when he spoke up about the *one* orange that was not peeled in his lunch. Don't get us wrong, this only happened once.

Dorothy Close, a Group 8 forelady, visited her husband who is way down there by New Orleans in the Army.

The girls softball team of Group 8 lost to the girls team of Group 1 14 to 7, July 15.

The boys softball team of Group 8 played Group 4 on the Group 8 diamond July 14. Group 4 put on a big rally in the 7th inning, but it was not quite big enough. The final score left Group 8 on top by 14 to 9.

The Group 8 "Walker Sports" played the Fuze and Booster bus drivers a close and exciting game July 16. The bus drivers won by the small score of 3 to 2.

The "Walker Sports" lost to Group 7 July 21 by a score of 22 to 17. The game was almost called on account of rain but it cleared enough to finish the seven innings.

Mrs. Florence Keller, forelady in Group 5 does a lot of vacationing at the lake where her cottage is situated.

We sometimes wonder if **Pete Spese,** fireman, does not have a bark that is worse than his bite. According to rumor, it is.

In a confidential conversation with **"Pop" Jeffries,** change house man for Group 5, he admitted the girls in our group were better looking than the girls in Madagascar. It seems he spent considerable time there in his youth as a member of His Majesty's Navy. Now "Pop" is just 70 years old and admits 40 of them.

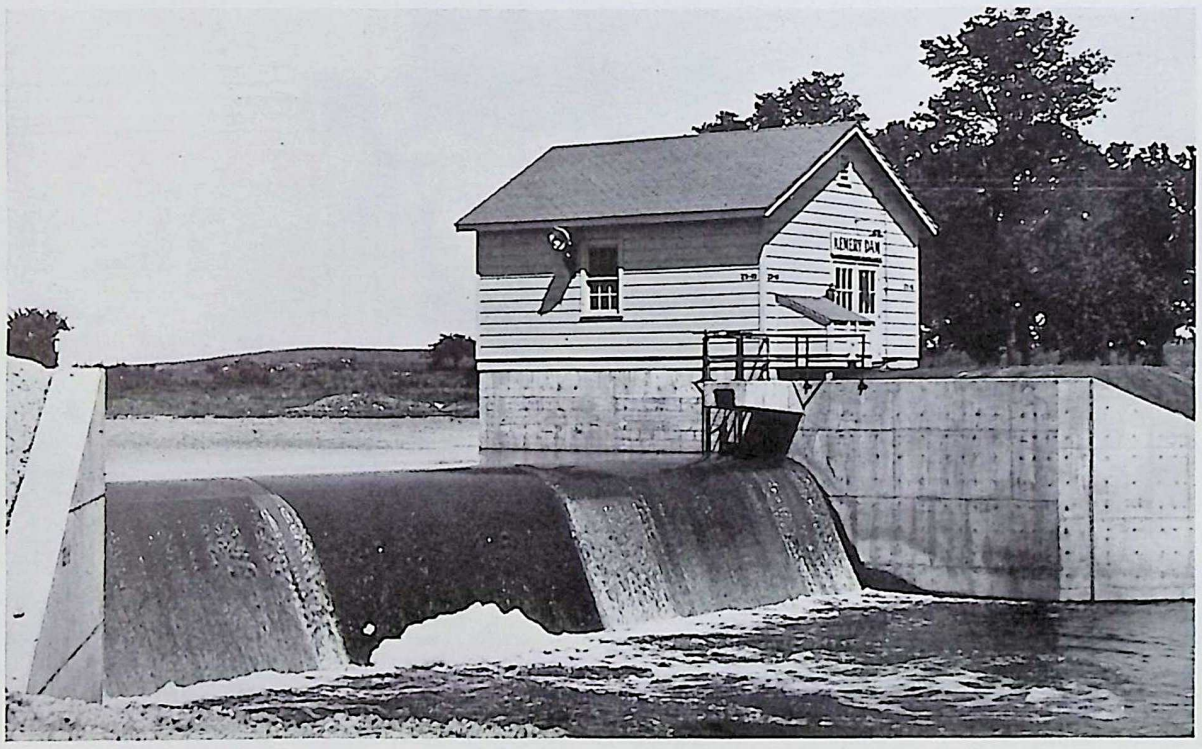
Sol Jacobs, former division inspector in the Fuze and Booster lines, has left EOP and is a first lieutenant at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

Grace Clark wonders what **Johnnie Neely** has "cold feet" about. She was horrified to see his "90—100% heavy wool socks" one day last week as he walked through Bay 6 unaware of her fascinated stare.

"I'll never smile again" is the wail of **Shephanie Bielec** of Building 15. She sneezed so hard last week that she blew one of her front teeth out.

Good news always comes in threes. So here it is. **Dorothy Donahue, Dorothy Magolan** and **Bernadette Menard** are now wearing engagement rings.

Bob Smith of the electrical division was recently married to **Freda Stine** of Morris.



FITTING MEMORIAL to the late C. J. Kemery of the EOP Utilities Department is Kemery Dam shown here. Formerly known as Prairie Creek Dam, the structure impounds a reservoir of some 22 million gallons of water for use in the event of the failure of wells in the area. It is located on Prairie Creek just north of Central Road.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF
Correspondents

Chief R. W. Mortenson is our chief collector, even to pencils and fountain pens. Any one who has either a pen or pencil that needs repairing just drop it off at the Central Fire Station. The Chief has a complete work shop.

Sgt. Martin Hanson is quite worried about the priority sheets in the daily papers. He breathes a sigh of relief when his search is completed—Snuss has yet to be listed.

Robert Connelly is now a Commando—He is Commando of our emergency truck. Connelly is quite satisfied with his new detail. All he wants now is a traveling trailer kitchen. Then he will have everything from soup to nuts—so he says.

Leo Ryan is looking forward to a new detail—being our butcher on fried chicken days at the Central Fire Station. He has passed his apprentice period.

Stuart Moloney, chief clerk, has decided to go on a diet. His alibi is "A leather belt is a priority!"

According to **Chief Mortenson,** our Pet Fox provides chickens for all chicken dinners at Central Fire Station. *Just ask the guests.*

Our garden detail has increased three-fold—about six to each shift. The members of this organization are quite active. Garden Captain **Glen Wilfong** is looking forward to an election of New Officers in the fall.

Anyone who wishes to challenge **F. J. Downey** and **V. Bell** to a game of horseshoes may contact either of the boys. The game can be held in the rear of No. 3 Fire Station at the most convenient time.

Stanley Kotarski, our Government time keeper, has gone into hiding—behind a Ronald Coleman mustachio (Pittsburgh style). **Thomas Tomashezski** runs a very poor second—we call him "Fuzzy."

Lenny (Bugle Boy) Jesson says: "The boys will really see a first class HOE-DOWN when I get into that garden; I know my ONIONS. I've BEAN practicing. Incidentally Mr. Jessen has been initiated into the Central Fire Station Family—after a long probationary period.

Fire Inspector Willie Davis is contemplating a great future for his 3-year-old son. He intends to develop him into a combination wrestler and boxer.

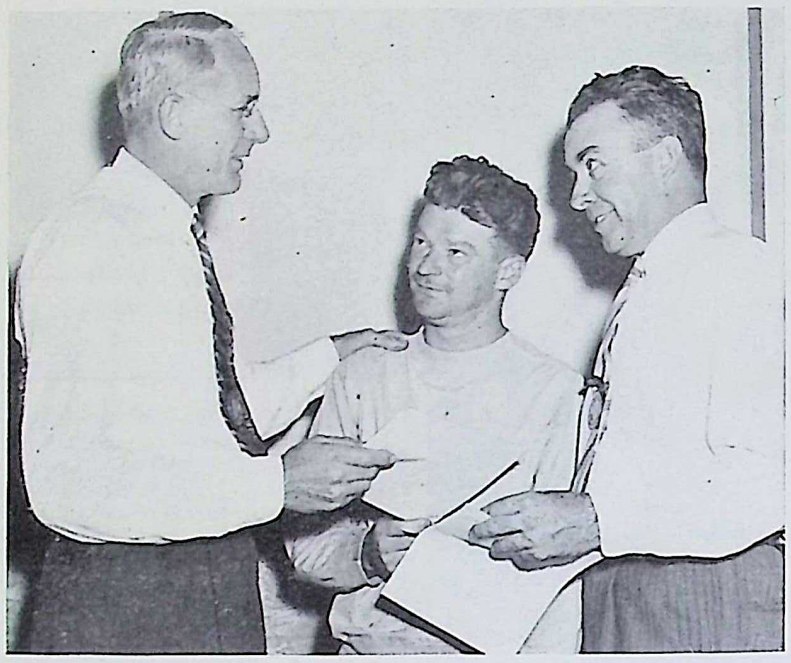
Hard-working **Charles A. Tyler,** fire inspector, finally got a chance to visit his wife and children in Granville, Ill., over the last week end.

Sgt. Everett Stricklin's wife and two children have been quarantined because of diphtheria.

The following men from the Fire Department are now serving in the armed forces: **Francis Burden, James M. Burns, Oral Cox, Norbert Egges, Doyle Good, Robert Hilliard, Gene Newton, Arlington Price, Wendell E. Sumner, Alexander Tihay, James Ward** and **Stanley M. Wedic.**

Tire Committee Meets Five Days a Week

EOP's labor-management committee, composed of **Russell R. Kuntz, Albert E. Kinson** and **R. T. Bassett,** named under the Tire Rationing Regulations of the Office of Price Administration, will meet Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p. m., in the Administration Building to act on the requests of employees for tires. Only cars carrying full loads are eligible for certification and the names and clock numbers of riders are required. The number of cars owned by the family of the applicant must be furnished.



DIPLOMA CERTIFICATES issued by the U. S. Bureau of Mines for training for emergencies were presented to Ralph R. Maloney, Fire Department, and William "Jersey" Klegman, Group 2, by Safety Supervisor Rollin T. Read as shown here.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Harold O'Keefe and **Walt Murphy** messed themselves up a bit the other night . . . had a wreck in their car. . . . The boys are on the mend tho' and we're all glad about it. . . . Also heard that **Norm Long** had a close shave the other night . . . seems as though a double header train didn't see him. . . . Newcomer **Mary Tyler** has created quite a furore 'round these here parts . . . she's cute as a bug in a rug . . . and just as nice too. . . . We have some other newcomers too. . . they're from Rock Island, **Don Hubbart, Aubrey Brockhouse, Charles Anderson** and **Clayton Craig**. . . . Mr. Hubbart is in line for congrats now . . . he's cuddling a cute 9 pound boy. . . . **Carmela Valentino**, that swell gal from auditing, was having quite a time manipulating a fan during the moving process. . . . Poor **Bill Perkins** looks like he's posing for holy pictures . . . he got himself poison ivy and can't shave. . . .

Gorgeous Gal **Jane Finney** gives everyone the idea that maybe if you do thisa or thata you will get to look like her. . . . Guess all she has to do is just be herself. . . . She's got everything . . . looks, personality and we could go on. . . . Wish **Marge Jesberger** would smile more often . . . it makes such a charming gal when she does. . . . Too bad "Brunette Beauty" **Ethel Dirker** missed the picnic . . . her aunt was ill. . . .

Wonder why everyone was trying to swipe **Art Kossack's** cokes at the picnic. . . . **Dentis Berry Jr.**, got all the gals gaga when he arrived the other day . . . they all wanted to "squeeze" him . . . he's that cute guy in Inspection. . . . **Rosemarie Lewis** of Stores and Transportation has the nicest smile. . . .

Mike Kelly, "the tango kid," is limbering up again . . . now that his wife will be able to do those fancy steps again after being laid up with a broken ankle. . . . The Administration Gang miss **Bob Engstrom** these days . . . he is now a Chauffeur. . . . **Eunice Russell** has had several weekends in Missouri . . . yes her heart belongs to Uncle Sam now.

Anne Kakara tried to argue with a truck the other day . . . result . . . two dented fenders. . . . **Monica Limacher** is now situated in her new office . . . she's **Lt. J. H. Lucas's** sec.

Lt. W. J. Durrenburger had himself a vacation. . . . Have you heard that **Anne Kulpa** isn't playing the "Arkansas Traveler" anymore? . . . Did that New York atmosphere get her? . . . **Ralph Clutts**, teletype operator, suffered serious injuries in an accident last week. . . . **Hazel O'Connor** of the Adjutant's office is undecided as to what branch of the service she should join . . . the Red Cross . . . or stick to the chorus work . . . seems as though she finds the nights long now that 'chubby' **Ray Jones** is on the night shift. . . .

William Rimbey, the lad with the slick convertible, lives in Hinsdale, works at Elwood and visits a young gal in Morris. Now that the tire rationing is comin' upon us . . . s'pose he'll be cruising around on the good old "God's Fords" . . . made from shoe leather. . . . Did you know that **"Whiffer" John Lortie, Ray "Duffer" Mahaffay, "Tarzan" Lee Parsons** and **"Hacker" Orrin Long** were being sought by a certain park board???? . . . Seems as though pullenty of turf was misplaced during a golf game participated in by the foursome?? . . . **Mrs. Betty Wallace**, the cutie pie from Safety Section, spent the week end with her folks in Galesburg, Ill. . . . Ask **Stan Eisler** of Inspection how he likes his new profession . . . he's the champeen mover . . . so they say. "Keep 'Em Flyin' " . . . that's the slogan of **Esther Noffke**. She can be seen flittin around the skies at Kankakee every Sunday. . . . Sure envy her. . . .

Geraldine Ward is the new addition in Inspection. . . . Can anyone tell us why **Earl Parker** always carries that card board around with him???? Maybe it's protection . . . could be. . . . Everyone is questioning the reason **Evan Lewis** is being called "Daddy." . . . Ever since the love bug got **Harold Stark** and he joined the benedicts . . . he has practically stopped using an eggbeater for a hairbrush and has settled down and uses a comb.

C. Robert Winchell, former assistant head of the Invoice Section, entered the Service as a private in April and is now a corporal stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. "Bob" says he likes the Service but misses the gang around here. . . . How about you guys and gals dropping him a line or two? . . . Good pic, don't ya think? . . . His address: Co. C, 2nd Ba. ORTC, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

The Armed forces have **James J. Negro**, too. . . . He was a clerk in the Property Section.

Have you seen the picture that **Jimmy Musso** carries close to his heart???? We've heard she's a red head. **Bob Trueman**, ace data checker, has gone and enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Sure think it's wonderful . . . hope he sends this department his picture cause we intend to make an album out of all the service boys and publish it . . . so don't forget, you guys, send in them there pitchers. . . . Another U. S. Naval Reserver is **John C. Rankin**. . . . He's on inactive duty at present but expects that important call any day now. . . .

The sick list captured **Ernestine Thompson** and **Bernice Shroba**. . . . The new trailer camp at Wilmington is the new address of **Mrs. Geneva Landon** and **Mr. and Mrs. Vern Parry**. Guess that big baseball game the other night between KOW and EOP was a humdinger. **Lt. F. G. Kuether** pitched such a whiz of game he most threw his arm out of place.

The picnic the War Department gave the other Sunday was a huge success. Plenty to eat and everythin', dancin', boatin' . . . should have more of the same sez us! . . . **Marion Yeager**, that snazzy little number . . . looked awful cute in that swim suit. . . . The "Gang" shure had a time trying to throw her in the river? . . . Being a good sport about the whole thing . . . she jumped in. . . .

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED . . .

Dan Considine of Payroll is about the friendliest guy around . . . always has a smile for ya? . . .

Josephine Vilt's glorious blonde hair? By the way . . . her sis is the new member in the Personnel Gang. . . . **Evelyn Vilt** by name.

MASKS were worn by Arlene Schloendorf and Alice Hess at EOP's July 19 picnic for no good reason. Who is who in this photo really makes no difference.

Don Butts' curly hair?

Mara Puett's little feet?

Kay Rosenbaum's lithe walk?

Evelyn Tecotzky's great big eyes?

Harold Bowler's "ruddy" complexion?

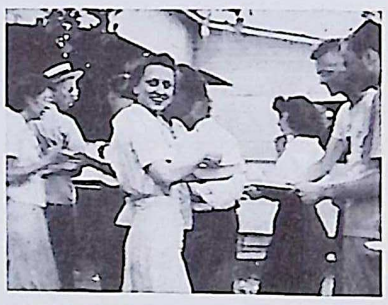
Burnham Lyon's accent?

Bill Kennedy's pleasant manner?

Harry Gunchin's ceegar?

Johnny Odchodnicky's spic and span look?

How do you think **Geneva Landon** felt when she got to her trailer home in Trailer Park, Wilmington, and found her soldier husband enjoying the daily paper? She's still quite on the "loose" from surprise. This is the first furlough he has had in a year and at that it was only 48 hours.



PICNICKERS attending the EOP affair of July 19 included this group. Pictured left to right are Ann Lepsar, Leo Parto, Josephine Kush, Harold Kapsch, Marian Shea, John Barr and William Weismann.

Miss Noffke likes blind dates, especially when they are for a party like she went to with **Ray Palmer** in Kankakee. **Helen Boula** also attended and from all reports they both had the "time of their lives."

Bob Cryder seems to be keeping cool with that prison haircut.

Roy Scherer of the Gage Section is now known as our "Sleeping Beauty boy." Sleeping is his hobby, especially on busses.

Mrs. Ray Thompson is on the sick list.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Several games have been played by Inert Storage boys and all are hoping to ride the band wagon of the all-star Inert team.

In the first of two games played July 17 the South Nighters brought in 32 runs while the North Owls scored only 6 on the Inert diamond. Paired up for South were **"Dick" Ashworth** on the mound and **George Morris** of the checkers doing the catching. Under the coaching direction of **C. A. Kemper** the boys were all primed and really poured in runs. In turn they enjoyed a shower of cigars. A triple was made by **Ed Zarley** and a home run by **Leonard Schadole**. South bagged 13 of their runs in the third inning. **Gordon Venturo** ran into a little bad luck by spraining his ankle sliding into second. The scoring ended in the fourth . . . the game was called because of the night shift going to work.

The nightcap was played by **Jim Whitley's** South Side and **John Wald's** North Side. **Matt Reay** slugged a homer. The winning pitcher was **Clayton Parcher** while **Manager Wallie Fang** did the catching. The North Side showed great improvement, scoring two runs more than they ever did in any game. The final tally was South 11 and North 3.

The third game of the week brought together the Mudders of Group 27 and the Southerners. The Mudders rolled up 9 and the Southerners 5. **"Alabam" Greenwood** came to the front and relieved the starting pitcher, **"Cy" Cobb**, in the third inning. **"Alabam"** held the Mudders scoreless the remainder of the game. After your War Bond deduction is taken out put the rest on Greenwood . . . a good bet.

Group 27 has one of the most congenial personnel set-ups of all the Groups . . . we are very proud . . . everything and everybody is clicking 100 per cent or better. **John Abernathy** has asked for a transfer to the day shift as the stork is expected soon.

Henry Dixon and **Gilbert Gould** just closed another of their numerous deals by trading **"Sliding" Steward** for **"Battling" Albright**—cash settlement a dark secret. A certain gang at Group 27 is wondering how **Snuffy Pope** and **Curly** are getting along at South Inert. The fellows in **Fred Peterson's** gang have finally decided to chalk **Jack "Hammer" Smith's** injured leg, so he knows which leg to limp on when the foreman comes around (here's hoping he recovers from his injury very shortly). How come **"Fish Eye" Harris** does not eat his "weiners" anymore? **William Gibson** might as well know that "Chicken" is still buying Pepsi-Cola for lumbago.

What at the Wilmington Restaurant seems to be drawing **Larry "Always Flying Low" Holmes** there so often?

A choir composed of **Ralph Hoffman, Louis Mauro, Bill Kokal, Joe Fazio, Bill Moberly, James Davy, John Meditz**, and **Glen Wagner**. The music is furnished by the whistling of **Ed "Night In Gale" Spezio.**

We Wonder If You Know . . .

That **John Ney**, of Ordnance Inspection, tied the knot and is planning to build.

That our superintendent, **A. P. Balston**, takes a keen interest in the Inert teams . . . never misses a game?

That **Bob Sweetland** and **George Morris** are good umpires?

That our porter, **Charlie Wardell**, keeps the boys smiling with his art of story telling?

That our mail carrier, **Art Birsa**, is good material for the Post Office Department . . . really knows his A B C's?

That **Leonard Spooner** is going to doll up the garden at North Office with some fine evergreens—if and when?

Whether **Louis Molnar** used to ride a bicycle or a horse or both?

That **Al Gierich** would accept a donation of a bicycle and three tires . . . he abandoned the horse?

Why **Alex Ciarallitti** waited two weeks to have his picture taken after he got his raise—could it be on account of his haircut?

That the fellows in Building 3—Group 27 have decided to pitch in and buy **Frank Hudy** a pair of six-ply soles, so he can get more traction (could he be slipping that much)?

When **Lefty McGraw** will change the brand of pies . . . getting tired of blueberry.

That the fellows wish **Gilbert Korer** a speedy recovery from his leg injury.

The boys at South Inert were pretty broken up when they lost (?) their pet fox. Things are all right now though, since **John Gilmoure** has a kitten for them. It's quite an animal, too; cross-eyed, has a broken tail, and only three toes on its forepaws, according to **Milt Bremer.**

"Whitey" Hendry, tow-topped timekeeper from Group 62, is now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in the Army Air Forces. Before "Whitey" left, **Jim Whitley** and **"Arkie" Bates** filched one of his gleaming locks and now have it hanging in the clock house at South Inert.

The Inert Storage team defeated Group 70, 2-1 in a thrilling game July 23. This was the first league softball game between the two groups. The Inert Storage team garnered five hits off the sterling **Lou Haake**, pitcher for Group 70's Bolt Makers. **Chuck George** allowed only one hit. Outstanding blow was a triple by **Eddie Sheridan**, left fielder.

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High Explosives

JACK GARNANT
Correspondent

Charlie Talty, Burning Pit foreman, and **Chris Ciluffo** were enjoying a week-end fishing trip on the Kankakee River — the nibbling was poor—no doubt due to the wrong kind of liquid bait. But what is a few fish between pals? Everything went well until the sea got rough and the boat began to rock. Charlie developed a serious case of seasickness and Chris was compelled to make an emergency landing to make the world stop spinning. If the Army ever drafts Charlie for overseas duty, they will have to fly him across. The old "Tar" just can't stand the water—and other things.

Just received a letter from **Joe Zauratsky** stating that he has been doing ordnance work in "Aviation Bombing Ordnance" at an Arizona Air base. At present Joe is taking a two months' course in ordnance at the Proving Grounds in Savanna, Ill. At one time Joe worked in Groups 66 and 68 and would appreciate seeing a few letters addressed to him as Pvt. Joe Zauratsky, 1st P.O.T.C. S.S.O.S. — T-15, Proving Grounds, Savanna, Ill.

We hear that **"Mac" McCray,** foreman at 66A is quite a fisherman. He recently caught a catfish by the tail on a nightline on the Kankakee River.

Group 66 Softball Team romped home to a 13 to 2 victory over the much publicized "Murphy's Boys" of Group 2. Group 2 gained eight scattered hits off the pitching of **Les Tammen,** while **Eugene Hunt,** twirling for "Murphy's Boys," walked seventeen men.

Another was chalked up for Group 66 over Group 63 in a 9 inning thriller, with Group 66 on the long end of a 1 to 0 score. **"Mickey" Mandella** pitched steady ball all the way for 63, allowing eight hits, while **Joe Craterfield** and **Bob Riegel** split twirling honors for 66 giving up only one hit.

Group 3A bowed to the fast stepping Group 66 Team by a score of 10 to 6. Riegal pitched good ball for 66 allowing seven hits, while **Colby Erickson** pitching for 3A gave up eight hits.

This gives Group 66 five wins and two losses. Any plant team wishing games, contact **St. Elmo Stewart** at Group 66 and make arrangements.

Another farewell party was held July 25 for several members of **"Farmer" Berenen's** gang, including **Johnny Bruno,** who enlisted July 27, **Ralph Seeley** who expects to leave in two weeks, **Bob Sullivan, Harvey Allain** and **Gene Tyree** who are on call. All members of the gang and their wives and sweethearts attended. Dinner, refreshments and dancing comprised the evening's entertainment.

Glenn Baker and **Betty Johnston,** both of Morris, were married July 24. After a short honeymoon they returned to Morris where they will reside.

Dan Fortado resigned in good standing and returned to his home in Jacksonville, Ill. "Sweet Potato" will be missed by his many friends of Group 66.

A farewell party was held in Kankakee for **Paul Wischnowsky** who was inducted into the Army July 20.

How does **"Chuck" Boyce** account for all the feminine wearing apparel found in his car every Monday?

George Foushie leaves for the Army August 1st.

On July 19 at the outpost along the Kankakee River of **Verneille Holder,** was held a picnic of the High Explosives and Fuze and Booster Laboratories and their guests. Main event of the afternoon was an indoor baseball game (we understand Fuze and Booster practiced for it) which ended in 3 innings with a score of 18-0 in favor of High Explosives. Most logical explanation of this one sided score is the fact that, **Ronald Beck,** Government inspector, formerly an athletic instructor, handled the pitching assignment for High Explosives and in addition the boys in the Fuze and Booster Laboratory are slowing down due to the combination of too much practice and old age.

Minor high lights of the afternoon included a marathon swim by **Chemists Sammy Kuhns** and **John Snyder;** the saving of "Rosemary Hafele's" life by **Nelson Tippett** and **Ronald Beck** under the supervision of **Palmer Overholt.** (Beck was nipped by the ungrateful Rosemary) and an exhibition of rough contour driving by **Ray Hybarger,** assistant chief chemist of High Explosives.

Awards: 1—Best dancing couple (polka) **Mrs. Herbert Hafele** and Mr. Overholt. 2—Most hits—Chemists Clifford, Snyder, Teeter and Chief Chemist Hafele. 3—Believe it or not — Miss Holder, Mr. Overholt and Mr. Tippett leaving Moonlight Gardens to drink milk at 1 A.M. Others tripping it at Moonlight were Mr. Hafele's sister, **Mrs. Mary O'Hara** of Cleveland, O.; **Mrs. Eleanor Hafele, Herbie Just** and wife, **Opal, Baron Rothchild,** Mr. Beck and Mr. Snyder.

The **Dick Orndorffs** were unable to attend on account of the illness of their perp "Nathaniel" who found the toys of **John Clark's** baby son too good to resist. The toys are quite evidently not too digestible. Now for the safety of dogs we expect one of the Chemists to do a bit of research on edible toys.

Mr. Overholt, our newest recruit to the ranks of those about to be married, announces that he and **Phyllis** will be married June 1, 1943. It seems neither one of them could decide on the date so Phyllis took herself to a fortune teller and the shrouded lady told the future Mrs. Overholt that June 1st was the day.

The **Bridewell's, Bobbie** of High Explosive and **Brid** from Fuze and Booster have a new addition to their family by the name of "Bomber," who has black hair with tan paws and was given to them by some kind fireman at the Central Fire Station.

IN JOVIAL MOOD is pictured EOP Executive Secretary C. Harold Taylor in his office in the Administration Building.

Early Purchase of Big Carnival Tickets Urged

Attendance at Dance August 8 Restricted to Hall's Capacity

By H. H. "Red" Bowler

An innovation in informal dancing is planned for Saturday night, August 8. A committee composed of employees representing all departments at EOP will stage a summer carnival dance in the Recreation Building of the Administration Area. Music will be furnished by **Keith Gale's** orchestra, all of whom are EOP employees, and dancing will be from 9 to 1.

Carl Anker, Government Inspection decorating genius, will be in charge of giving the auditorium plenty of that good old carnival flavor. Just what his plans may be are known to but an enthusiastic few, but we know that you'll heartily approve their taste. During the dance itself, several valuable prizes will be distributed to the lucky ticket holders.

In the basement of the Recreation Building, the real carnival atmosphere will prevail. It is expected that each group and storage area, as well as War Department administrative employees and Sanderson & Porter administrative employees, will preside at a booth. The various units will be allowed to decorate in any manner they desire, all costs to be borne by the central committee. It will also be up to the individual booths to devise some method of giving away the many attractive prizes and novelties that will be furnished them.

Prizes for Booths

In order to lend incentive to the decoration and operation of these booths, the committee in charge has set up three prizes of $10 each, one prize each for the best looking booth, the most novel booth, and the one doing the most business. Chances in every booth will be offered at 5 cents each.

The new refreshment bar will also be initiated, so that patrons can be sure of plenty of their favorite beverages.

Admission to the dance will be similar to the method used in attending the last War Department employees dance. One member of each car or party must be an EOP employee and must present his badge to admit the entire party. Cars having EOP automobile stickers will be admitted into the administration area, but those without such identification must be parked outside the gate, and the occupants will be transported from the gate to the Recreation Building in plant vehicles. In the interests of a good time for all concerned, all attending the dance are cautioned against unrestricted wandering about the administration area, as they will more than likely be apprehended by guards. The committee requests full cooperation in this matter.

Tickets are $1.10 a couple, and may be purchased from any member of the committee or departmental representatives. The committee for the dance include: **Harold H. Bowler,** general chairman; **John E. Olson,** treasurer; **H. E. Hafle,** music; **E. V. Sperling** and **Helen McGinnis,** arrangements; Mr. Anker, **Karl Ulrich, Shirley Grassle** and **Rube Medin,** decorations; **Marion Hyland** and **Mildred Rub,** tickets; **R. C. Wilhelmi** and **Annemarie Kinney,** refreshments; Miss McGinnis, program, and **Ivan "Tiny" Cahoon,** chief trouble shooter.

You are urged to get your tickets early, as when the present supply is exhausted, no further tickets will be sold. Attendance will be restricted to 2,000 persons, because of the hall's capacity.

THE BIG FIVE of EOP's groundskeeping crew are shown here before a background of power mowers. Pictured left to right are Vernard L. Rogers, service man; Albert F. Horn, shop foreman; John S. Leitzell, tractor foreman; Harlow W. Nicholson, assistant superintendent, and, talking as usual, the "farmer" himself, Supt. W. B. Manchester.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

A fine example of Group 2 spirit was shown recently by the men who donated their time and energy to the addition of three new rooms to the **Edward Gordon** residence.

Under the leadership of **Eugene Hunt,** assistant superintendent, and **William Kelsey,** carpenter sub-foreman, all Group 2 Carpenters visited the Gordon home to build the addition and to install imitation brick siding. The green paper roofing tile and numerous other improvements have really "dolled-up" the place and we believe every one has reason to be proud of the work done by our men. So to Mr. Hunt, Mr. Kelsey, **Dorsey Carter, Bob Gibson, Harry Taylor, Frank Zabor, Al Schorie, John Horvath** and all the others who helped, we say *"a big orchid to you."*

Ed Egan is back with us in the capacity of special guard and general office assistant.

The boys "muling" the skids on the ramp know how the mules feel in a mine—they are happy though —I mean the boys—not the mules.

Remarking about **Carl Ulrich's** and **Al Hesley's** picture in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell,* Mr. Ulrich said, "I have seen better faces on elephants." Well maybe so, but we think the picture was OK.

Sammy Hoffman, scale maintenance man, claims a foul on his statement in the last issue of the paper. Dick misinterpreted my 73 as a golf score—I meant bowling.

They say **John Miller** has been released by the House of David, anyway Johnnie has shaved off his "goatee."

They have the story about **Inspector Frank Jilek** trying to teach **Murt Moriarty** another language—Bohemian.

Congratulations to **Lester "Whitey" Butler** on the addition to his family.

The truth comes out: **Irv Siemsen,** clerk, was a little late for work one fine sunny day. According to Irv he had car trouble, but we heard over **Nate Johnson's** short wave set that the attractive girl who rides with him is very fond of frying chickens. It so happens that the chicken wasn't brown when Irv called to pick her up and so they were both late for work but had fried chicken for lunch.

Flat tires are a bad things now that tires are rationed and it makes **Foreman "Johnnie" Ala** late for work. He's a good egg for helping out the ladies in distress.

When you see Jerry Phelan wearing his safety shoes to work you can be sure that he went home after work the night before. He tells us that they hurt his feet, but that is only his story.

Westchester Farms, owned and controlled by **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon,** has had the products of these gardens on display in Wilmington. One of the exhibits is a stalk of corn (which he said was sweet), measuring 6 feet 7 inches. Mr. Salmon was very reluctant to take credit for the success of the gardens and felt the credit should go to the store, a local concern, that sold him the seeds. The proprietor of the store, however, disclaims any credit and insists Mr. Salmon receive the honors. He added that while this is no particular achievement, it is still the record for this community.

Mr. Salmon does not intend challenging other farmers and is almost reluctant to mention his successes. Farming is a hobby with him and he has many products in his garden that he will gladly give to any one. (He used the phrase "get rid of"). We understand that Mr. Salmon has developed a new vegetable which he has not as yet named. It is a hybrid of some type.

Softball Items

Murphy's Boys showed the followers of the Mokena team some fine sportsmanship and after the game all enjoyed the little get-together in Mokena. Many of the boys took their wives and others their girl friends. During the course of the evening a fine program with **Edward Keenan** as the master of ceremonies was put on in the dance hall. **George Zobel** gave out with a tap and a demonstration jitter-bug dance. **Ode Golden** a motion picture of the affair while Mr. Schoppe sang several new hits. **Larry McKeon** played the trumpet while **Bob McGuire** danced with the little 6-foot-4 dream girl.

Murphy's boys whipped the strong Mokena team 13 to 8. **Otto Koch** hurled and got 2 of the 16 hits. Keenan registered two home runs, one with the bases loaded and the other with two on. Schoppe banged a long one in left field far over the fielder's head for a home run.

The Group 2 team trounced Blockson Chemical of Joliet in a Gold Medal game 14 to 7. **Ken Peterbok** allowed only three hits. Snerlich pitched for the Chemicals and was nicked for 15 hits. Home runs were hit by Schoppe and Speir.

Murphy's Boys defeated the Brown Bombers for the third time 13 to 7. In the sixth inning Keenan hit a home run with the bases loaded. McKeon, snapping out of a hitting slump, banged out four hits in the last two games.

Pool Now Effective For Plant Cars

New regulations became effective July 27 to insure the use of plant automobiles for necessary official business only. All vehicles have been placed in a motor pool operated from Group 70.

Employees are urged to ascertain details of the pool operation from their superintendents if and when they have need to use plant cars.

Stanley J. "Kelly" Kukulski of Army garage renown and **Frank Kern,** formerly a chauffeur, are doing the dispatching and working out details of operation. Headquarters are in Group 70 immediately east of the Service Garage.

EOP Dirty Linen Washed Publicly, But It's Done in Efficient Laundry

Modernly Equipped Institution Cleans Uniforms and Coveralls of Workers

When Monday comes for most, it is not only the day after Sunday but wash day to boot which is enough to throw anyone into the doldrums. But **Francis R. Walsh**, superintendent of the new EOP laundry, says that every day is wash day for him and it's a pleasure.

The EOP laundry, under the sponsorship of the Utilities Department, opened its doors June 23 and the guests of honor included 3,099 women's dirty uniforms and 546 men's dirtier coveralls. The uniforms and coveralls apparently spread a good word or two about the grand job that Mr. Walsh and his staff of 28 women and 6 men were doing because the third week of operations, 4,576 uniforms and 3,578 coveralls made their appearance at the laundry in addition to the hospital linen. When the laundry is in full swing, linens from the foremen's quarters, guest house and guards' house will be added to the schedule.

The latest type of equipment and scientific laundry methods make this new addition to EOP a highly specialized unit. Each operation has its special timing and treatment which enables the laundry staff to meet its high production quota with clock-like precision.

Doing Their Share

"Although we're not making bombs to send over there," Mr. Walsh said, "We do feel that we are making a definite contribution to defense by keeping the munitions workers' uniforms clean and eliminating any possibility of infection caused from wearing a soiled uniform."

The laundry operations at EOP are more complicated than in the home because of the volume of work and the precautions that are taken to safeguard the color and longevity of the materials and the health of the munitions workers. The modern equipment washes 125 uniforms in an hour and ten minutes to an hour and thirty-five minutes. The women's uniforms are thrown into a large cylinder machine at a water temperature of 140 degrees and the men's coveralls are thrown into a smaller machine of the same type at a water temperature of 160 degrees. Two different types of soap are used depending upon the water temperature and a softener is added because of the soap-eating iron in the water. Each load receives from 3 to 5 sudsings and 4 to 6 rinsings. Other treatments employed, depending upon the article, are neutralizing agent, household whitening and sterilizing agent, starch and bluing. From the washing process, the men's coveralls are thrown into a tumbler dryer and the women's uniforms get a starch bath. From the starch bath, they are thrown into an extractor which whirls the water from the clothes and in 15 minutes they are ready for the presses.

Result of Planning

Men have charge of the washing operations and the women operate the presses. The girls who washed their uniforms at home, prior to the opening of the laundry, probably remember with censored thoughts that it took an hour or more to iron one. The women in the EOP laundry press a hundred uniforms an hour with two types of presses. The collars, sleeves and top front and back are done on a mushroom or small press. The uniform is then passed to the next girl who does the skirt and culotte on a skirt press. The uniforms are folded and returned to their owners.

Mr. Walsh, backed by sixteen years of laundry experience, assisted by **Lynn L. Law** and **George E. Kinnard**, foremen, who also have past laundry experience to their credit, are responsible for accomplishing a big and necessary job with the minimum of fuss and confusion. **Jennie Naiden, Julia Fance, Claudia Polson** and **Bernadine Meister** were the first women employed and had had previous experience. They helped to train the girls who were employed later. Here there is a decided lack of the "boss attitude." Mr. Lynn and Mr. Kinnard work right with the girls, doing everything they can to maintain their high production schedule. Mr. Walsh smiled when he said that there had been no bickering among his 28 women employees and definitely believes that this establishes some sort of record.

"It took a great deal of planning before the laundry was opened," Mr. Walsh said, "But the kind of cooperation that we received from the Purchasing Department, the Expediting Department and all of Group 70 is what makes EOP one of our leading defense plants."

And he could have added that the EOP muntions workers will walk off with first place in the next best-dressed poll.

HOT BUT HAPPY are the girls who operate the mangles and pressers in the EOP Laundry. Pictured are Inez Runyon, Lucille Thurman, Arnoldine Ballard, Lucille Morrisette, Mae Ida Bobbit, Claudia Polson, Rita Link, Violet Parks, Betty Neuman, Ann Brouillette, Helen Pennington, Veronica Curry, Evelyn Speers, Eunice Stroh and June Million. Foreman George E. Kinnard is shown at the left.

Women

By CATHERINE NOONAN

The American woman can do almost anything from mixing the baby's formula to flying a plane, but it's a cinch that she won't do it without lipstick. Her Government isn't asking her to sacrifice her beauty aids, but there will be some restrictions on quantities and containers. From now on save all your jars, bottles and lipstick cases because sometime you will need them for refills. There is no danger of being without cosmetics due to the research of our chemists who have found substitutes for materials formerly imported and others that were taken over by the war industries. Although reliable cosmetics will be as good as ever, they will not be as plentiful. So our extravagance is a thing of the past. Today we use a thin layer of our favorite face cream which accomplishes the same purpose as the thick mask-like effect that we used to go in for. A thickened bottle of nail polish is no longer an object of scorn, but simply in need of a solvent to thin it. From now on we take the manufacturer's word for the quantity he prescribes in the use of his product. After all he has spent a good deal of time and money experimenting to find out how much and for what and when. So with a few simple precautions you and your beauty will be intact for the duration.

Hides Broken Nail

The other day we complained bitterly to **Anita Scott**, secretary to **R. T. Bassett**, about a broken finger nail. She was surprised to learn that our beauty education was so limited. She says that a piece of transparent mending tape cut to fit the nail and covered with polish will hide the ugly secret. Thanks, it does.

Canning Tips Available

By now you're surveying your first Victory garden in full bloom and you are as proud as a peacock. It looks wonderful. But you've never canned tomatoes in your life and what to do about it? This is no time to experiment with your own ideas on canning if you know nothing about it. Even if you do know something about it, you might pick up some new tricks in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1762, The Home Canning of Fruits, Vegetables and Meats, prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. You can get a copy by sending 10 cents to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

First EOP Vignette

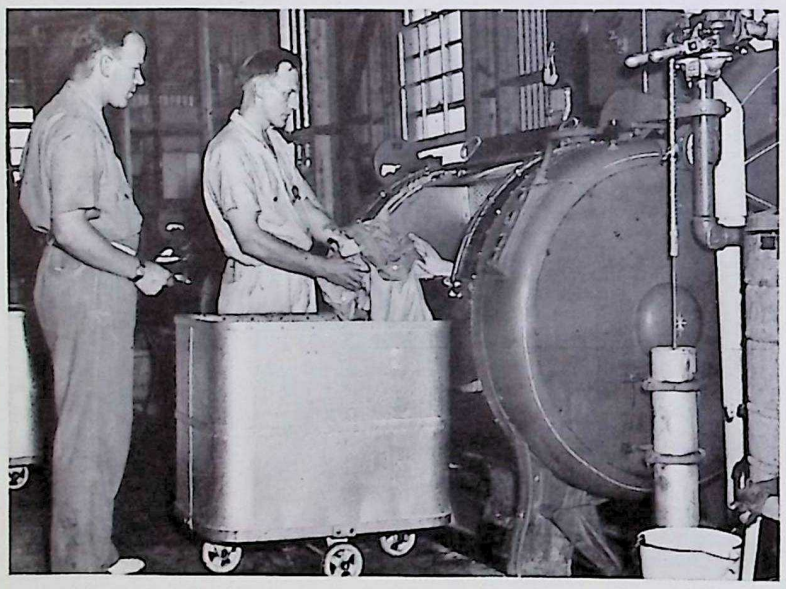
Something new has been added. We proudly present **Bertha Russell**, the first in the EOP vignette parade. Bertha Russell, inspector in the shipping room at Group 6 gets a terrific bang out of life . . . had charge of the mess hall at Ohio State University during the last war and fed 1632 soldiers just as mother would do it . . . can drive a car and change a tire with the best of them . . . was a traveling saleswoman in Ohio and Indiana . . . the men in Group 6 call her "Ma" and she thinks it's cute . . . was a nurse at the Soldiers' Widows Home at Wilmington . . . fishing is her favorite hobby . . . was a social service worker in Columbus, Ohio . . . native of Urbana, Ohio . . . is famous for co-operation among fellow-workers . . . once killed a black diamond snake with scalding water . . . has sparkling, alert brown eyes . . . cactus is her favorite flower . . . Bertha Russell knows her way around.

Sandwich Suggestion

In the lunchbox sandwich department this week we offer a bacon-celery spread. The following ingredients spread two sandwiches: Combine 4 slices of crumbled crisp bacon, ¼ cup minced celery, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise. By the way, what happened to the lunchbox suggestions that you were going to send to *The Bomb-Shell?*

Bare Facts on Bare Legs

Some time ago stocking manufacturers put a seamless stocking on the market in response to clamours for the "bare-legged-look." Now that bare legs are accepted, women have taken to leg make-up to give them the "stocking look." Here are a few tricks to use that will put Dietrich's underpinnings to shame. Having the skin of your legs moist in the application of liquid make-up helps it to spread more evenly. Be sure to blend the make-up carefully, otherwise you will have a patch-quilt effect that won't fool anybody. After the application on each leg has dried, take an old silk stocking and run over the made-up leg surfaces. This takes off any excess powder and gives you a silk stocking shine. If you are using the cream-type of make-up, use a skin softener on your legs first, as this will make it easier to apply and make your legs look plenty smooth. After you have applied the make-up, use the palms of your hands to smooth and blend the surface. Use a covering of dusting powder to check any stickiness. You can even go further by making a "seam" with an eyebrow pencil. One girl we know uses a piece of paper, the length of her leg, with a slit in it to make sure her "seams are straight." Even the experts won't know that you're not wearing stockings. But putting a bare foot in a shoe isn't the highest form of hygiene. It is best to use a deodorant powder in your shoes as well as between your toes.



WASHIN'S DONE cries Roy Frye as he pulls a batch of uniforms from one of the large washers in the EOP Laundry. Supt. F. R. Walsh is shown supervising the operation.

EOP Inspector's Son Sinks Jap Ship

Off Midway Island, a Jap destroyer was sunk June 5 due to the bravery and fighting skill of **Lieut. Daniel L. Cummings**, son of **S. Fred Cummings**, inspector in Group 2. Although Daniel was seriously wounded and his rear gunner was killed, he and the rest of his crew fought on until they had chalked up another victory for America.

Daniel, 26 years old, after graduating from Mazon high school, went to Purdue University for three years. He left Purdue to go to the Navy Air School at Pensacola, Fla., and was graduated in December, 1941. From there he went to the Marine Carrier School at Miami, Fla., where he received his wings.

Maj. S. Fred Cummings, Jr., an older son, is a graduate of West Point and is in the 11th Armored Division at Fort Riley, Kans. **Mary Cummings**, Daniel's twin sister, is a secretary at the Wright Army Air Field at Dayton, O.

After the Midway battle, Cummings received a letter from **Lieutenant General Holcomb**, Commandant of the Marines, commending him on his son's bravery. Daniel has recovered from his injuries and returned to duty.

Special Provisions of Safety Rules Listed

W. E. Canniff, manager of operations, has announced that on and after 6 a.m. August 1 the new Safety Regulations, as printed and issued recently go into full effect with these special provisions:

1. Mechanics and maintenance men regularly assigned to the group may carry a key for their tool chests.
2. Metals as integral part of clothing will be permitted. These include zippers, belt buckles and snaps.
3. Watches will not be permitted beyond the change houses after clocks are put in the buildings.
4. Regular non-sparking religious tokens suspended from the neck by suitable non-sparkling chains or cords, and worn directly against the body will be permitted.
5. Rings will not be worn beyond the change houses.
6. Persons regularly assigned to a group must wear the safety shoes issued, or shoes made safe to comply with the regulations. Persons not assigned to the group (casuals) whose shoes do not comply with the regulations, will wear the safety sandals provided.

Hospital

LUCY HARKNESS
Correspondent

William Liming staged a "coming-out party" the early part of last week, and no one was happier about it than he. In other words, he parted company with his plaster cast "straight-jacket" which he endured for two weeks as a support and protection for his healing arm. For a couple days he was real spry and up walking about the ward and sun porch, but must take it easy for a while yet before getting too frisky.

Franklin Wilkinson likes to play cards and does so with anyone who has time to spare when they come to visit with him. But it was a bit difficult for him to manage the cards, what with lying in bed with one arm in a traction splint. So, someone whispered a word in the kindly ear of a carpenter over at Group 70-8 and, presto, he now has a dandy little rack, all beveled and sanded, really a work of art, and just the right thing. And it is quickly becoming covered with a "design" of autographs. "Wilkie" was able to go home July 22.

Nurses are carefully watching their fingers these days for we have one patient who now might "bite the hand that feeds him." **Edward Gordon** has had his teeth fixed and it doesn't bother him anymore to "bear down," so he takes delight in enjoying a good solid meal again. No more of that soup for him, he says!

Frank Yarborough is still making his daily visits to the Hospital and is indeed a welcome sight to everyone as he pays regular calls at each office and in the ward.

Aren't the flowers around the grounds beautiful? But, particularly, aren't the sweet peas around the northwest corner of the Hospital doing their bit to "brighten the corner"? They are the special pride and joy of yours truly. I begged **W. B. Manchester** to plant them for me, then begged the Carpenter Shop for a trellis, and now I am right proud of the progress they have made.

Dr. George Luke says he has the best mother-in-law in the world! 'Tother day when Dr. Luke's brother had the misfortune to be in an accident with the doctor's car, she came to the rescue with her car, and, after a trip to the hospital to check up on and take home the brother, she brought Dr. Luke to work—a bit late but none-the-less welcome for we were all glad to have our fears allayed by the good news that, while the car was in a rather deplorable state, the tires were still in good shape and the doctor's brother was not seriously injured.

Gene Hurley has returned from her Colorado vacation, bringing with her a healthy, rested look, and a complexion that only the wide-open spaces can furnish.

Evelyn Richards, laboratory technician, and her doctor husband, took a short trip to Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, recently. They report having a lovely time. Evelyn is a native of the rugged state, but now is a gracious resident of the fair town of Wilmington, and loves it.

Dr. George B. Anderson, wife and baby daughter, **Susan**, paid us a visit July 10. He is now Medical Director at Green River Ordnance Plant, Amboy, Ill., and it seems to be agreeing with him.

There is a new member at the **Dr. H. L. Schultz** household—welcome and bound to become the most pampered pet of all time. To replace "Stormy," wire-haired terrier that strayed away from the Schultz home a couple months back, a group of EOP executives purchased and properly presented to Dr. Schultz another wire-haired terrier from a well-known kennel in Missouri. Dr. Schultz says he thinks he will call her "Dyna," short for dynamite!

This reporter, while on the phone at the reception desk last Monday, saw strange goings-on in the Emergency Room. All that could be seen from my vantage point was **Dr. I. M. Madura** going thru a weird routine of waving huge squares of gauze in front of him—something like the "Dance of the Seven Veils"! Upon investigation, it was discovered that **Lee Reynolds** of Personnel was the victim and object of all these gestures. It seems Lee spent a long, grueling six-hour stretch on the golf course Sunday and developed a beautifully blistered back as well as a gloriously bronze complexion. So ——— backslappers, beware! You won't see the welcome sign at Lee's door!

What ho! A-picknicking we did go! On July 15 the Hospital group held a steak fry at the **R. R. Sidell** home near Elwood. Congregating at 6 o'clock, the gang did themselves proud and the right thing by the excellent steaks done to a turn over the outdoor grill. Nurses, doctors, laboratory technicians, ambulance drivers, and other groups of the Hospital personnel were well-represented and a good time was had by all. Picnic chairmen were **Dr. H. W. Harrison** and **Gene Hurley**. Chefs of the day were **Thomas Moore** and **Dr. Harrison** and everyone pitched in on the entertainment committee. Dancing was the main diversion.

"Buzzards' Roost," or Foremen's Quarters, has a new member. **Dr. B. G. Giel** is now well established in Room 10.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wechsler, Chicago, are the proud parents of a 7-pound-6-ounce daughter, whom they have named Judith Bonnie. "Judy" was born July 8. Dr. Wechsler is staff physician at the hospital on night duty.

Keith Chapman, Tonica; **Jewell Carlson**, LaRose, and **Robert Hanson**, Dwight, are patients on the recuperating list who have been making regular weekly visits to the Hospital.

Dr. Schultz spent July 17 and 18 in St. Louis, Mo., at the conference on war plant safety and health measures sponsored by the Army Ordnance Department. Dr. Schultz closed the two-day session with a talk on "Disaster Planning and Emergency Medical Services."

Sympathy is extended to **Dr. L. N. Cohlar**, whose mother died July 23.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Our box-car crew at the shipping end of the line is yelling for publicity. It's true enough that they have a hard job and the more they are rushed the more they cuss but they get the job done and that's the main thing. . . . And while on the subject of shipping we may as well mention the assembly crew on table one of the shipping bay. They hang their collective heads in abject shame if they make even the slightest of errors for theirs is the determination to fail not their buddies at the front. The current crew at this table includes **Crickett Varvel, George Ballock, Paul Arseneau, Thomas Jisa, Wilbur Testa, Ray Thorpe** and **Virgil Rigdon.**

And what would you think of a fellow who would pull a loaded skid the length of Building 13 *in the wrong direction?* Could be a football player. . . .

Lee Webster, an expediter, enlisted for pilot training in the Army Air Corps July 11 and we feel that he will keep 'em flying epeditiously. . . .

Bob Stewart has left Building 10 to become an assistant to **"Tiny" Cahoon** in the presentation of music a la EOP. . . . Now that we haven't got the place all cluttered up with watches the boys get some sort of a drive out of gazing soulfully at the gauges on some of the fire extinguishers. They look somewhat like clock faces and that is the height of something or other. . . .

Bernadini "Junior" Reo is leaving us on August 3 to take up training as a radio technician in the Army Air Corps so messages will come flying down to Reo. . . .

Rudy Mandat, our head janitor, is a most unhappy man and his chief plaint is who in blazes is this Smithy that **James Nash** is forever talking about. . . . We give you **Dan Pounovich** as a prince of obliging fellows. Dan drives our pick-up truck but manages to find time to do all sorts of favors for one and all. . . . An accolade and three pips and a tiger for the gang in Building 16 (especially those on the second and third floors), who labor so strenuously in the fierce heat and whose virtues have heretofore gone unsung. If opportunity presents itself we will look them up and herald their names to the world. . . . **Dudley "High" Dudgeon** has gone and went away. Dudley was always well up in the line when it came to clocking out time but now he has gone to Seneca to help send ships down to the sea. . . . **Inspector C. L. Harris** forgot his button one morning but he suavely explained to the guard at the outer gate that he would drive his riders over to their group and then go home after his button. The guard said, "That's pretty good, Charley, but that ain't the way I heerd it." . . . And here is a tip which all may take for what it is worth. Borrow money from **Dave Rosen** and he is reluctant to accept repayment. Methinks he figures that as long as you owe him you will refrain from putting the well known bite on again.

Johnnie McCarthy, who gained an envious reputation in the prize ring under the name of Kid Mack gave a squab dinner right after the Fourth of July at the American Legion Hall in Joliet. Thirteen guests were there and thirteen squabs. One fellow got one which was overdue at the rubber priorities commission. If a leg or wing were pulled in an effort to tear it loose it would fly back and scatter gravy over the table and the other guests in great abandon. Kid Mack kept referring to it as "Dewey" and when the leg band was removed with a pipe wrench it bore the date line 1898 which accounted for everything. At that it was a great dinner and the gravy was tender and delicious.

John Watson, former foreman at Building 13 has gone to war, having enlisted in the Naval Air Force July 16. A large number of his friends, including most of the foremen in the group and some other lucky fellows put on a going-away party for him that was a honey. It was held Saturday evening, July 11, at the Moose Hall in Lockport. There were songs and laughter, wild cow's milk and wassail, there was food in abundance and in the best of taste, there was five-card raise-you-up and seven-card peek and the cutest little game played with little square ivory balls with spots on them that you would ever care to witness. The party was a grand success thanks to the committee which worked so hard to put it over and its memory should linger long with John. Hail and farewell, John Watson, stout fellow!

Personnel

LEE R. REYNOLDS
Correspondent

We wish to welcome **Irene Krull, JoAnn Fehrenbacher** and **Eugene Earp**, 3 new messengers.

David Graves, our diving star, was showing his talent at Nowell Park swimming pool recently.

John Hogan has presided as em-cee on several occasions recently. He really can put across an introduction, especially where messenger girls are concerned.

Marge Forrest has returned to work after a two weeks' vacation with her husband at Lake Enterprise, Wisconsin.

We have just learned that **Selma Brown** has taken up the art of horseback riding.

Dolly Lundquist and **Florence Dunterman** had a very nice time over at the Machine Shop one Sunday morning. It seems they missed their usual ride and several men from the Machine Shop gave them a ride to work.

Stranger than fiction: **Dr. I. W. Madura**, Personnel Department, is the proud possessor of four brand new tires.

According to a recent letter from **Bob Hamlin**, "The Shores of Tripoli" are just a little overestimated (too few women).

Ask **Peg Collins**, reference room, what she answered when a friend asked her how everything was at EOP.

Don Peters will be missed by everyone in the Personnel Department, as he has left to accept another position.

We have just heard that the erstwhile **Lynn McCoskey** received his induction papers effective August 6, and we wish him the best of luck.

Inspection

RICHARD LOWERY
Correspondent

Paul Calligaris, Group 1, wore out the ramp between Buildings 13 and 14 . . . checking primers.

If **George Brummund** used an ounce more of energy he *might* move.

Robert Wilhelmi's son, **C. Robert**, suffered a broken right collar bone on July 17 while going through his daily tree climbing. Latest reports seems to put young C. Robert on the rapid road to recovery.

Jack "Blue Beard" Fay, Group 4, was married on July 27 to **Georgia Feeney**, also of Group 4. They are living in Morris.

Phil Luginbill, Group 6, is quite a handsome lad according to the reports from his home town. Phil is from Indiana. Maybe that is why **Bill Hartman** is spreading such stories.

Willard Vail, Group 6, reports that **Howard Hewlett** was entered in the Pontiac open golf tournament held this month.

Bill McGowan, a new member of the department stationed at Group 3, will be an added kick on the EOP golf team. Bill was a member of the Joliet Junior College golf team last year.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. James Glade** on their recent arrival. **James Junior** will have to do some fast stepping to keep up with his talented father. Mother and son are doing fine.

Inspector **Otis Meece**, Group 3, is the proud papa of a 9½ pound boy.

It looks as though **Godfrey Herscher** isn't the only aviation enthusiast at Group 3, as **Earl Greenstreet** is now receiving instructions and is about to learn to land.

Theodore Steger had been riding the bus in his daily commutation to and from Peotone, but it has been noticed by others that Ted has started driving his own car again. What's the matter, Ted, doesn't Annie work here any more.

Thomas French, the Group 3 golf pro, has been giving **Robert Marlette** instructions and someone ought to stop Mr. Marlette from throwing his score card in the waste basket.

Carl Bartlett, whose hobby is bees, sure knows what benefit can be gained from being a "bee" hobbyist during sugar rationing. **Henry Ford, S. S. Kresge, Wendell Wilkie** and other prominent men have the same hobby.

All the boys at Group 3 are wondering when **Jake Beam**, of World War I, Navy, and **Ray Pomeroy**, U. S. Army, are gaing to settle the argument as to whether the Army or the Navy won that war.

Mrs. Earl Shipley, wife of **Inspector Shipley**, underwent a major operation in a Chicago hospital.

Lidice, that little town in Czechoslovakia that was doomed forever by the Nazis, has been reborn in Illinois to prove that this Lidice and other Lidices all over the world shall never die as long as free men live. It is a pleasure to report that Inspectors Beam, Marlette, **Erland Sorrensen** and **George Wetterhahn** expect to be among the first residents of this community.

The recent promotion to shift inspector has made **Bob Lehnig** of Group 2 a very happy man.

Herman Sundberg and **Bill Walsh**, who were off for several days due to sickness are now back on the job. Bill is so full of shots and vitamins that he is likely to go alphabetical on us at any moment.

Waldo Kaiser took a couple of days off and went to the hospital for a tonsilectomy. (We've been wanting to use that word since the first time we heard of **Jimmie Fidler**).

Edward Kelley won the champion of something or other when he paid $21 for a can of lobster and didn't get ptomaine from it either.

Gilbert Maloney is an A1 bathing beauty at the Kankakee quarry every Sunday afternoon. Gilbert, inspector at Group 5, decided to trade in his 1905 bathing suit for a new pair of beautiful yellow trunks.

Elmer Nesius, Group 7, would like to know why he and **Harold Rouff**, Group 61, waited till 1 o'clock at one of Joliet's gay spots?

Bill Hartman, Senior, inspector in charge of Groups 4 through 9, may well be called the king of *steaks*. At a recent dinner Bill put away three giant T-Bones, or were there just three too many.

Milton Robinson, Group 2, forgot to shave under his nose—now we have something new—a mustache wearing a man.

Louis Huston, Group 2, is going around with his head up in the air, all because he sent a two dollar bill to determine his family tree, and found out one of his great, great uncles was **Sam Houston** of Texas—all for two dollars.

Bob "Killer" Kelly, formerly of the Scale Inspection Department. now working for that man with the high hat and long beard, is stationed somewhere in Georgia.

Tom Todd, shift inspector, is getting tired of living in Aurora. He is flat hunting in Joliet—. Please, will somebody tell him! ! !

Frank Lewis, Group 1, missed his profession—he should have been an actor—he works better with an audience.

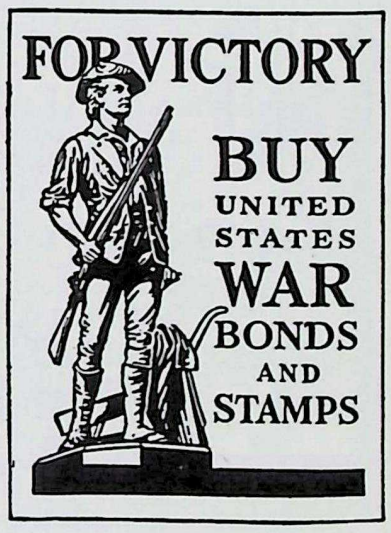
Fred Harris, Group 1, has earned the name "Don Juan." Wonder why?

FLASH! ! **Leo "Dick Tracy" Hoffman**, Group 1, solved the mystery of broken gauges—the culprits use hammers. **Harold Troupe**, gage technician, rewarded Leo with a dozen roses—Leo wanted his heart inside it.

Ed "Mad Genius" Jilek's latest invention makes anything that **"Rube" Goldberg** invents seem simple. His latest is how to get the nitrate out of a can without opening the can. Very simple—throw away the can full of nitrate and get a bag of nitrate and just rip the bag.

Stella Jaworski, secretary to **A. J. MacLellan**, has been drinking her coffee at Poison Pete's every morning, but something is missing —her smile is gone.—Could it be because **Tony Lutkus** is on his vacation?

Join the EOP 10% Club



Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

The familiar voice "Guards, McLaughlin" no longer rings out from Guard Headquarters. **Sergeant Harold "Red" McLaughlin** has enlisted in the Navy and is now stationed at Omaha, Neb., with the Navy Intelligence Department. Everyone realizing that it is our loss and the Navy's gain, wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors and know that in his proficient manner he will be a great asset to the Navy Department.

George Blackburn's cottage proved to be a fine spot for Sergeant McLaughlin's farewell party. All the boys wish to thank George for his hospitality, and to acknowledge **Clarence Carlson's** fish-frying prowess. Carlson, stationed at Post 8, had all the boys curious for a while. Instead of feeding the birds bread-crumbs as in the past he was feeding them angel food cake. The news finally broke out—he hit the jackpot on a baseball pool.

Anyone looking for a one-man show should contact **Coy Willis.** Coy can keep the crowd's attention with his mimicry and tall stories.

Dispatcher **(Carl) Kornmeyer** is considering adding razor blades, breath pellets, chewing gum and shoe laces to his stocks. He states there are calls for all of these and a lot more.

Leslie Carr (Flipper) would like some information on how to dispose of a swarm of bees that have made their home in a tree on his post. The bees have been there for two weeks and as yet haven't paid any rent.

George Bulliner says that **Gene Krupa** has nothing on the Mosquitoes. They can really play a tune on his Frank Buck hat.

Relative to the challenge of the Fire Department for a one-mile foot-race, **Sgt. Clarence White,** former track star, will accept the challenge providing his present training siege proves satisfactory. Early Joliet risers have mentioned seeing the Sergeant clad in heavy training clothing jogging along Wilcox street intent on re-gaining his former athletic physique.

The department of Women Guards is the "baby" of Plant Protection. It was organized last February, with a personnel of five girls and has grown, until at the present there are many times that number. Each girl has been trained as to her duties and is given definite instructions before being assigned a post of duty. Much of the credit is due to the charming and efficient supervisor, **Mrs. Bernadette McNamara.** The office is located in Building 4 at Richards' Farm. Women guards receive their instructions there and after dress inspection go to their various Posts.

They are women guards and *not* police matrons.

Many of you are familiar with the sight of "Brown Betty," the carry-all, which transports the women guards to their Posts. "Brown Betty" is very eccentric and with no warning at all will sound her horn, much to the embarrassment of the drivers. So, if she is heard approaching, be assured that all is well, but that she is determined to be seen. Also, she has been known to stop while on tour of duty and absolutely refuse to move, until the women guards have decided to walk in, and after giving them time to reach "home-base" she starts again and laughingly (blowingly) passes them by.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Sympathy is extended to **Whitney Miller,** assistant superintendent, whose Mother died July 17.

July 16 was a gala night for the fellows of Building 6. **C. "Duke" O'Connor** threw a party to celebrate his second week wedding anniversary. Seen at the party: **Elmer Henry** and **Gene Hambleton** spending dimes to no advantage. **Jess Shelby** attempting to figure out why **Olen Brucker's** hat wouldn't fit him. **John Benson** trying to console **Ed Brower** who kept saying: "In fifty-four years I have never been unduly excited —before!" **Earl Ruby** and **Glenn Marshall** winking at a Blonde and Brunette (wives please note, it was all in fun). **Gene McAllister** looking at himself in a mirror and saying "whata mess, whata mess!" **Jimmy Glade** crashing the party late—the penalty (bottoms up until catching up). **Bob Brumbach** and renegade **Al Anderson** attempting to break away. Not present at the party were the Gold Dust twins, **Tom Henderson** and **Howdy Feldman,** who had bigger things waiting for them in Kankakee.

Nature blitzkrieged **Col. P. L. Deylitz's** home using lightning as it's weapon. After the "all clear signal," he investigated and found five bolts in his chimney. No damage reported.

Donald Burke went to the Army.

Jack Auberry broke his $18 glasses.

Norman Johnston has been on the sick list.

Orchids to **Larry Lahrman** for his cartoon in *The Bomb-Shell* of the christening of Building 6.

LaVern Rasmus enlisted in the Air Corps.

Never realizing his dreams of winning the Preakness or Kentucky Derby, however, with a fighting spirit, "Bronc" John Spesia made a fine showing in his final appearance here. The ageing "Bronc," his trainer, "Sarge," decided, should be retired to the warmth and comfort of green pastures. He can be seen grazing peacefully among the posies of Group 66. We all miss our favorite horse enthusiast.

Aladdin carried a lantern to find an honest man. **Pete Balma** carries a flashlight to find nitrate, even on the day shift.

Bernard Williams is a raw recruit slated for the Army.

It Would Be Nice If . . .

Carl LaPaglia used salt on their tails, he would catch more gophers. . . . Electricians would rig us up a shower like the one for **Seward Brown.** . . . **Ed Westmeyer** wasn't affected by our water—painter friends of his told me it was some sort of liquid. . . . We could afford combination vest-pants—**Marion Carter** can. . . .We knew why **Ed "Camel" Rashid** was acting so youthful—could the reason be a "Miss." . . . **Nicholas "Doc" Warren** would tell us why he is so attractive especially on the bus. . . . He were 50 years old then **Olen Brucker** really would have some tales to relate. . . . **Glen Kelly** slept at home instead of on the lawn.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Collected, assimilated, reported and edited by Billie Nicholson during Mae Belle Anderson's vacation.

Our one and only Cupid-ity: **Jean Mohr** (Payroll Dept.) and **Edward C. Bassett** were married at the home of **Dr. E. E. Hastings,** Joliet, June 26. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett are now residing in Morris.

Jean Tyrrell and **Billie Roeder** are still with us, in spite of their recent experience with a diver's helmet—and at thirty feet, too! Gad! What courage!

E. T. Bennington, of "Dear Editor" fame, is searching avidly for recruits for an Administration Area ball team. We anxiously urge you fellows to sign up before Red weeps promiscuously on our supplies.

From what we could gather when we brightly asked **Vic Dagenais** how he would occupy his time now that the Motor Pool has been established, it's a case of "if it isn't one thing, it's another."

As of July 23, it's *PRIVATE* **Ray McGuire.** How's about a Jap scalp for the lil' ole mantelpiece, **Ray.**

For you who have felt the strain of sugar rationing, the generous gentleman of Room 229A has a goodly supply of luscious yummies in his upper right-hand desk drawer.

Warning: **Betty Kane,** her what operates them fascinatin' mysterious machines in the Tabulating Department, will challenge anyone who calls her "Curly" to a duel of marshmallows at twenty paces. Hiya, Curly.

COMBATANT service with the Army has been assumed by Francis McCarthy, formerly employed by the Ordnance Department at EOP.

Welcomes to: **Marilyn Rhodes,** comely newcomer to the Comptroller's Department—**Tony Cemano** and **Arthur Witty,** vehicle manipulators — and **Mrs. Charlotte Hammond** and **Joe Catton,** fine additions to the Office Management Department.

Mrs. R. T. Read, wife of our safety supervisor and resident of the Administration Area, enjoyed a two weeks' visit with her daughter, **Mrs. John M. Gourgas,** Concord, Mass.

Dorothea Glaudell and **Dorothea Beverly,** ardent admirers of Izaak Walton, are collaborating on fantastic tales after a week together in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Forrest (Jim of the Expediting Department and Marjorie of Personnel) are recuperating from their trip to Wisconsin.

Dagmar Peterson, competent Chief of Filing and Mailing, reports a very satisfactory "Wartime" vacation — likewise **Jean Himes—and Ed Fitzer.**

Lola Early, secretary to E. O. Huey, has gone to Camp Swift, Texas, to visit her brother, **Edward J. Early,** who left an EOP job for the Army.

Russell H. Watt, assistant chief of Plant Protection, with "the million dollar personality," has been working pretty hard lately. He has a grand prescription for a Vitamin "B" diet.

PASSENGERS ALIGHT from the new streamlined EOP bus unaware a picture is being taken. The bus, driven by Milton Rueck, veteran EOP employee, is for the convenience of those residing within the EOP area and makes three round trips daily between the plant and Joliet.

Lucille Dillon, a former school teacher, has a deep interest in Stenography, but despite her career—she sounds very domestic, always talking about "a little stove."

Sharon (Sherry) Zamkovitz, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Paul Zamkovitz,** is a most attractive girl. Paul is the genial timekeeper at the Administration Building, having replaced **Ray Shepley,** who joined the armed forces.

Mary Kleeberger has probably caught up on her sleep, since her trip to Minnesota—or did she go to the Island? Have you noticed the flowers in her hair?

Molly Mahoney, the shy redhead, was trying to regain her school-girl figure, it seems, by bicycling, the other night. Bruising business!

Hank Schelling is wearing dark glasses.

P. Tamillo, past-master of terpsichore, made quite a hit with the orchestra leader at the Pal-O-Mar. His rug-cutting interfered with his dancing, however, and you know how "Tam" loves steaks!

Friends of **Arthur Bruer** will be glad to hear that he has had a speedy recovery from the hives—and it seems that since those three flat tires, he has deserted the land and taken to the water.

Wayne Sebby and **Arlene Thorson** spent a pleasant week with Wayne's parents in Wisconsin.

Joe Friedrich, jokester of the Accounting Department, can be coaxed to relate amusing anecdotes about his vacation.

John F. Dolan, paymaster, took his dapper self off to New York for a gala two weeks.

Rita Dwyer sped off to Jefferson Barracks one weekend — to visit her brother . . . it says here.

Benno F. Nell, Jr. caught one *That Long*—honest!

The inimitable **Frank Kern** explains wistfully that he visited only *one* of Milwaukee's breweries while on his trip to that city.

Dick Russell, Engineering Department's **Elmo Tanner,** will indubitiably have several new tunes to whistle after two weeks of research—we hope.

Field Engineers

C. O. FINNEGAN
Correspondent

E. A. Evans, chief field engineer, is proud of his victory garden, which he and **Mrs. Evans** tended this past spring and summer. None of the produce is allowed to go to waste; all surplus and much that isn't surplus they have given to their friends and neighbors.

G. E. "Grand Old Man" Mowitt gets most of the mailman's business in this office.

Al Schutten, Dave Chambers, Jack Horenberger, and **Jim Casey** of the "Island Athletic Club" now have their own recreational and keep fit program. Activity—badminton. Skinned knuckles, black eyes and brocken rackets indicate the interest and temper of the game. No place for a weakling.

O. A. Evans, chief engineering inspector, and his crew, namely **J. V. McCarthy, Euart Colby,** and **Ed Zlomie,** as well as **Road Engineer C. C. Irving,** have been coming early and staying late in order to aid the "Moonlight Construction Company" (rock roads) in building the plant roads.

Open letter to **Bud Davey**—reduce or wear your pants loose.

Last week many member of this department had the pleasure of talking by telephone with our good friend, **H. E. McCullouch,** formerly Mr. Evans' secretary. Mac is now with the Navy, and is stationed at the Naval Armory, Detroit, Mich.

George G. Golem, formerly a rodman in this department, returned last Saturday to say hello to the gang.

The July 21 fishing trip of **Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ring** and **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkerson** netted the crew a mighty fine time—no fish.

R. S. Cole has returned to his duties after a brief illness.

First EOP Girl Leaves to Take WAAC Training

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into the WAAC; what I wanted to do if I were accepted; did I object to foreign service and what experience and success did I have in handling people. I noticed that they watched my posture and carriage very carefully as I entered the conference room and then I sat with them about four minutes before they started the interview."

Because Braceville does not have a wireless to receive telegrams, Miss Pichon's army career almost was curtailed before it was started. She was supposed to be in Rantoul taking a physical examination at the exact moment that the telegram arrived. This was the darkest hour before the dawn. Miss Pichon left for Rantoul but really believed that her chance to be a "Wack" had come and gone. But she was given another appointment and in spite of all obstacles, she was still a candidate.

"Then on June 22 I had my second and final interview. I really had a marvelous time. Their friendliness and warmth made me feel completely at home. They told me a great deal about the work, its discipline, opportunities and the responsibilities of an officer. They were keenly interested in EOP having heard of its splendid reputation. And that's all there was to it."

When a girl can go through all that and still come out smiling, the WAAC knows that it has first-rate officer material. Although Miss Pichon successfully matched wits with 5500 other women, she must now face competition in her own home. She has recently received word that **Allen Pichon,** her brother who has been with the army for the past three years in Puerto Rico, has passed an officers training examination and will return to the United States.

ALLEY OOP or rather alleys up says Veronica "Rennie" Ryan, Recreation Department, as she illustrates the fact that the bowling alleys have been completed, equipment has been received and play waits only the removal of offices now maintained in the Recreation Building.

Fort Sheridan, Kankakee, Others Fall Before EOP's Powerful Softball Team

Requests for Games on Foreign Fields Pour in; Soldiers Are Defeated 17 to 1; KOW Drops Two

EOP's softball team under the driving managership of **Johnny Kusinski** still maintains an undefeated record although they faltered a bit against a fine Kankakee Ordnance Works team at Morris Monday night, July 20. They shook off their lackadaisical performance from the sixth inning on and won the game 8 to 6.

The boys engaged the Fort Sheridan camp team Thursday night, July 23rd, but the early-to-bed, early-to-rise habits of Army camp life worked to a disadvantage for the soldiers as the lights caused them to commit several costly errors. **Ed Washburn**, on the slab for EOP, had the Fort team in the palm of his hand all the way, being tagged for only a few scratch hits. The lineup was altered behind **Lou Haake** in the seventh frame and EOP let down the bars long enough for the soldiers to score.

This EOP team is really a great ball team and it looks as if their reputation is stronger away from home as requests come in for appearances on foreign fields.

Results of the first nine games follow:

June 18—American Can, 4; EOP, 16.

June 25—Carnegie, Ill., 4; EOP, 8.

June 28—Danville, 2; EOP, 8.

July 1—Kankakee Boos., 3; EOP, 12.

July 2—Farrell Mfg., 3; EOP, 6.

July 9—KOW, 1; EOP, 9.

July 16—Joliet Moose; 4. EOP, 23.

July 20—KOW, 6; EOP, 8.

July 23—Fort Sheridan, 1; EOP, 17.

The schedule follows:

Bendix—Aug. 6 at South Bend.
Beecher—Aug. 9 there.
Kroehler's—Aug. 12 at Naperville.
Caterpillars—Aug. 14 at Peoria.
Kroehler's—Aug. 20 here.
Elgin Watch—Aug. 22 there.
Harvey—Aug. 23 there.

"Whadda ya mean, Celia . . . you can also hold down a job at Fuze an' Booster an' all this?"

Girls in Spotlight of Revue Rehearsals

Lovely feminine pulchritude, flashing eyes a-n-d . . . legs, a harmonious blending of voices. . . . That's the "Bomb-Shell Revue" in rehearsal and well on the way to complete production.

Among the bevy of beauties from Group 60 appearing in various acts and choruses of the show are **Annamarie Kinney, June Morgan, Edith Lewis, Dorothy Sonntag, Jean Tyrell, Catherine Gorey, Anne Mae Thompson, Jackie Dailey, Ruth Brunings, Dorothy Maxwell, June Shiek, Mary Lou Grady, June Schnepper, Mary Philbin, Virginia Cashen, Malfalda Proia, Marjorie Bush, Catherine Boyd, Doris Tatro.**

Glamor girls from Group 6 include **Mary Jane Barrowman, Winifred Robbins, Lorena Wilhelmi, Leona Krakar, June Randolph, Martha Reichardt, Barbara Greenwood, Marlene Kramer, Mary Pointer, Gwendolyn Flessner, Ruth Starkman, Maree Evans, Ardis Yarding, Lucille Hritz, Clementine Stonehouse, Helen Martin, Marge Martin, Gertrude Freeman, Shirley Hammes, Marie Kovacik, Florence Bute, Marie Romines, Ruth Tatro, Edyth Krzik, Landa Carraro, Betty Palmer, Juanita Thompson, Mary E. Swanson, Ruth Hassig, Patricia Poutre, Marie Partak** and many others.

A few of the cast participating in specialty acts and solo spots from the entire area are **Vernitta Ruddy, Mildred Lamport, Shirley Van Dyne, George Browell, Knut Axelson, Gertrude Freeman, Fred Furry** and **"Jersey" Klegman.**

Names of other performers and the groups in which they are employed as well as pictures will appear in future issues of *The Bomb-Shell*. More talent can be used, so if you would like to be a part of EOP's musical and dramatic contribution to America's Fighting Forces contact **Earl Carpenter** at the Recreation Building. Telephone 4109.

Husband: "I don't like your inviting that chap to dinner. He used to kiss you before we were married."

Wife: "Well, so did you!"

Husband: "Yes, but I've got over it and maybe he hasn't."

FUN

You Can't Beat It!

By "TINY" CAHOON

I received a letter asking why such and such wasn't this and that, but so and so didn't sign his name. The letter was not a nasty dig and I would like to know who the interested tennis enthusiast is.

By the way, I feel safe in saying that the EOP tennis tourney will be run off the last of August. The courts are now open. Come one, come all.

Word came over the vine that a certain black-eyed home run king was roaming Fuze & Booster and then I found out it wasn't a King, but a Queen of Swat; **Barbara Greenwood.** No, she is not a muscle factory, just an all around great gal. You'll see her in the chorus with the "Bomb-Shell Revue." And how!

Archery Now Under Way

The archery equipment is in and the feathered shafts are flying. I don't know what some of the archers could do from the back of a horse, but I wouldn't want them "arching" at me in an open wheat field. The only thing missing is the smell of gun powder and fast death.

The bowling alleys soon will be ready for active duty. By active duty, I mean open to employees. Everyone who can find the time is cordially invited to indulge in a line or two of the grand old game of kegling. Now, no hob nail boots on the alleys! A pool table will also be ready for your pleasure.

Haven't received any cards boosting a football team. Oh, well, it is a rough game and every man to his likes.

The best way to have fun is to do something you like to do. The next best way is to watch or listen to someone else do what they like to do. **Earl Carpenter** is coming along fine with the girls' dance group. Here's a chance to see what goes on before they turn on the footlights.

Teams Doing Well

Bob Stewart has some of the finest musical talent you will ever hear playing in regular practice, with jam sessions twice a week. Lay down your troubles and cares just about any afternoon now and have a look-see and listen at the Recreation Building. 'Taint bad, 'taint bad.

Well, the representative teams in baseball, softball and golf are still undefeated and all the boys are doing a swell job, but if you have talent along these lines you still have a chance to make any of the teams.

George Bechus' Group 70 softball team, built around **Lou Hoake,** finished the first round of play in the Load Line league in first place.

Get your date for Saturday, August 8. You can bring an outside date to the summer carnival dance. It's going to be a *wow*, which when interpreted means *FUN—You can't beat it.*

SOFTBALL team of the High Explosive Laboratory who downed the Fuze and Booster Laboratory team at the joint picnic July 19 is shown here. Back row, left to right, are: Asst. Chief Chemist Ray Hybarber, Nelson Tippett, Charles Clifford and Herb Just; front row: Chief Chemist H. E. Hafele, "Rosemary" (wearing mask), John Snyder, Opal Just, Baron Rothchild and Pitcher Ronald Beck. In the background is Sam Kunze of Fuze and Booster.

EOP's Baseball Nine Will Engage Camp Grant Soldiers Here Aug. 15

Frank Wehrle's Boys Maintain Undefeated Record in Ten First Games; Schedule Heavy

Frank Wehrle's hustling baseball team continues the march along victory row refusing to take no for an answer. It is a type of team that fans love with their bustle and determination to get the job done.

The first game with an outside team against the Moran Crackers of Joliet, was played here Friday, July 10, and was watched by a small but enthusiastic group, which saw the game go an extra inning before the EOP team won 6 to 5.

At Dwight eleven innings were required to win 3 to 2.

This hard working ball team took on three ball games in as many days last week with a game on Sunday to make it five in eight days. The work seems to agree with them as they batter their way along.

On August 15 the EOP team will tangle with the hard hitting Camp Grant team. The game will be called at 5:30. A large attendance is expected.

Results of the first ten games follow:

June 30—Joliet General Refractories, 1; EOP, 9.

July 5—Wilmington, 2; EOP, 13.

July 8—Kankakee Browns, 1; EOP, 10.

July 10—Moran Crackers, 5; EOP, 6.

July 15—State Hospital, 0; EOP, 3.

July 17—Moran Crackers, 3; EOP, 9.

July 19—Dwight, 2; EOP, 3.

July 21—Joliet General Refractories, 0; EOP, 6.

July 22—Joliet Wall Paper, 6; EOP, 9.

July 23—Berwyn, 1; EOP, 6.

Hot, Sweet Players Forming Swing Band

It's really going to be good! It's going to be sweet and rhythmic, hot and low-down. What's this all about? Why, the new EOP swing band, of course!

There are many good musicians about the plant and some of the cream of the crop are forming a band that is gradually assuming pleasant proportions.

Some of these well known men of notes are **E. L. McCrea,** Group 66A; **Francis Buhl,** Group 3A; **Gerald Riley,** Group 61; **Harold Bergeson** and **Ed. Stonitch,** guards; **Ted Steger,** Group 3; **Ralph Keck,** Group 1; **Frank Zupancic,** Group 8; **Ralph Maloney** and **George Zelke,** Fire Department; **Keith Gale** and **Bob Peterson,** Richards Farm.

There is still room for some more of "youse" guys. Come on and join them. You'll be hearing some more from them in a great big way.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

For some time we had to listen to **Lester (Shorty) Devors** tell how large his potatoes are growing, **Art Voss** what enormous tomatoes he has, **Scott Soper,** what size his melons are, but they stopped boasting, when some one informed them, that they saw three of our guards on *one* beat.

We welcome **Bob Cohen** back from the Hospital where he was confined for a week. He told us that after the second day, he took a turn for the nurse.

Harold Groskreutz tells us of the experience his brother Ted had recently while helping their father on the farm. Ted was leading a cow into the barn, when upon opening the door, discovered the hired man had hung himself. Ted immediately took off. About five minutes later when he was ten miles away, he paused to take a breath, he was surprised to find the rope in his hand and the cow on the end of it. He then realized what had *been* holding him back.

Willie Peebles had a pair of the safety sandals they wear in the Fuze and Booster Groups. The fit was so good that he turned around three times before they moved.

Henry O'Reilly claims that his experiment is about finished. He crossed a homing pigeon with a woodpecker which will not only deliver the message, but will knock on the door.

Elva Thomas of **J. C. Schmeh's** office says we all know the saying that the way to a man's heart is thru his stomach but she believes the best way to hold a man is in your arms.

Tommy Skrinar, coming to work the other morning, was caught running a stop light. He explained to the traffic officer, that on account of having two young ladies with him in the front seat it was crowded and he was too modest to reach over and shift gears.

Harlow (Iron Man) Kadow causes us some anxious moments at times, especially when he dives into the iron pile, while we wait with abated breath until he emerges from the other side. Therefore we were not surprised when he came in near the end of one day for first-aid treatment, complaining that he had difficulty in straightening his back. Upon stripping off his shirt we found a railroad axle had slipped down his shirt collar early that morning.

When the new Engine 144 came by the other morning, we did not recognize **Jack Murry** on it because we were used to seeing him behind Engine 32 pushing it up the grade.

PICNICKERS at the recent Electrical Department affair at McKinley Park shown here are: Seated, William A. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peterson, Mrs. J. V. Wall and Viola Leith; standing, Mr. Wall, Martha Herrity, Agnes McCarthy, George Rummel and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewison. Harry MacRae was behind the camera.

Sorry ~

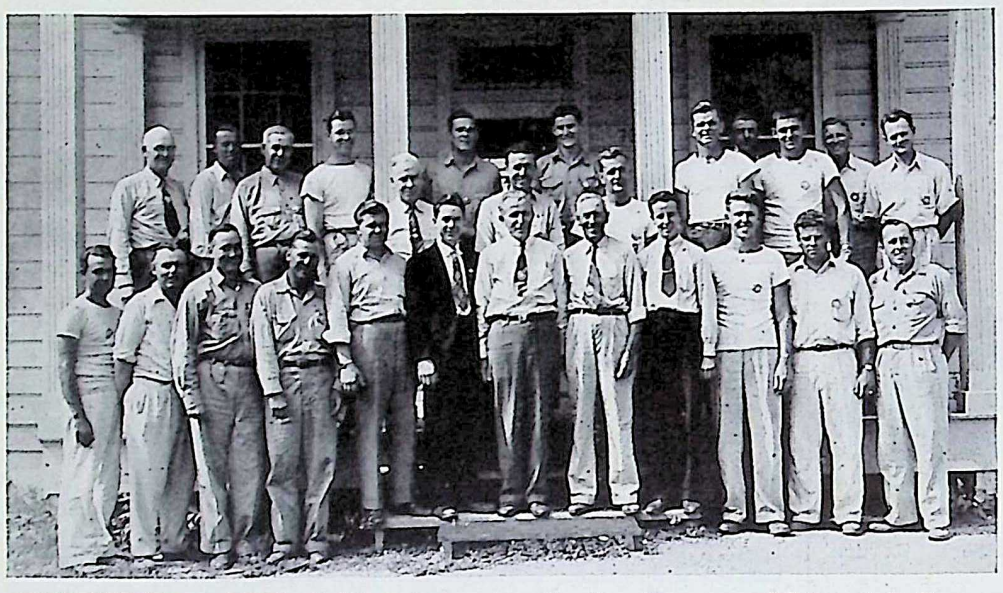
Girls and Boys . . .

but extra copies of The Bomb-Shell will be 5 cents each.

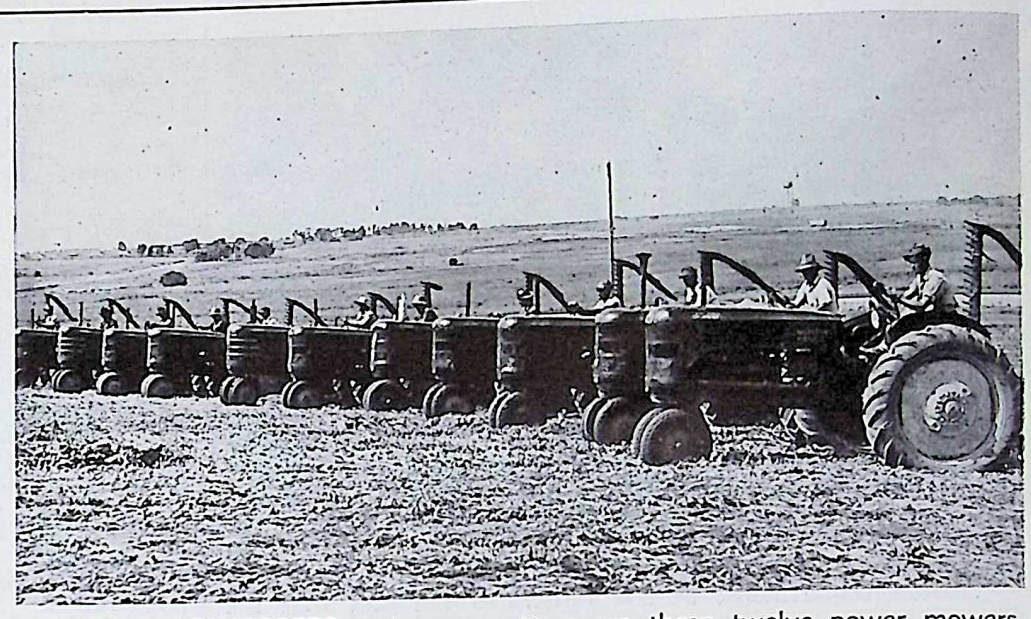
One copy is mailed without charge to each employee's home. If you do not receive yours, telephone Line 4206.

The demand has become so great that the charge for extra copies was made necessary. Proceeds will go to the Recreation Fund.

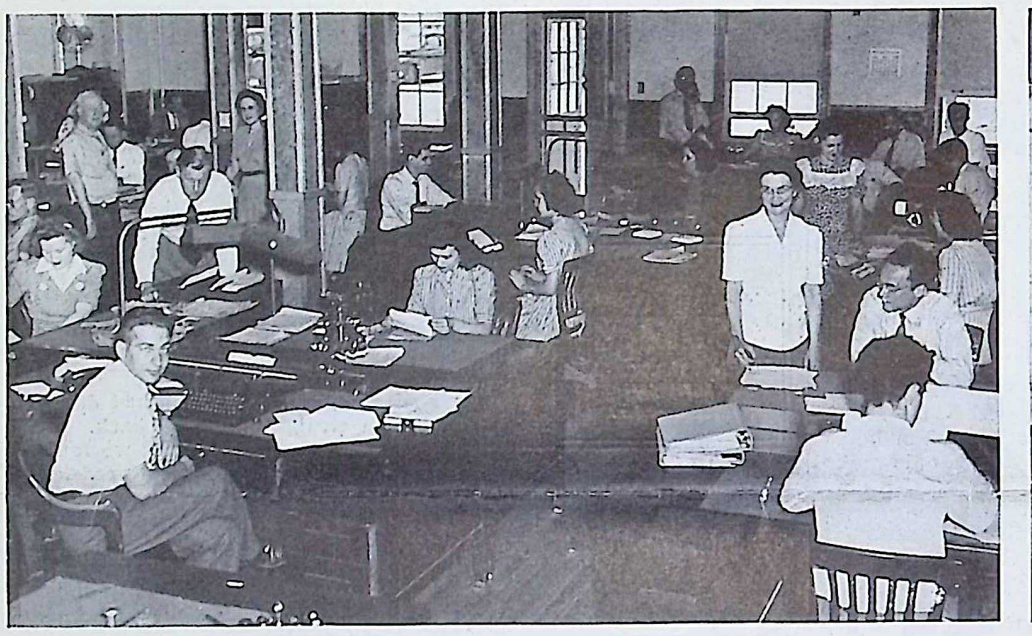
ELWOOD ON PARADE



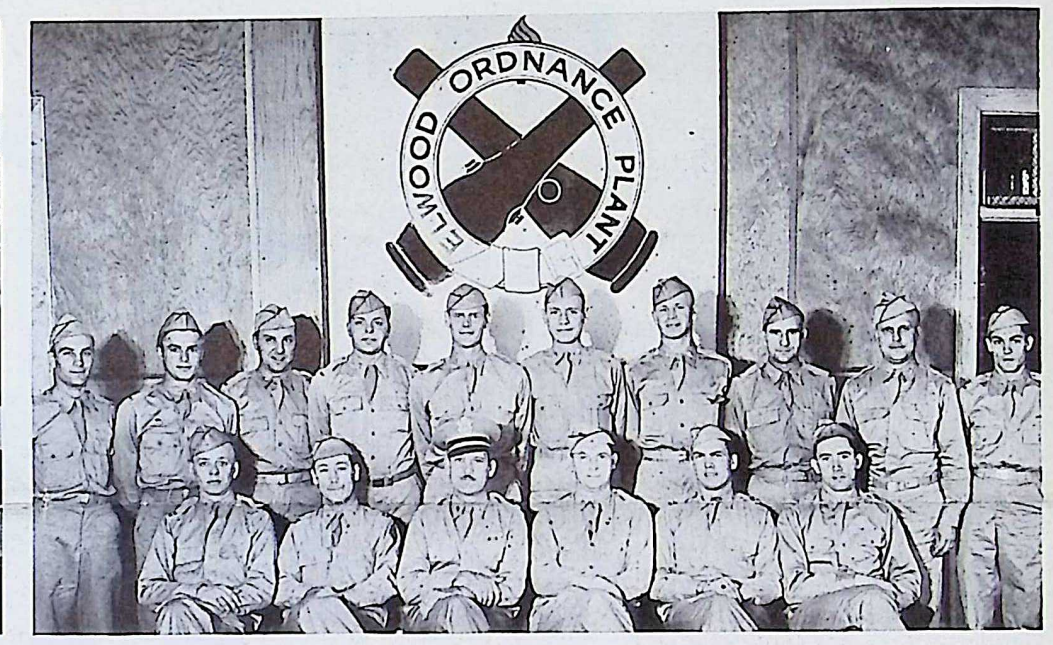
FAR AFIELD go EOP's field engineers, under the direction of Edward A. Evans, and it takes more than a dinner bell to assemble the group shown here.
Pictured left to right are: Back row, Murray Jordan, Edward Zlomie, John V. McCarthy, Myron Benham, Euart Colby, David Chambers, Orville Evans, Charles Vedder, Albert Schutten, Everett Granville, Gordon Enger, Joe Panish, Jack Horenberger and Laverne Foran; Front row; Frank Misischia, Charles Irving, Richard Cole, Charles Wilkerson, Howard Davey, Cyril Finnegan, Mr. Evans, George E. Mowitt, William DuPerrieu, Richard Shambo, Marion Ring and James J. Casey.



GIANT GRASSHOPPERS and grass cutters are these twelve power mowers used in the EOP area. Supervised by "Farmer" W. B. Manchester, superintendent of grounds, operators of the mowers shown here left to right are: Joseph F. Breen, Glenn V. Palmer, James Powers, William I. Bault, Everett T. Henline, Fred Geissler, Arnold S. Vaughan, Marshall P. Oling, Oliver B. Spiller, Herbert W. Lavallier, Joseph W. Ross and Elmer L. Schramm.



BUSY AFTER MOVING their office into the extension of the Administration Building's west wing, workers in the Army's Stores and Transportation Department barely hesitated when this photo was made.
Shown are: Lt. C. R. Crandell, Nina Horrie, Robert Cohen, Frank Santry (asleep standing), C. Di Lorenzo, Helen Benson, J. P. Filips, chief clerk; Lois Dix, Frances Jursonivic, Franklyn Bevan, Mary Serdar, Bernadine Klausing, Florence Stassen, Si Faupel, Frances Haslett, Mary Scahill, James Walker, Lewis S. Miner, Clayton Craig, Nora Kelliher, William Wiseman, Agnes Hatting, Bruno Sismondi, G. B. Lyons, Dorothy Nemanich, and William Hillestad.



OFFICIAL ARMY FAMILY of EOP is shown here grouped around the commanding officer, Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman. Pictured left to right are:
Standing, Lt. D. A. Yeoman, Lt. J. H. Lucas, Lt. A. G. Resch, Lt. C. E.. Beilharz, Jr., Lt. C. R. Crandell, Lt. W. J. Durrenberger, Lt. M. G. Brandon, Lt. R. E. Pinnick, Lt. F. G. Kuether and Lt. C. P. Bohannon; sitting, Capt. J. I. Bach, Capt. D. P. Tunstall, Colonel Hoffman, Maj. A. C. Johnston, Capt. K. D. De Young and Capt. G. A. Grant, Capt. J. A. Hardy and Lt. F. J. Weis, also members of the family, were not present.

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MASTERS AND MUTTS make a team at Richards' Farm where this picture of the janitorial force and its canine mascots was taken. Shown left to right are: Front row, Alex Smith, Christ Pedersen, Raymond W. Stehlik and George E. Curtis; back row, Roy Pulaski, Edward M. Antrim, Pete Lazier, Peter Zarboglio and Angelo L. Balbinot, foreman. The pups hadn't been named at the time of photographing.

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Tire Control Board Warns Car Drivers

Points Out New Grade 2 Rubber Not Available

"It has been brought to our attention several times lately, that many persons eligible for recapping services are deliberately running their tires to destruction in the belief they will be able to secure new Grade 2 tires," said **Frank M. Bray**, chairman of the Will County Rationing Board, Joliet, in a letter to the EOP Tire Committee. "The quota of these tires is only a little greater than that of first grade tires, and most applicants will have to be denied. These new tires are largely made of reprocessed rubber and cannot be expected to give better service than can retreads.

"As the whole tire rationing program is based on the necessity of conserving rubber, new tires will not be granted if retreads can be used; and we would ask your organization to publicize the information that all eligibles apply for retreading service before their present treads are too far worn.

"The board has been requested to check on careless and reckless use of tires, many of which cases have been reported to us, and drivers guilty of such practices will have to be denied service."

Members of the EOP Tire Committee pledged full co-operation to Mr. Bray and said they would present the warning to all who ask for certification letters.

Wilmington Sets Up New USO Quarters

The huge supermarket planned for Wilmington is going to house ping-pong tables and easy chairs instead of meats and groceries. The double-store front building right in the heart of the business district will welcome EOP and other war workers instead of shoppers.

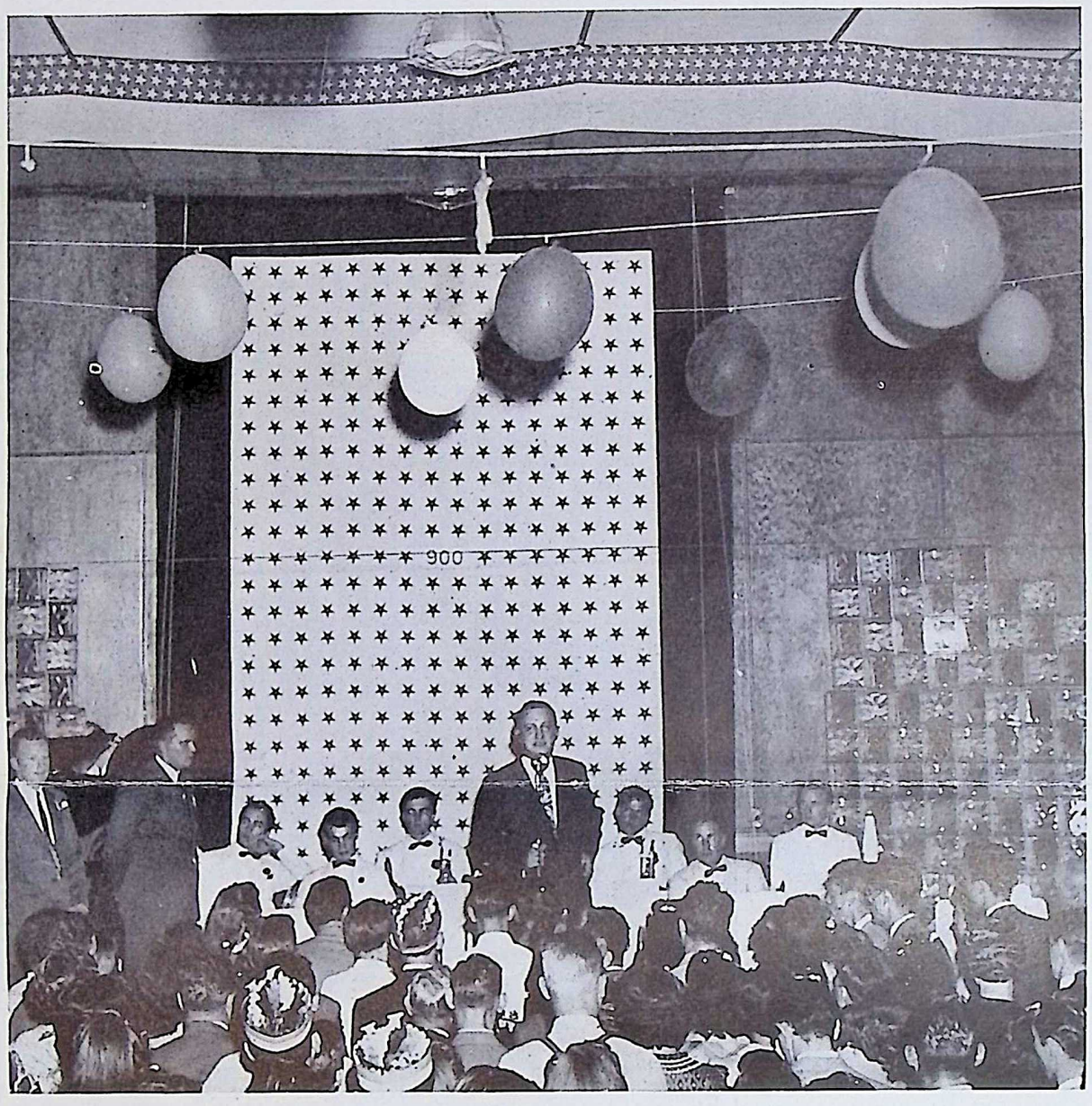
Before long the structure will be equipped much like one of the hundreds of USO centers outside the military camps, with facilities for games, reading, writing, music and other enjoyments. It is not generally known that the USO serves 35 of these war industry communities, of which this is one of the largest. Only 6 per cent of the total USO budget goes to industrial centers, but the need is apparent.

H. J. Sander is the director and he has arranged to put a traveling library in the dormitories housing single men and is having a baseball field and playground leveled.

St. Louis Ordnance Officials Visit EOP

Army and civilian officials from the new office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants for the Ordnance Department in St. Louis were visitors at EOP August 6. Included in the party, which held conferences and inspection trips here, were **Lt. Col. O. W. Jank, Maj. August Busch, R. O. Hurly** and **E. S. Chapman.**

". . . 900 former employees are honored . . ."



DEDICATION CEREMONIES for the giant EOP service flag were the highlight of the Summer Carnival Dance Saturday night, August 8, at which about $500 was raised for the recreation fun. Shown here, before the flag, is Comptroller John J. Cole, who with Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, outlined the purpose of the flag as an honor to the 900 former EOP employees now in the armed services. The speakers were introduced to the enthusiastic audience by H. H. Bowler, general chairman for the affair.

First Aid Classes Now Being Formed

The Elwood Ordnance Plant in co-operation with the American Red Cross is initiating an extensive first aid training program to be offered to its employees.

These courses, both standard and advanced, will be offered at the plant and also in various surrounding home towns of the employees.

The primary purpose of first aid training is the prevention of accidents. Experience has amply proven the real value of this training in all industries where it has been established.

The vital present need in homes and communities of first aid training and knowledge is clearly recognized by a glance at the ever-mounting newspaper lists of unnecessary deaths, permanent disabilities, hours of lost time and enormous costs to the victims.

If you are interested, please contact the safety engineer in your group immediately. Give him your name, address and indicate your preference as to the place and hour you will attend these first aid classes. If your shifts rotate, other classes will take up and carry on the work to meet the requirements of your new hours. Five to six weeks are required for the course.

Getting trained in first aid is just another personal contribution you can make to your country at little cost to yourself.

USO Contributions Reach $5,612 Here

Preliminary reports, about 90 per cent complete, indicated that EOP workers have far surpassed their 1941 contributions to the United Service Organizations. At press time, the total for this campaign had reached $5,612.10, compared with approximately $4,200 last year.

Cahoon Resigns EOP Post to Enter Army

Ivan "Tiny" Cahoon resigned as recreation director at EOP, effective August 14, to accept a commission as captain in the Army. No successor had been selected at press time. Captain Cahoon will be stationed at Kansas City in the Officer Procurement Branch of the Adjutant General's Department.

Taylor Transferred to S & P New York Office

C. Harold Taylor, EOP executive secretary since October 21, 1940, has been named special counsel for Sanderson & Porter, builders and operators of the Elwood Ordnance Plant, in their main office at 52 William Street, New York. Mr. Taylor plans to report at New York August 17.

His EOP associates tendered Mr. Taylor a testimonial dinner at the EOP Cafeteria Wednesday night, August 12.

Before coming to Elwood, Mr. Taylor was for eight years associated with Sullivan & Cromwell, general counsel for S & P in New York. He was graduated from Yale University in 1929 and from the Yale Law School in 1932. At Yale, Mr. Taylor was active in debating and dramatics and had a short but thrilling career as coxswain in a racing shell crew. He went out for the post under protest and proceeded to sink the shell on his first trip.

Mr. Taylor is married and has two sons. He lived in Joliet during his work here. The activities of his office will be carried on by his assistant, **John Watson.**

Service Flag Is Unfurled at Plant Party

2,000 Attend Big Summer Carnival in Recreation Hall

Approximately 2,000 persons attended the Summer Carnival Dance held by the EOP Recreation Department in the Recreation Building of the Administration Area Saturday night, August 8. The dance was a huge success and a considerable sum is expected to be turned into the recreation fund as a result.

In the basement of the Recreation Building, sixteen chance booths operated by the various lines and departments vied with one another for three $10 prizes. After considerable difficulty the judges, **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman** and **John J. Cole** decided that the War Department booth was the most beautifully decorated of the sixteen and Group 1 with its barnyard scene was the most novel. Honorable mention went to Group 2 for its attractive and patriotic display and to the exhibit of the Inert Storage Department for their unusual bombing scheme. Considerable praise is due to the sponsors of this exhibit because of the paintings that adorned the booth.

The auditorium decorations were carried out in carnival theme with gaily striped awnings over the windows to lend an outdoor effect to the hall. Multi-colored balloons strung across the ceiling added to the outdoor flavor. Unusual decorative effects were attained for the stage through the use of glass bricks mounted on stands behind which were placed multi-colored lights.

As a high-light of the evening, the EOP service flag was unfurled for the first time, in commemmoration of the 900 former employees who have left this arsenal of democracy to take their place in the armed services. Following opening remarks by H. H. Bowler, general chairman, the service flag was unfurled by Colonel Hoffman as commanding officer, and Mr. Cole, as the representative of Sanderson & Porter. Short addresses were made by both and the dedicatory ceremonies ended with the entire assemblage singing the national anthem.

Considerable praise was voiced by the committee for the splendid cooperation given by the various groups who worked so hard and diligently to make the affair a real success. It is planned to hold similar affairs in the future.

Cantigny Post Makes EOP Veterans Welcome

Veterans employed at EOP are cordially invited to make use of the facilities of the beautiful home of Cantigny Post 367, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Joliet, declared **Al Puhl**, post commander, who, by the way, puts in eight hours each day at Group 3. Meetings are held each Thursday night at 8 o'clock, and on the third Thursday of each month they have a social night when refreshments are free for members, their families and friends.

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The Man Who Relaxes Is Helping the Axis!

Bullets, shells, bombs, tanks, anti-aircraft guns and marching feet are not the only weapons of war. Another very deadly weapon might be "words," the phraseology of which might undermine these United States. The human mind is very sensitive to words which, in formation, produce fear; fear of defeat, fear of the future, fear of losing, fear of seizure and more fear. These fears must never enter the minds of we Americans. This country could not be called "our country" if we are defeated. America would not seem "like home" under foreign leadership. But, if we are to lift our own minds, as well as those of our associates, from non-confident recesses, we must think in terms of what we can contribute not only in dollars and cents, but in the amount of effort we put forth to do our work every day.

There is more to work than the pay it brings when we have a war to win and our future happiness and security are at stake. Our work here, day after day, is not merely a "job" which we start at 8:30 and forget at 5 o'clock. Each and every one of us is a soldier in action. Our weapons are our innermost thoughts which produce our reactions to conversations, radio programs, propaganda of all types. If we faced the enemy on the battlefield, our first thought would be to destroy him and preserve our life. Since we are not, we owe a responsibility to those who are. Those assigned to destroy the enemy so as to protect us at home, even including those of us who may not be doing our share to win the battle. We are the "at home" Army competing against the "at home" army of the enemy. —**Geraldine Almon**, Group 60.

Preparedness on the Road

What would you do if seriously injured in an auto accident and there were no doctors or First Aid men present? If you were conscious could you direct anyone present on how to handle your injuries or would you have to leave it to them to bungle the treatment—maybe injure you for life—or worse.

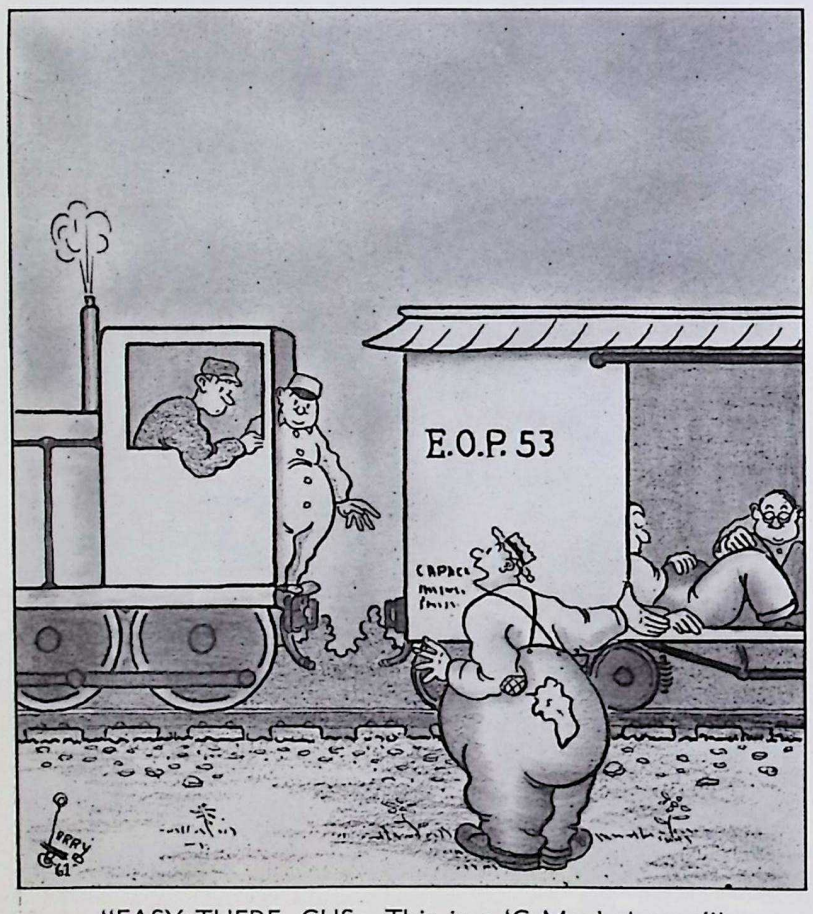
Could you tell those present how to stop serious bleeding—or how to treat you for shock—the one thing sure to be present in a serious injury and the one thing a doctor must treat you for before he can administer corrective treatment to any extent. If you could be gotten to a doctor, well treated against shock and without further damage to yourself, he probably could save you—but not if shock gets too big a start. Could you tell those present how to strap up a badly fractured leg, arm or back in order to move you without causing more injury—how to move you with broken ribs and not puncture your lungs, causing death?

Could you help or tell anyone how to handle your wife, your child or your friend in case of serious injury? If not, don't you think you owe it to them and yourself to know how? Is it worth 20 hours of interesting relaxed study and demonstration to find out? Is it too much to ask of yourself for their sake?

Certainly it is not too late to learn how—if you don't start now, you probably never will. How much is your life worth to you or the life of a member of your family worth to you?

The chance is offered you by your Safety Department to study First Aid and be prepared for whatever lies ahead. Classes will be held evenings in nearby cities for your convenience. Classes will be held here at the plant—for you.

A convenient pad is supplied in your change house or lunch room for you to sign up for 20 hours of study and you can then be happy in knowing you are being prepared. You can't always lay down your life for your best friends, but you certainly can lay down a few hours of study for them. —**R. T. Read**, Safety Supervisor.



"EASY THERE, GUS—This is a 'G-Man' sleeper!"

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Am receiving *The Bomb-Shell* regularly and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for remembering me as one of your former employees. I am reasonably sure that anyone receiving this paper, who is now in the service, will agree with me when I say that this is one of the best ways I know of to keep in contact with former friends and co-workers. If there is any way possible I wish you would give my best to **Johnny Wold, Rube,** and the rest of the boys at North Inert and tell them to keep the bombs rolling. **Corp. Herbert Lent,**
Fort Sill, Okla.

Editor:

I received my first issue of *The Bomb-Shell* today and enjoyed it nearly as much as my hometown newspaper. I am moving to primary school tomorrow as I finished my pre-flight training here. I shall send you my address as soon as possible. I worked in Group 1 and am especially interested in their column. I hope that particular correspondent covers everything, especially Building 4. In reading the honor roll, I discovered quite a number of names of people I know very well. Your paper is very thorough and interesting.

Cadet Earl G. Konrad,
Kelly Field, Texas.

Editor:

The pictures and articles remind me of many places that are familiar to me from my 16 months of employment with Sanderson and Porter. Would like to say "hello" to all the boys I know and have worked with on railroad maintenance and construction. I am taking the air mechanics course here and hope soon to take my place out on the line.

Pvt. Wayne E. Bezold,
Chanute Field, Ill.

Editor:

At the end of a hard day's work of drilling men, I get great enjoyment when I reach in my foot locker, and stretch out on my bunk with the latest issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* I was very surprised to see my name in the paper. Previously I was the Assistant Foreman in Bldg. 14 of Group 1. Now I am a private waiting for my warrant to go through as a corporal, which should be in a few weeks. I completed eight weeks in non-commissioned officers school. Perhaps if at some time you would like a column on Army life in general and the tricks and good times of a soldier, just drop me a line.

Pvt. Thomas C. Gresham,
Ordnance Training Center,
Aberdeen, Md.

Editor:

It was not only a surprise to receive an issue of *The Bomb-Shell* but a pleasure to read it. The paper was a swell substitute for a trip back to the plant and the old home town. Perhaps in the near future we can strike up an agreement, you fill 'em and I'll drop 'em.

Cadet Jack Dent McCoy,
Pensacola, Fla.

Editor:

I enjoy reading *The Bomb-Shell* and tonight read your honor roll. My son worked there almost from the breaking of ground. He was home on leave three weeks ago, and visited the plant. He always asks about its doings in almost every letter. He enlisted in the Air Corps January 21. He is now **Sgt. James (Jimmy) H. Brougham,** stationed at Harlingen, Tex.

Mrs. Ed Brougham,
1401 Brown Ave.,
Joliet, Ill.

P. S.

Jimmy thinks Army life is great and knows all his Buddies at the plant are pulling with the country.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

Where ya goin, lug? Got a pass? Don't you talk rough like that to me or I'll tell Chiefie Baughman on you. Oh, mercy me, don't tell Chiefie on me or he'll take the cream puff out of my lunch box. And what do you want out here? I want to see Mr. Salmon, and be quick about it. And who are you? Just tell him Scorchy wants to see him. O. K. bud. Hello, Mr. Salmon, this is the pedestrian gate—a guy out here says he is Scorchy and wants to see you—I know he's a faker but he says he's just got to see you. O. K. we'll send him in.

Hello, Mr. Salmon. How are you, Scorchy, have a chair—sit in that leather upholstered Dagenais special. What can I do for you? Mr. Salmon, I have been hearing a lot about the one best way of loading shells and I thought I would come out here and have you put me wise to all the latest wrinkles in this manly art so I can be up-to-date—you know a guy in this writing business has got to be wised up on everything around the place. There is a lot of talk around here about the superiority of the Murphy Method, the efficiency of the Fitzpatrick Method and the speed of the Dougherty Method but I decided to place my bet on the old reliable Salmon Method. Everyone admits your conception of the art is the model of the industry but there are a few differences that ought to be ironed out between you. What do you say about going up to Mr. Murphy and talking it over.

"Scorchy," that's a good idea. I know old Jim will probably be a little sure of himself but when I get through telling him a few of our latest innovations down here there is no doubt that he and "his boys" will be using the Salmon Method from then on.

(Reread above on approaching guard, telephone to Mr. Murphy, searching, passes, escort, etc.)

Hello, Joe, is that line of yours still operating? Who's your friend? Now, Mr. Murphy, that's enough of your compliments. Meet my friend Scorchy, you know, the writin' guy of the "Bomb-Shell." Pleased to meet you, Scorchy, some of "my boys" have told me about you, nothing good of course, but no offense intended. What's in the air?

Well, Jim—er er I mean Mr. Murphy, Scorchy and I have been discussing the latest tricks in shell loading and when I got through telling him all the latest improvements that we have developed down below, he was so impressed with our technical brilliance he suggested we come up and let you in on a few of the details of the Salmon Method with the idea that if we could make you understand it, you would adopt it pronto and throw that old Murphy Method out in the junk-heap, where I might say it has rightfully belonged for some time.

Joe, I appreciate more than I can say, all of the kind words you are showering upon me so indirectly and I fully realize that you have that kidding way of expressing yourself. Further, my boy, I can read between the lines and readily recognize your little visit as an entreaty to be schooled in the good old Murphy Method, and this being such a nice day, and you having been so polite about it, I shall break down a practice of many summers and really show you how far ahead of all others is the Murphy Method. In fact, I wondered how long I was going to have to wait for this little social call. And now while we are at it, how about calling on Fitzpatrick and giving him a little morsel of our industrial proficiency. Good idea, Mr. Method—I mean Murphy.

Hey, duck that pipe wrench. Murphy and Salmon are coming up from the gate and if they see it, we'll be shy one pipe wrench. Oh, hello, Jim—hya Joe, I was just telling this plumber to be a little neater with his tools. You know, according to the Fitzpatrick Method, everything must be neat and orderly. You fellows don't get much of it, but all the visitors come to this line when they want to learn the real McCoy on loading ammunition. I can't quite understand the way the Fitzpatrick Method has become so nationally famous. Who's the little squirt with you. Oh, so you're Scorchy? Well, you better steer clear of a few guys around this place that are after your scalp.

What's up, men? Fitz, Joe came over to learn something about the famous Murphy Method and as I got to telling him a few of the little tricks that have made me and "my boys" so famous around here, he stopped me in the middle of a four-syllable word and insisted that I come up and deal you in on the one and only Murphy Method.

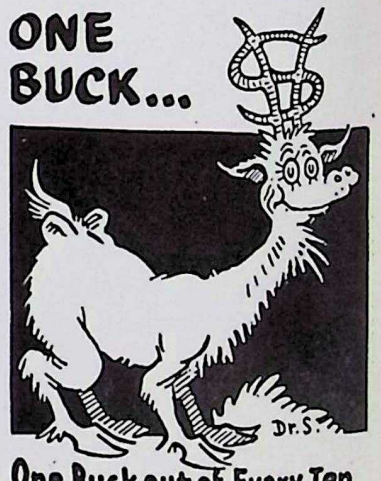
Jim, that's nice of you and Joe, but what a waste of shoe leather. Now if you want to break down and admit that you both got a lot to learn about this mystic art, I'll pour forth for a few minutes on the merits of the Fitzpatrick Method and you'll leave here with a new lease on life wondering why it took you so long to come to headquarters for information. Now, of course, I can't tell you all the latest tricks we have developed because neither you or Joe would understand them but I'll go slow and you can probably keep up with me. (Telephone rings.) Hello, Fitzpatrick speaking—Oh, hello Dougherty — what's that? Sure, come on down. Dougherty arrives.) Hello, Fitz—well this is a coincidence, finding Mr. Murphy and Mr. Salmon here, it will save me trip down there way.

I got to thinking that even though I might be barging in on the select circle, there were a number of new ideas that I have invented up the line a bit and they are so remarkable that there seemed to be no alternative but to dignify them with a name and with a lot of thought, I came upon the name. "Dougherty Method." Listen a bit and you'll really learn a few things that will make your day's work a lot easier and bring fame and maybe fortune a little closer to your own back yard. Now, as I was saying . . .

Two Days Later

Keeper, be sure and keep him strapped to the bed. He's a newspaper man that's gone a little wacky—He keeps screeching a bunch of names that sound like Murphy, Salmon, Fitzpatrick, Dougherty and there is some stranger in the picture by the name of Method. Keep him there a few days and he'll snap out of it.

Join the EOP 10% Club



One Buck out of Every Ten you earn should be going into U.S. War Bonds·Stamps!

U. S. Treasury Department

EOP-KOW Women's Red Cross Unit Meets Weekly in Guest House Here

Mrs. Hoffman Directs Busy Group Making Surgical Dressings, Sweaters

Making surgical dressings, knitting sweaters and sewing is the Red Cross work carried on by the women residents of the Elwood and Kankakee plants every Wednesday in the beautifully appointed reception room of the EOP guest house.

Mrs. Don M. Hoffman, chairman of the Elwood-Kankakee Red Cross which is a unit of the Joliet Chapter, is responsible for the organization in the EOP area. Before her activities at EOP, Mrs. Hoffman was active in the Red Cross and has been chairman of the Eldorado Chapter in California and at another time had charge of the roll call. In addition to her duties as chairman of the Elwood-Kankakee unit, Mrs. Hoffman has taught the Standard First Aid course and the Advanced First Aid course to the Red Cross workers and plans to give the courses again in September.

Other officers of the Elwood-Kankakee unit are: **Mrs. T. M. Burns**, secretary and treasurer, **Mrs. C. P. Bohannon**, production chairman; **Mrs. C. E. Campbell**, assistant production chairman; **Mrs. John J. Cole**, recorder for production workers and **Mrs. E. A. Evans**, chairman of surgical dressings.

The production workers who make surgical dressings wear white long-sleeved uniforms with white head-dresses with blue veils. These uniforms are required to insure sanitation for the sponges they are making. The production workers who have contributed their services to the Red Cross are: **Mrs. D. P. Tunstall, Mrs. W. D. Whaley, Mrs. C. Gates, Mrs. R. J. Bernard, Mrs. C. R. Crandell, Mrs. G. A. Grant, Mrs. F. M. Fischer, Mrs. J. J. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. R. T. Read, Mrs. J. E. Ryan, Mrs. J. A. Lower, Mrs. H. D. Dougherty, Mrs. H. L. Schultz, Mrs. M. H. Smith, Mrs. H. S. Bonnan, Mrs. C. J. Kohler, Mrs. S. N. Vanderhoff, Mrs. P. D. Cooper, Mrs. J. R. Taylor, Mrs. W. H. Hobbes, Mrs. W. B. Bowman, Mrs. A. C. Johnston, Mrs. P. L. Deylitz, Mrs. T. M. Burns, Mrs. J. J. Cole, Mrs. C. C. Sayre, Mrs. J. W. Stark, Mrs. M. C. Davis, Mrs. E. G. McAloon, Mrs. A. G. Resch, Mrs. C. W. Wade, Mrs. J. I. Bach, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. H. L. Kalbach, Mrs. C. E. Campbell, Mrs. C. Bachler, Mrs. R. V. Massey, Mrs. W. R. Huey, Mrs. J. Sinclair, Mrs. E. P. Dunham, Mrs. J. W. Kolletty and Mrs. V. Tullsen.**

In addition to the weekly meetings many of the women sew and knit at home and some have taken the nutrition course and the nurses' aid course since the organization of the meetings last winter. Mrs. Hoffman, who leaves no stone unturned, is taking a motor mechanics course.

Among other activities planned for this fall, a home nursing course will be given and a bridge party is planned to duplicate the success of the last one which made it possible to contribute 82 dollars to the Red Cross war fund.

Although these women are working for far more than personal recognition, many have earned their production pins since the meetings at EOP were started. They have also represented the Elwood-Kankakee Red Cross unit in parades in Wilmington and Joliet.

PRODUCTION LINE for surgical dressings is maintained by this group from the EOP-KOW Red Cross Unit. Shown left to right are: Sitting; Mrs. M. C. Davis, Mrs. J. I. Bach, Mrs. P. L. Deylitz, Mrs. J. W. Stark, Mrs. T. M. Burns, Mrs. E. G. McAloon; standing; Mrs. Claude Sayre, Mrs. H. L. Schultz, Mrs. A. G. Resch, Mrs. C. P. Bohannon, Mrs. G. A. Grant and Mrs. E. A. Evans

TRACTION SPLINT for a fractured arm is placed on Mrs. A. C. Johnston at a first-aid training session of the EOP-KOW Red Cross Unit. Shown standing, left to right, are Mrs. John H. Walker, Mrs. C. W. Wade, Mrs. Don M. Hoffman and Mrs. John J. Cole.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

The bright red glow seen in Bldg. 12 last week was not the fault of the lighting system, but just the result of **Lloyd Zenor's** boat trip last Sunday.

Who was that exponent of femininity that **Robert W. Griffin**, was seen with at the Mill last week?

We are all wondering what happened to **Robert McEvoy** last Friday. He won't even tell his bosom friend, **Roland Oertel.**

Roger Johnson, the former chef, can sure make one's mouth water when he tells how to fry a nice juicy steak.

Lew Headstrom, corporal of the guards in Group 3-A, left last week for Texas to visit his son who was commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Ray Carhahan, Bldg 7-A, was married recently. Good luck, Ray.

Congratulations to **Clifford Miller** and also to Mrs. Miller. It was a big baby boy.

Donald Breen of Bldg. 4 has a dandy shiner. It all happened when a door knob hit him. Don almost broke his toe when he kicked back in self defense.

Harry Marvin Knarr and **Harold Kapach** have been seen together a good deal of late.

Frank Waters left for the army last week.

Gene Johnson, our sub-foreman in Bldg. 3, left last week to offer his services to Uncle Sam. Good Luck Gene.

Dean Harrison is now on his vacation. He is building a boat so he can go fishing on his vacation next year.

★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

This is another group of former EOP employees now in the Nation's armed forces. Write those whom you know, a letter. Call Line 4206 for addresses.

Pierson McFarland
Joseph H. McLaughlin
Thomas F. McMaster
Hilbert Nelson
Ivan C. Nelson
Oliver Ness
Gene M. Newton
Julius M. Nielsen
Charles H. Noe
Floyd W. Nolte
William J. Norris, Jr.
Richard Oldani
Herman J. Olson
Philip M. O'Neal
Joseph F. O'Neil
John D. Oquist
Mario Palanca
Edward D. Palko
Nick Panac
Edgar W. Pavey
Peter E. Pavich
Howard Pearl
Gordon H. Peterson
Herbert Olaf Peterson
Leroy L. Peterson
Frank E. Petrucci
Donald F. Phillips
Herbert C. Piercy
Felix Pintar
Otis F. Piper
Frank Piunti
Walter W. Plumb
William L. Powell
Arlington W. Price
Edward C. Rafferty
Louis G. Rajala
James Ramoino
Frederick C. Rattunde
Albert E. Ray
Max A. Reibert
Robert J. Reitz
Lawrence F. Resler
Edward J. Ressler
Lester M. Rice
Louis L. Richards
Orville Richmond
Benjamin P. Rickner
Harry E. Rimmel
John H. Rix
Charles L. Roblee
George B. Rockett
Joseph Roesch
James F. Rogers
John G. Rogers
John C. Rolando
Russell Rose
Thomas Ross
James C. Rowden
Paul J. Roy
Louie L. Ruphard
Stephen J. Rusina
Wayne B. Russell
Lawrence C. Rynearson
Arnold R. Sampson
Harold E. Santacroce
John J. Savage
Raymond B. Schermer
George W. Schmitz
Thomas P. Scott
Wilbur J. Scurlock
Chester E. Seeman
Fred S. Semitekol
John J. Shaw
Ronald L. Shear
Martin S. Shimp
William E. Siemsen
Louis L. Silagy
Elvin Skinner
Harry Sklut
William Sklut
Harvey D. Slagel
William P. Slattery
Walter J. Slucki
Laverne Smalt
Thomas E. Smith
Kenneth J. Somers
William V. Somers
Louis W. Sommerman
George P. Soteropoulos
Oliver A. Soucie
Carl Stacey
Walter A. Stahl
John J. Stark
Franklin M. Starmann
Richard C. Starmann
Theodore O. Stukel
Wendell E. Sumner
John G. Talbot
Tony G. Tamazaitas
John F. Taylor
Anton J. Terdich
Frank J. Tezak
Glenn F. Theesfeld
Harold D. Thompson
Harold W. Thompson
John D. Thompson
Russell A. Thompson
Donald A. Thomson
Martin P. Tierney
Alexander Tihay
John C. Travis
William F. Treasure
Clarence E. Trierweiler
John Trouby
Ernest B. Troutman
Raymond F. Tucker
Daniel J. Tynell
Gordon K. Utley
George W. Vercimak
John R. Vidmar
Robert C. Vignocchi
Louis V. Vitzhum
Laverne A. Voss
James D. Wade
Russell L. Wagner
John D. Walsh
Robert P. Walsh
Vincent F. Walsh
Vince J. Walter
William C. Walters
Powers J. Washer
Isaac W. Weaver
Willis W. Weaver
Woodrow W. Weese
Rudolph R. Weise
Hiram D. Whittemore
George M. Whitt
James Howard Wilson
C. R. Winchell
William C. Wingate
Charles W. Wolcott
Theodore A. Wolcott
Godfrey A. Wondrasek
John Wood
Thomas Wood
John Woodard
William Woodard
Leland L. Wright
James D. Youd
Clifford C. Young
John T. Zanzola
Edward M. Zarlengo
Alex Zarnicki
Joseph F. Zauratsky
Wlibur L. Zbinden
Aloysius J. Zlogar

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Vacation season has officially begun for **Mary O'Connor** and **Mary McGovern. Bud Wright** expects to take his leave soon.

Apologies are offered to **W. B. Dronsfield**, Traffic Audit Department, for abusing his initials.

Wallace Benson, better known as "Speed," has moved to his new offices where he will have a lovely view of the surrounding scenery.

James Wilson will be more than glad to receive any used desk or chair you may be able to contribute for it is his only wish to be able to unfold his manly form, to aid in the planning and production of EOP.

Norman Oakley has been transferred to **C. R. Reilly's** division.

The progress clerks at Group 1 are having difficulty in keeping their four-legged friends from making out production reports. Perhaps they have too much competition.

Ray Nelson and **William Stanley**, Group 2, progress clerks, returned from their vacations August 3. **Delmar Flesner** left August 10 for a short leave.

Field Engineers

C. O. FINNEGAN
Correspondent

Imagine:

Murray Jordan combing his hair.

J. V. McCarthy without a chew of tobacco.

Myron Benham buying the field party a dinner.

Willy "Jitter Bug" DuPerrieu, if you can.

Frank Misischia believing everything he tells.

Chuck Vedder doing anything right handed.

C. C. Irving being "easy" on the boys.

Chuck Wilkerson or **Marion Ring** catching a fish.

Dick Cole talking above a whisper.

Bud "Boots" Davey losing five pounds.

E. A. Evans excited.

Joe Panish running 100 yards in 9 seconds flat.

J. J. "Wait a Minute" Casey not saying a word.

George Mowitt without a good story to tell.

Dick "I Got Spurs" Shambo with long hair.

Bud "Horse Fly" Foran being kind to same.

Ed Zlomie finding all his keys.

Jack Horenberger and **Gordon Enger** playing checkers.

O. A. "Victory Drive" Evans in a bad humor.

E. B. "I Can Prove It" Colby arrested for speeding.

Dave "What Makes the Wheels Go Round" Chambers and **Al Schutten** in agreement.

Following is a list of former employees of Field Engineering who are now with the armed forces:

With the U. S. Army: **Edgar E. Webster, Earl J. Hutchison, James J. Jobst, Raymond C. Enger, Norman Humphrey, Francis J. Kelly, Paul H. Craddock, Norman H. Curtis, Lindo Corso, Robert P. Walsh, Harold E. Sandusky, Douglas C. Etling** and **Donald F. Murphy.**

With the U. S. Navy: **Paul T. Brozman, Lute Gorham, H. E. McCullouch** and **Paul C. Stadler.**

FIREPOWER Editor Charles Berry and Photographer Fred Toy spent three days last week at EOP. This is the last picture in which they participated and they posed by special request. On the ladder are Marie Evans (bottom), Gertrude Freeman (middle) and Leona Krakar, Group 6 representatives in the "Bomb-Shell Revue."

Pride In Work Taken By Crew In Pipe Shop

Steamfitters Use Building As Base of EOP Operations

The 141 Pied Pipers of EOP contribute much to the war program that is taken for granted. Although the pipe is an unromantic looking object, it serves the manifold purpose of bringing heat to the EOP workers in the winter and a cold drink of water in the summer besides conducting the pressure that is needed to operate many of the machines in the groups.

Walter M. Dale, supervisor of the Pipe Shop in Group 70, says that he has a grand bunch of fellows working for him and private investigation shows that the same bunch of fellows are equally enthusiastic about Mr. Dale. **Joseph Prisk** has charge of the plumbing and he and Mr. Dale work hand in hand to make all pipe dreams come true.

The pipes used at EOP range in size from ⅛ of an inch to 12 inches in diameter. Three machines are used to make the pipe meet the various size specifications. All the men operate the small machines, but **John Leahy** has charge of the big machine which resembles a cannon and requires specialized skill for its operation. The return bend coil is not a new type of dance but a tricky, many coiled pipe that is fabricated in the shop and then taken to its destination in the area.

The shop serves as the home base for the steamfitters. Men are stationed in all the groups to keep an eagle eye on all the pipes and to do the necessary repairs. There is a floating crew of 72 men to aid the men in the groups. When there is a new job or repairs to be done, specifications are taken and the pipe is fabricated in the shop to avoid any clutter in the groups.

Acetylene and electric welding are employed. **Clarence Regine** is the star of acetylene welding and the perfection of his work has the respect and admiration of all his fellow-workers. **Henry Stuky** and **Marian Faulkner** rival Regine's work with electric welding. Another star of the Pipe Shop is **Art Longtin,** who is famous for his ability to keep his head in any major or minor crisis that presents itself.

Mr. Dale was the third steamfitter to be employed at EOP in the fall of 1940. He has been a steamfitter since 1922 and when he talks about his craft it is self-evident why he is head of the Pipe Shop today. He has worked on many big jobs including the power house in Des Moines, Iowa, Illinois-Iowa Light and Power Company, Libby-Owens Glass and Stone and Webster.

"Although all the men are experienced steamfitters," Mr. Dale said, "we still learn something new about our jobs every day. Five years of apprenticeship and an examination are required to become a steamfitter and then a swift pace is set to keep modern because of new methods and new equipment." But Mr. Dale and his crew don't seem to have any trouble supplying EOP with the world's best looking pipes with exclusion of Lily Pons.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

It certainly was a real pleasure to have one of our former boys visit us recently, his name, **Pvt. Peter Dillon,** Army Air Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. **"Pete"** had nothing but praise for the manner in which the Army handles the men, especially their efforts to make every one feel at home.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Robert Murphy** and his bride who have returned to Lockport from a most enjoyable honeymoon.

Dorothy Gunnison has returned to her nursing duties at Group 2. Dorothy had been doing yeoman service at the Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to **William C. Bell** whose wife died July 27 in Joliet.

Scouts report that **Bob McGuire** isn't making his usual visits to the St. Joseph Nurses Home. He's working days and you know what time nurses have to be in.

Gene Hunt and **Chuck Pierce** said they had their hands full last Sunday evening. It seems some of the fellows had difficulty in keeping their eyes open which is perfectly natural when you consider they had been on days for quite awhile.

John Johnson, esteemed assistant superintendent, isn't wearing so many white shirts lately. It seems white records too easily the facts of life.

Most of the ball players are circulating rave notices about **Kenny Peterbok's** attractive girl friend. They say she's "hep-to-the-tip."

Now that **Leo "Glamor Boy" Bell** is on the night shift he is offering to rent out his little black notebook to the highest bidder. Take it from one who knows there are some nice numbers in that book.

During a recent broadcast over **Nate Johnson's** short wave radio we received the news that **Pete Kelder** will be passing out cigars in the near future. Not long ago Pete took a day off so he and **Evelyn Zimmerman,** of Cary, Ill., could get their marriage license. We heard the fatal step will be taken September 1.

Bill "Romance" Malone is taking ironized yeast, trying to build himself up to propose to his girl friend up in the vicinity of Crystal Lake. The hottest thing on the grape vine is that he has ideas on making it a double wedding September 1. As it stands now he is to stand up for **Pete Kelder,** but we agree with Malone it would be much nicer to have a double wedding.

Did You Know That . . .

"Shorty" Kirkland is a fruit salesman? He can be seen in front of a fruit stand in Wilmington every morning at the same time.

Tom Frew enjoys a little ride through Wilmington at night? **Tom** should take it a little easy with that big ice cream cone.

Paul Riely has a new nickname? Just call him "Texas."

Someone bought **"Boiler Maker" Joe Conners** a razor? Well, anyway he is shaving now. It could be a girl!

Softball Items

For the third time Murphy's Boys defeated the New Lenox A. C. **Otto Koch,** chucking for the Boys, allowed New Lenox but three hits, while the Boys picked off eight to lead with a score of 2 to 0. Hits were made by Schoppe, Keenan, Zobel, McGuire and Peterbok.

The strong Building 3 team, managed by **Foreman Art Jennings,** ran up a score of 7 to 5 against the Married Men of New Lenox. **Gene Hunt,** assistant superintendent of Group 2, pitched against Building 3 and they tamped his ears back for many hits. Ever since that game Gene has been carrying his arm in a sling. The boys are planning to pin back his ears again. As soon as the date is set, we will let all of you know so you can come out and watch the track meet.

Murphy's Boys defeated the fine team from Group 61 7 to 5 at Murphy's Stadium. **Ray Lovenger,** a timekeeper, did a fine job of umpiring.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS

Correspondent

Helen "Winchell" McGinnis is resting her weary bones for a couple of days and **Dorothy "Girl Friday" Olson** found the following notes on her calendar. Here they are with a few descriptive adjectives and additions.

Here's some evidence—evidence of a good time at the War Department picnic several weeks ago.

WELL FED and happy are (left to right) Alex Graham, Villa Eggleston, Leo Porto, Agnes Hatting and Frank Santry.

Chiggers got awful fresh and personal with some of the lads and lassies. As a result, conversation in the Powder Room and Shaving Room (they tell me) has developed into swapping remedies. The best one heard was to soak a piece of cotton in bathtub gin and rub lightly over the afflicted areas. When the chigger comes up for the second drink, slip him a Mickey Finn and crush lightly with extended toe after he has fallen to the floor in a drunken stupor.

Those of you who aren't slaves to the transportation system should stay out here some night and watch the officers play ball. The uniforms aren't the snappiest in the world, but the conversation is. The cry "kill the umpire" is heard frequently, especially when the "umping" is being done by **Stan Eisler** or **Red Bowler.** There's no doubt left in your mind as to their powers of vision when the grandstand voices its opinion.

Have you heard the rumor about the gals getting decked out in uniforms? The returns were vastly in the majority, so one of these days it will probably come about. It is felt that in the long run they will be more economical, and if we can anticipate looking like the EOP escorts, we're *all* for it.

Perhaps this should come under the head of advertisement, but didn't you feel a little better about your job at Elwood Ordnance Plant after seeing "Mrs. Miniver?" And didn't it make the lack of nylon hose and sugar and tires seem a little less important?

Bernie Lyon has been rechristened "Washer Boy." You have to work hard these days to keep out of the stag line.

Do you know you are the proud possessors of an organization which is really out to do you some good? The War Department Employees Service Organization was set up to handle the first formal dance held at this plant and has continued active service at the request of the Commanding Officer. They have their finger in many pies and the pies have tasted a lot better for all of that. They are a bunch of hard working go-getters who are out to liven up anything and everything in the entertainment line. The organization is composed of:

President, **Harold H. Bowler;** Vice-President and Treasurer, **John E. Olson;** Directors: **Josephine Kush, Helen McGinnis, Evelyn Dix, Kay Rosenbaum, Carl Anker, Dave Horwich,** and recorder, **Seymour Kurantman.**

Get behind them and turn in some ideas on special dances or picnics or tournaments. Don't forget—you're the ones who win out in the end—you're the guys who have the fun!

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD

Correspondent

Friday, August 7, was moving day for the Ordnance Inspection Office and while we were reluctant to leave our quarters in the Recreation Building, we were happy to join the employees located in the Administration Building.

Our Department was well represented at the dance given by EOP on Saturday, August 8. The booths were beautiful and our congratulations are extended to the winners.

Linetta Parry spent the weekend at her home in Champaign, Illinois.

Sympathy is extended to **Joseph Gasperich,** *Government Inspector in Group 27,* whose mother died August 8.

Congratulations to **William H. Peterson** recently appointed to the position of Divisional Inspector, Operations, Division 2, and **John Habes** has been appointed as Government Inspector in Group 4 to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Peterson.

Bernice Shroba is the recipient of a beautiful ring on that "Tell-Tale" finger. The lucky man is **Raymond Carey.**

Group 3 has been informed that **Helen "Marlene" Bartik** finally convinced **Robert Steiskal,** inspector, that she is the *one and only.* They were married August 8?

George "Edgar" Tripp, alias "The Mole," Group 3 inspector, is endeavoring to get married or join the Army. Evidently he is of the opinion that he will be happy in either.

Paul Smith is exceedingly fond of tomatoes. There is always one in his daily lunch.

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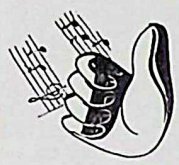
BIG NOISES and destruction are in the province of St. Clair Smith, superintendent of high explosives, who gained experience in World War I.



Happy Birthday to You!

This is the inauguration of a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. The Bomb-Shell is indebted to Personnel Director George F. Bent, and his staff, for the compilation.

August 14

Francis P. Corrigan, Group 3-A; **Harry D. Crandall**, Group 1; **Eleanor L. DeGrush**, Group 9; **Betty L. Esselstrom**, Group 5; **Edith G. Gaffney**, Group 5; **Leo Hoffman**, Group 1; **Elizabeth J. Howell**, Group 7; **Floyd Jehle**, Group 1; **Helen H. Kaldheim**, Group 4.

August 15

Pauline D. Aravosis, Group 7; **Shirley M. Brisso**, Group 4; **Jake B. Burns**, Group 3-A; **Faye I. Clements**, Group 6; **Irma M. Cox**, Group 9; **Ben Glick**, Group 3; **Fred W. Halder**, Group 9; **Mary L. Hanon**, Group 9; **Thomas D. Jones**, Group 1; **Peter Karos**, Group 2; **Carl O. Kemp**, Group 2; **Edward J. Knezevic**, Group 1.

August 16

Marion F. Boyd, Group 1; **Olen B. Brucker**, Group 61; **Frona C. Brunetto**, Group 6; **Barbara R. Dion**, Group 5; **Alen M. Gunderson**, Group 7; **Thomas Halleland**, Group 66; **Arvel T. Hardiman**, Group 9; **Frank B. Hayes**, Plant Protection; **Tony Helling**, Group 3; **Lillie G. Hendry**, Group 9; **Godfrey F. Herscher**, Group 3; **George E. Horton**, Group 60; **Edward W. Inman**, Group 1; **Anna B. Iverson**, Group 8; **Edith M. Jensen**, Group 9; **William P. Jensen**, High Explosives; **Helen F. Karl**, Group 7.

August 17

Adeline P. Altmyer, Group 9; **Esterino J. Beneventi**, Group 5; **Jeanese M. Bever**, Group 4; **Thomas L. Billadeau**, Plant Protection; **Helen B. Bowler**, Group 4; **Harry H. Carlson**, Plant Protection; **Lester R. Congram**, Plant Protection; **John G. Demko**, Group 7; **James E. Farrell**, Group 1; **Charlie A. Green**, Utilities; **Mary E. Haywood**, Group 4; **Walter A. Hug**-*gans, Group 70; Joel E. Johnston*, Group 61; **Lester P. Billings**, Group 3; **Edward J. Lang, Jr.**, Group 70.

August 18

Nathan G. Allison, Plant Protection; **Paul W. Anderson**, Group 1; **Joyce M. Ashford**, Group 7; **Lester M. Belonger**, Electrical; **Ida Betti**, Group 9; **William E. Brennan**, Group 3; **Edna C. Chamberlin**, Group 7; **Bernard W. Chinski**, Group 1; **Patricia R. Connelly**, Group 5; **Thomas D. Cooper**, Utilities; **Vernice Drury**, Group 5; **Helen M. Dwyer**, Group 8; **Earl W. Dyrby**, Group 61; **Edna M. Finnegan**, Group 5; **John E. Fischer**, Group 62-N; **Marcella C. Giardina**, Group 5; **Walter S. Goodwin**, Group 1; **Warren R. Hair**, Group 3; **Edward F. Hemmerle**, Group 7; **Lionel B. Lamie**, Group 1; **Eleanor S. Larkins**, Group 7; **Ludwig F. Lazar**, Plant Protection.

August 19

Dorothy R. Anderson, Group 5; **Raymond J. Deprat**, Group 1; **Isadore Freemond**, High Explosives; **Henry O. Hamilton**, Group 1; **Milford W. Harris**, Group 1; **Andrew J. Hendrix**, Group 3-A; **Alice B. Kiley**, Group 5; **Mary P. Kozubek**, Group 9; **Russell R. Kuntz**, South Inert.

August 20

Carl A. Anderson, Group 4; **Wanda A. Boldigo**, Group 4; **Lester M. Brandner**, Group 3-A; **Stephanie A. Brenc**, Group 8; **Ross W. Briley**, Plant Protection; **Alma J. Bube**, Group 5; **Leonard S. Conley**, Group 8; **Joseph F. Febhardt**, Group 1; **Vernon L. Floor**, Group 4; **Joseph A. Hyland**, Group 8; **Mary F. Kuna**, Group 6.

August 21

Mary E. Bault, Group 5; **Emile H. Becker**, High Explosives; **Marie R. Cernugel**, Group 9; **James J. Cosgrave**, Group 1; **Francis J. Doyle**, Plant Protection; **Edward R. Ecklund**, Group 1; **Cyril W. Frye**, Group 1; **Lorne W. Gay**, Group 70; **Arlene K. Hansen**, Group 8; **Glenn L. Hebert**, Group 70; **Edward F. Heine**, Group 1; **Margaret C. Horvath**, Group 1; **Leslie C. Johnson**, Plant Protection; **John T. Keigher**, Group 3-A; **Michael W. Kimak**, Group 1.

August 22

Carl W. Alsvig, Group 1; **Stanley E. Barnes**, Group 1; **John F. Carroll**, Group 1; **Howard W. Celander**, Group 1; **Pauline J. Coletti**, Group 5; **Kenneth C. Corell**, Group 1; **Dorothy M. Doris**, Group 7; **George W. Evans**, Electrical; **Raymond W. Gartke**, Group 66; **Herman C. Hagmayer**, Group 4; **Doris R. Holmes**, Group 7; **Cora S. Kay**, Group 4; **Patrick Lafferty**, Group 60.

August 23

Jean H. Barger, Group 5; **John J. Bastuck**, Plant Protection; **Edward Brougham**, Group 3-A; **Robert W. Edman**, Group 2; **Richard S. Gruben**, Group 3; **Fred S. Haake**, Plant Protection.

August 24

Anne L. Bacheller, Group 4; **Martha Bintzler**, Group 7; **Robert H. Convoy**, Group 2; **Glenn S. Durham**, Group 3-A; **William M. Ewing**, High Explosives; **Robert R. Gill**, Group 3; **Clifford J. Hagen**, Utilities; **Robert L. Hartley**, Group 9; **Bennett G. James**, Inspection; **Norman E. Keir**, Utilities.

August 25

Armel C. Arseneau, Group 2; **Marion R. Bajt**, Group 4; **Peter Balma**, Group 61; **Harry C. Barrie**, Group 1; **Benjamin F. Carter**, Group 4; **Raymond N. Falkenberg**, Fuze & Booster; **Louis V. Forber**, Plant Protection; **Jesse E. Fowler**, Group 1; **Helen L. Frantz**, Group 8; **Ruby E. Frederick**, Group 9; **Leona A. Hiller**, Group 9; **Charles O. Hiltabrand**, Group 2; **Ben A. Joseph**, Group 70; **Betty J. Keck**, Group 9; **Cecelia D. Keigher**, Group 7.

August 26

Jennie Alfeo, Group 5; **Hazel A. Arthur**, Group 5; **Otis C. Atteberry**, Group 3-A; **Leonard W. Beallis**, Group 3-A; **Anna G. Bertagnoli**, Group 5; **William R. Broseau**, Group 1; **Jewel Davito**, Group 7; **Oliver F. Hagberg, Jr.**, Group 3; **Juanita J. Heath**, Group 5; **Joseph M. Jackovich**, Group 7; **Theresa J. Johnston**, Plant Protection; **Emily D. Kanta**, Group 5; **Virginia E. Kudu**, Group 9.

August 27

Mildred M. Abts, Group 4; **William Booker**, Group 5; **Ruth M. Ceithaml**, Group 6; **August M. Erickson**, Group 3; **Helen L. Hagler**, Group 4; **Francis J. Kukulski**, Group 1.

August 28

Fern E. Anderson, Group 5; **Everett A. Arends**, Group 3; **Andrew N. Athanitis**, High Explosives; **Frank Blacic**, Group 8; **George D. Bulliner**, Plant Protection; **John J. Casaleggi**, Group 3; **Ernest E. Cronch**, Group 1; **Victor H. Culp**, Group 1; **George M. Elwood**, Group 3; **Wilma M. Gettle**, Group 9; **Alice A. Goff**, Group 8; **Gordon L. Graham**, Transportation; **Clarence Hansen**, Group 4; **La Verne E. Kempke**, Group 7.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

The monthly Sergeants' meeting was held August 4 at the Cafeteria. Guests were **Capt. J. A. Hardy** and **Capt. J. I. Bach.** Capt. Hardy, who is now Security Officer, gave a very interesting talk. As usual, the boys had many matters to discuss, keeping **E. O. Huey**, superintendent of plant protection, and **Chief M. C. Baughman**, who presided, busy ironing out their difficulties.

Reports are circulating that **Guard John Grissom** has an unusual draft rating.

Ralph Sexton comes up with this one: Do you know the favorite cry of a Scotchman's football team? Get that quarter-back!

Sgt. Edwin Selle tells the story of watching a new guard coming to work carrying a new pair of shoes. He took particular notice of this man and at roll call noticed he was not wearing his new shoes. He watched him for several days but he never wore his new shoes. Finally his curiosity aroused him, so he stopped the guard and asked "I saw you coming in here several days ago with a new pair of shoes. Why aren't you wearing them?" The guard quickly replied, "Sir! I'm in a tower, and if I put those new shoes on, I won't be able to turn around in that doggone tower."

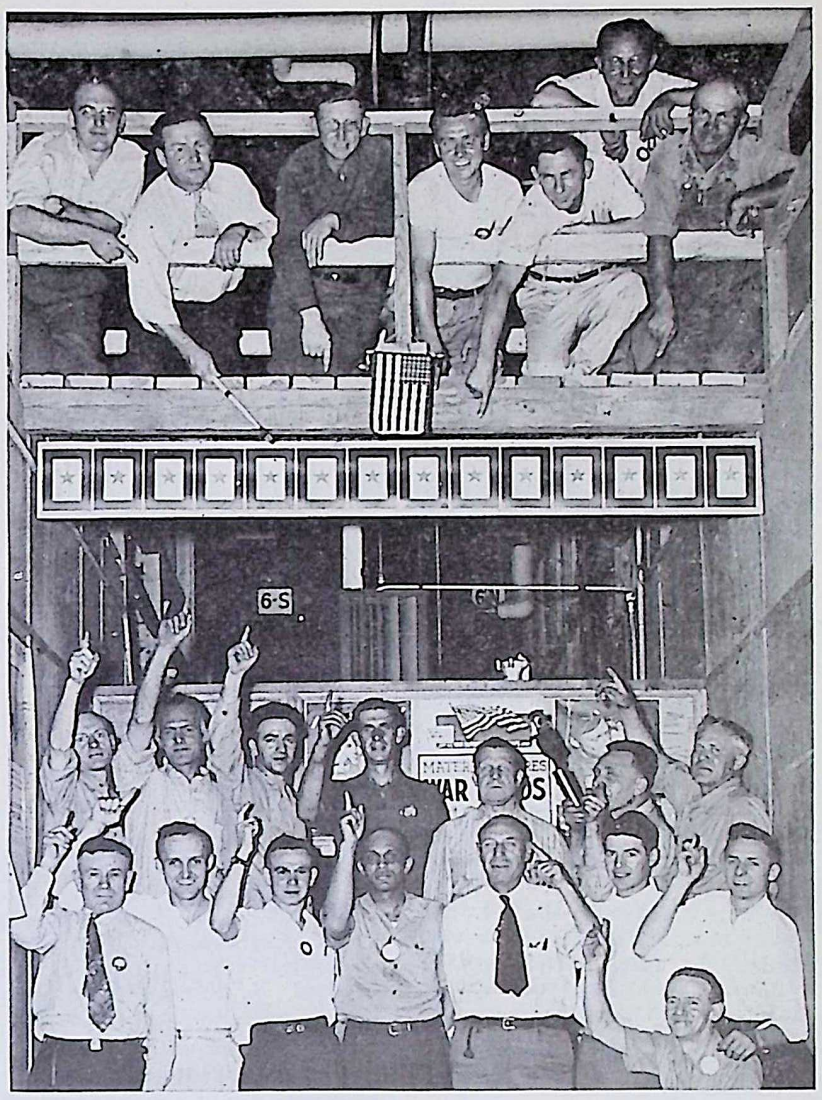
Dispatcher Bud Decker has received many compliments on the recent picture of his charming 10-month-old daughter in the Bloomington newspaper. Not only did the picture receive wide attention but also the interesting news item connected with it. The baby was pictured with a little French doll sent to her by her uncle, **Pvt. Foster Decker**, stationed in New Caledonia. The doll came packed in a small box with rice straw used for protection instead of the paper strips or excelsior commonly used in this country. It will be a treasured article in the Decker home as it took considerable time to reach its destination. It was mailed in April and received only recently.

Former **Supervising Sgt. Ray Harper** paid the Guards a surprise visit last week. Ray is now stationed at Camp Grant with the Army MP division, and states he likes it very much. From all indications, that Army life is a great tonic. He looked fit and pert.

Guard George Laine, World War veteran, has been notified to report to his draft headquarters. If George is inducted he will be the first World War veteran to leave the force. That is what you call doing double duty for your country.

Joe Russell, a veteran guard, was called to service August 3. The department extends best wishes to Joe in his new duties.

I had a very interesting item hid away for this issue concerning **Chief Baughman's** former boxing days. It appeared in his hometown paper way back when and someone either took it home to show his family or else is using it under false pretense to bluff people. Anyway, the Chief was quite a boxer some time ago, and fought many top-ranking fighters, but don't take that some time ago too literally or you might get a surprise.



FOURTEEN SERVICE STARS for their former associates now in the armed forces are proudly pointed out by the group at the Material Warehouse. Shown are, left to right, top row, Paul Roy, Louis Piano, Dyer Vaillincourt, Louis Parys, Stephen Felix, Louis Kalina, Sr., Harley Harsha; second row, John Nugent, Edgar Ashley, Karl Neifing, Philip R. Park, Cyril Lazier, Perry Bruno, Clinton H. Jones; bottom row, Oscar Horn, John Bradecich, John Wharrie, John Baldon, Supt. Charles Herbig, Thomas Martin, Kenneth Wehling and John Purcell.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Mrs. Megideo Ganz and daughter, **Cora**, attended the funeral of their uncle, **Daniel Bray**, at Kansas City, Mo.

We hear **Carl "Ray" Carlson** is practicing safety to the ultimate degree. He has even gone as far as having wooden heels placed on his shoes. Anyone else who needs to be shod see **Seward "Curly" Brown.**

Charles Auberry, son of **Oiler Jack Auberry**, has enlisted in the Navy.

Charles Bright hitch-hiked to St. Louis to see *that* girl.

Carl LaPaglia and son celebrated their birthdays, then went to Centerville, Ia.

Leo Dordan spent an interesting week-end in Chicago. He claims it was a business trip.

Wonder if **George Roach** will accept the offer, made by the Navy, to teach flying.

With the introduction of softball to Group 61, **Charles "Duke" O'Connor** has found a new way to collect his bills. It seems that he and **Early Ruby** were playing and **John Benson** inadvertantly caught one of "Dukes" wild pitches squarely behind the ear. "Duke" took advantage of the occasion and said, "now dadgumit, John, will you pay me for those car rides?"

Al Weinstock announced that **Marion Carter, Francis Taylor** and **Marvin Freidman** will be Government inspection shift captains.

Manager Harvey "Butterball" Steffes has been searching high and low for chicken wire (for a backstop or for his own chickens?) **James Decker** thinks **"Butterball"** should be called **"Lippy"** after the manager of the Brooklyn "bums."

Clarence "Red" Anderson visited some of the Group 61 boys. He is leaving for parts unknown with the Air Corps.

New recruits to the army of machinists are **Lawrence Baudino** and **Robert "Feller" Hinz.**

It Would Be Nice If . . .

Santa Claus (due to priorities) would bring **Frank Kachelhoffer** a truck. . . . **Fred "Tiny" Kase** would dial the right number before asking for his */?"# softball. . . . everybody were as handsome as **Richard Lowery** . . . we could afford a week end in Peoria —**George Hornick, Jr.**, can. . . . **Frank Buck** knew that **Joe Sarti** also brings them back alive. . . . **Fred Gaussin** didn't get "stiff" playing softball. . . . **G-Man Marvin Friedman** remained awake long enough in the morning so that he wouldn't develop that far away look in his eyes. . . . **William Smith** knew that a winter hat is worn in the winter. . . . "Fox Man" or maybe "Wolf Man" **John Struffe** didn't try to put on an act in restaurants. . . . Weather would permit **Yvon "Farmer" Brais** to harvest his oats. . . . **Kennth Bailey** didn't need two pillows to see over the steering wheel of his new Packard . . . more had their heart in the ball team like **Phil Francois.** . . . **James Morey** didn't get angry when he is called "blondy" . . . why **Irvin "Stony" Shelby** is so quiet—could it be because his brother, **Jess "Shorty" Shelby**, talks enough for both. . . . Golddust twins **Howard Feldman** and **Thomas Henderson** chose another victim besides **Don Baldwin**, the good looking clerk, as a victim for their jokes . . . there was more water in the creek behind Building 5 so that **Elmer Henry** could finish his marathon swim . . . if **Art Swinghammer** gave up smoking—at least near the entrance gate. . . . **Al Amstien** and the power house crew got their coal on time. . . . **Al Pope** didn't slide on his wrist watch. . . . Time Inspector **Frank Johnson** would put in a full week at least once—it used to be Mondays now it is on Wednesday. . . . **Lawrence Holtz** could only hold on to supplies. . . .

KEEP 'EM SHOOTING drives Edward J. Walsh, general superintendent of the EOP loading lines, shown here comparing samples of tools.

YARDS OF GREEN PAPER are issued to EOP employees every Thursday by Paymaster J. F. Dolan, shown here with his secretary, Doris Mooney.

Ordnance Inspection

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Arthur Kossack has been transferred to Inert Storage. He was replaced by **Jerry Shirtino.**

Ralph Weiss has been added to the office staff.

Roy Scherer is vacationing in his home town, "the Windy City."

Warren Weithofer has recently returned from an enjoyable vacation at his home in Milwaukee. He did some fishing and had the boys bewildered with his "big fish tales."

Bernard Kapsch is now known as a super-salesman. "Bernie" was elected to serve on the ticket committee for the Ordnance Department picnic. He wanted the picnic to be a huge success so he promised the fair sex that if they purchased their tickets from him he would be glad to teach them the "Conga" when they arrived at the picnic grounds. Bernie, therefore, spent a very busy day with his dancing instructions.

Helen Boula has been voted the champion devils food cake baker. She brought everyone a piece of cake and is now kept busy writing out the recipe.

Geraldine Ward and friends from Wisconsin and Joliet motored to Starved Rock recently. They were joined at Ottawa by **Mr. and Mrs. Elwood E. Ayers** and the party proceeded to the park where they enjoyed a picnic luncheon.

Vernice Collette has returned from a vacation with her soldier husband, who is stationed at Aberdeen, Md.

Congratulations are in order for **Ruth Hassig** who changed her name July 24 to **Mrs. Frederick Thomas Smith.** Her husband is a first class petty officer with the Navy, expects to be transferred to Iceland soon.

Bridge Party Planned

A bridge party has been arranged for 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, August 28, in the Recreation Building for women residents of the EOP area and their friends with proceeds going to the USO. **John M. Joyce,** USO general chairman for Joliet, has appointed a committee composed of **Mrs. John J. Cole, Mrs. Paul Deylitz, Mrs. E. A. Evans and Mrs. Allan C. Johnston.** Tickets are 50 cents each.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

It was with a slight feeling of uneasiness that, upon entering the Time Office last week, I was immediately summoned before my superior. However, a pleasant surprise was in store when a hasty meeting of the office force was called and a new correspondent was elected. I wish to thank each of you for your "ayes" and I hope that I can do as good a job as **Milton Treitel** *has done. Unwilling to tackle this job alone, I have called upon* **Cele Harte** *for help and together we shall write this column. So, here's shooting the dirt to you, Mert. . . .* **Nicholas Belluso.**

Among those enjoying vacations are **Bernard J. McShane, Dwight Reitz, Bernard Smego, Robert Vollmer, Joseph Fitzgerald, James Hynds, William Spiers, Carl Swanson, George Diment, Lawrence Holz, Clyde Mulligan, Ernest Quale, Royce Quale, Joseph Smajd** and **Maurice Goodspeed.**

Who buys the drinks for **Archie LaBorence** and **Big Jim Murphy** now that **"Hippo" Nelson** is in the army?

The spirit of optimism. Every time **Robert Griffin** comes across a picture of a healthy looking individual he writes his name across it.

Hats off to **Paul Zamkovitz** who is doing a splendid job of timekeeping at the Administration Building since **Ray Shepley** left to clean up an unfinished job. His new assistant is **Margaret C. Fitzhugh.**

For a madcap of mirth, meander out Club 3A way during lunch hour and enjoy a few laughs. Each Tuesday and Friday you can listen to **Frankie Buhl** and his music as he gives out a few hot licks on his sax. *Accidentally,* Frankie is a member of the new EOP band. Rhumba lessons are given free by **"Tippecanoe" Tim Tyler** who has a specialty rating from **Arthur Murray,** who taught dancing in a hurry. The spotlight really falls on **Robert McEvoy** and **James Sperrin** when they reel off their corny jokes. The midget will slay you. By way of reconciliation with supercilious key man **Harry Knarr,** however, all this occurs while they are out to lunch.

Yes, you are in the Time Office although you wouldn't recognize it since a 16-foot addition was added. New floors, new lights and a few other odds and ends have all contributed to making it a new place to work.

Orchids to pretty **Mary Ryan** who became **Mary Keene** recently. However, she gave up her man to Uncle Sam soon after. She is a real patriot. **Carl Parker** and **Harold Johnson** also took that certain step. Harold was 1A though and now he belongs to Uncle Sam.

Well, even the most skeptical are believing now. The girls are definitely in in the Timekeeping Department and are doing a swell job. A radical change was brought about by the men in the office and now more than a few are sporting clean shirts, ties and daily shaves.

Things you didn't know till now. . . . **George Barr** is the Don Juan of the Timekeeping Department. **Kenneth Nelson** really has his "Harte" in his work. **Orville J. Baron** would like to have his picture taken over. **Eddie Reichert** has as good a vocabulary as **John O'Connell,** but John knows what the words mean. **Angeline Gunnerson** hates to be teased. **Ben Sloan** carries a lot of weight around the office. **Tommy Tomaszewski** sings "Carols" all day long. **Frank Zupancic, Jr.,** really plays a sweet accordion. **Bill Prindle** is a beautiful hunk of man. **T. V. Brennan** has a luncheon date with several girls from Personnel every Thursday. **Dale "Stubs" Aman** is the master of all women in the Time Office. **Judy Smith** has taken wings and hasn't been heard from since.

Are you hungry? **Chuck Depeso** had two 16-inch rainbow trout out at Group 66 recently. He and the boys had a big fish fry that day.

The pretty brunette, **Donald Sharp,** escorts to dinner occasionally is **Katie Richardson,** Radio Shop.

Mrs. Bessie East has two sons serving for Uncle Sam. One son, **Bob,** recently won his wings at Ryan Field, Calif. Her other son, **Bill,** is serving with the U. S. Coast Guard and is stationed in Honolulu. She received one of the biggest thrills of her life when Bill recently called her from Honolulu.

'Tis rumored that all is moonlights and roses between **Angeline Gunnerson** and **Robert Renoldi** and also **Frank Zupancic** and **Doris Tatro.**

Bernard McShane writes that New York just isn't what it used to be. What could he mean?

By the way, the timekeepers' next picnic will be August 20. You have all heard of the fun that was had at the last picnic and a lot of you said you heard nothing about a picnic. So here's calling you, boys and girls, be there, August 20, forget all about *Time* and see what real fun you have.

Explosive Mutterings of An Explosive Operator

By Larry McKeon
Group 2

What a dream . . . out with my lovely wife last night, then dream about Indians . . . don't get it . . . seems like I just got to bed. . . . Oh, well, better get going . . . wonder if it's hot out. . . . This coffee is okay, honey . . . my mouth tastes like the inside of a motorman's glove . . . shouldn't have taken that last one. . . . Hate this walk for my ride . . . wish I had a car . . . wonder how those guys do it . . . work a couple of months, then bust out with a new car. . . . Morning . . . yes, it is. . . . Gee! is that all he can say . . . every day the same thing. . . . I know it's hot before I meet him . . . wonder where he works. . . . There's the milkman . . . meet him same place every morning. . . . Blue Ribbon Beer. . . . Tables for ladies. . . . I'm a chump for euchre . . . come on, just one game . . . lost all six of them . . . gonna take the pledge . . . been gonna take it since I was twenty-one. . . . Boy! that's a long time ago; . . . Wonder if I'll have to get in the back seat of the car. . . . If I had a car I'd sure drive it . . . wouldn't be like some of these guys . . . they must be saving for a cloudburst . . . or maybe a trailer camp. . . . Oh! OH! front seat left. . . . Good old 66A crowded as ever. . . . Look out for that train, Ray . . . if we ever get hit, goodbye Murphy's Boys. . . . Well, here's the Group . . . didja forget your badge . . . get in line. . . . Take it easy . . . you got eight hours. . . . What daya mean I can't take the fork in? I aint no cannibal. . . . Change house. . . . Smoke, noise, jiving. . . . What the hell, am I on the sump again? I was just on it last week! . . . somebody's pushin' me around. . . . Hear Joe Blow got transferred to Group One. . . . They can't do that. . . . Look out you might be next . . . see my congressman. . . . Who was the old bat I saw you out with last night Bob? Your wife? . . . Ha, Ha, I was only kiddin'. . . . Yeah, try it. . . . Why don't you buy some . . . there's the machine. . . . Just because he's a subforeman. . . . I wouldn't take it for a gift. . . . Yeah. . . . That's what they all claim. . . . Oh, Oh, look at the eyes on Andy George and Bob . . . McKeon . . . **McKeon** . . . **McKEON** . . . *go upstairs and get some flake TNT.* . . . Quit hollerin; Jersey . . . don't that guy ever smile . . . good morning . . . good morning. . . . Shouldn't have taken that last one . . . gonna take the pledge . . .

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

What "animal" is more popular in the High Explosives Department than **Irving Bovee's** and **Al Augustine's** little green *rabbit.* In case you don't follow, that is the name of their pick-up truck.

Anyone wishing roller skating instructions contact this reporter —not bragging—nor complaining.

"Peter" has done it again! Officially known as **St. Clair Smith's** "Ambassador of Anneswood," he was placed best of breed of the fox terriers and fourth in the terrier group at the Minneapolis Kennel Club Show August 2nd. This adds three more ribbons to the already abundant collection on the mantel of the Smith residence.

Joe Umphrey, carpenter foreman in Group 63, gets around more places and does more things than any fellow we know—Smiling Joe is never too busy to make a useful gadget for the office or clock house. From sidewalks to baseball backstop—just ask Joe—he can do it.

Group 63 softball team is off to a good season. Victories were won in the first two played. **Manager Charles Talty** is looking for more games.

Rex Thomas, Lewis Johnson and **Thomas Harrop** are new foremen in Group 63.

Paul E. Hall, young ambitious, hard-working general foreman in Group 63, is very much put out because of a statement made by a certain foreman in Group 65 who said his gang ranked tops over the reservation. Paul very firmly replied, "No, that distinction belongs to Group 63." You can't get ahead of Paul—anyway, not since he's been driving that new Dodge sedan.

Group 63 softball team has been unable to secure a return match with Group 66. They guarantee victory if "Kansas" will leave out his efficient scorekeeper. Group 63 supplies its own umpire which is only fair—even if **Umpire Claude Heap** does turn up smoking good cigars after each game.

Howard Cronen, ordnance inspector—Group 63, will enlist in the Army Air Corps soon. **Victor Skarupa** will replace Howard as assistant to **Group Inspector Homer Peters.**

Bob Matone is a new addition to the field office in Group 63.

Group 66 softball team defeated Group 1's nine 23 to 2. Group 66 collected 25 hits and allowed 12.

"Red" Boomsma and **Chester Tucker** journeyed to Fenimore, Wis., where **Tucker** is spending his well earned vacation. **"Tuck"** left his gang in charge of capable **"No-Jack" Jensen.**

Joe Craterfield, who was on the pitching staff of Group 66 softball team, was inducted into the Army August 3.

George "Possum" Dickenson is the proud father of a bouncing son born August 3.

Herman Coder, manager of **"Big Red" Davidson,** champion wrestler of Group 66, is looking for bouts for his man. Anyone interested may contact Mr. Coder at Group 66.

David Hill, music authority (he's also quite proficient at finding some of the better "spots") returned from a week's vacation looking like he needed a week's vacation.

A more enthusiastic bunch of picnic-givers than the High Explosives Department, you never saw. August 23, another pow-wow will be held at the Indian Maiden's summer home on the banks of the Kankakee. After the terriffic trouncing one Fuze and Booster Lab baseball team took it is suggested that perhaps they better issue a challenge for tiddle-de-winks—or some such he-man sport.

Herb Hafele, chief chemist, was called to Cleveland August 6 because of the death of his brother-in-law, **John O'Harra. Herb's** sister, **Mary O'Hara,** visited here the week of July 19 and attended the High Explosive-Fuze and Booster Laboratory picnic. Sympathy to Mrs. O'Harra is extended by all at the laboratory.

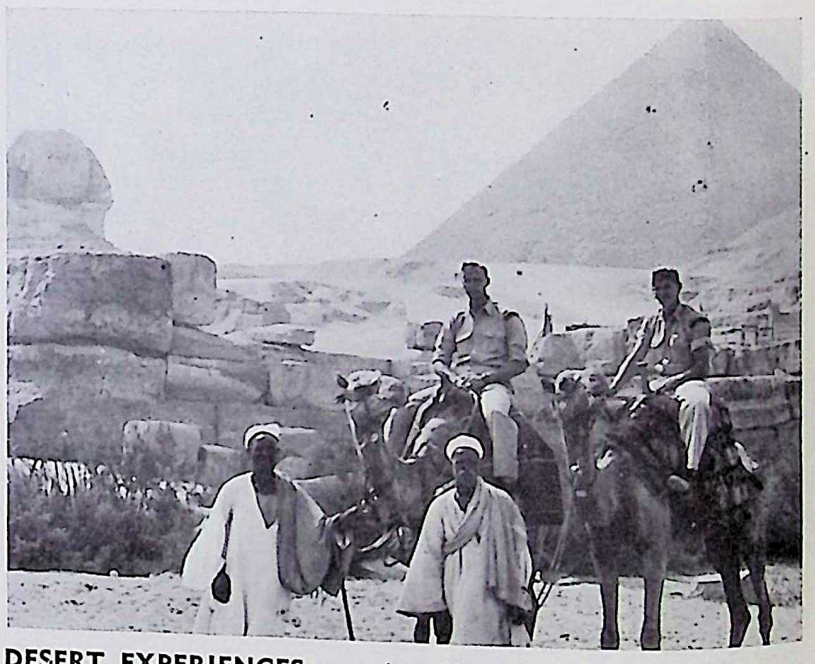
J. V. Wall Honored By EOP Associates

J. V. Wall, superintendent of the Electrical Department, left July 18 to assume a new position in Chicago. The night before, he and Mrs. Wall were entertained by the members of the department at a dinner in the Rose Room of the Louis Joliet Hotel.

The centerpiece was made up of yellow and white daisies and yellow gladioli and a corsage of yellow gladioli was presented to Mrs. Wall. The place cards represented miniature substations and inside the doors was a parody of the song "Smiles." Farewell gifts were presented to both Mr. and Mrs. Wall.

Those present beside the honored guests were **Agnes McCarthy, Kathleen Conway, George Rummel, Al Scheer, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lewison** and **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leith.**

Additional evidence of Mr. Wall's popularity was shown by the remembrance gifts presented to him by his many friends throughout the entire EOP organization.



DESERT EXPERIENCES are related by Sgt. William R. Hoffman, son of Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, EOP commanding officer, in letters to his parents here. Sergeant Hoffman, shown on the camel at the right, is stationed in Egypt with the American Ambulance Field Service, where this photograph was taken.

EOP Workers Have 60,000 Reasons to Strive for A No-Accident Record

Safety Organization Has Developed a Program Unsurpassed by Any Ordnance Plant in U. S.

By Rollin T. Read,
Safety Supervisor

One of the workers by the name of **Jack Sullivan**, serving on the Safety Committee in his group, was asked to name six of his best reasons why he was interested in Safety. He had thought of many reasons at other times but now none of these came to his mind until suddenly, letting his thoughts turn inward, he said: "My six reasons for wanting a live safety program here is Mrs. Sullivan, myself and the four little Sullivans."

A real cheer went up from the crowd around him and someone said, "Well how about the rest of us?" Then they figured that if there is an average of five in the average wage earner's family, this would mean with approximately 12,000 working here, that 60,000 people here and at home are definitely and intensely interested in the safety of the workers at this plant; or as Jack Sullivan would say, 60,000 of the very best reasons why safety should be "TOPS" with all of us.

The Safety Organization, which has a safety engineer on each shift in the various groups, checks up on the unsafe practices, follows up on injuries and their causes, reminds everyone about poor housekeeping, handling materials and unsafe conduct, the things that cause most of the accidents. The Safety Organization asks the entire staff, right down to the newest worker, to think ahead of his actions and not do things in a way that injures them or someone else —to get the right work habits and follow them.

Seek Lead Continuously

Our plant was one of the first new ordnance plants to start operating, getting "the jump" on most of the other plants during construction. *With that same spirit* of pride which built this wonderful plant, let us unite in a determination to operate the plant for Uncle Sam without accidents or unnecessary delays.

Every trained man and woman working here is needed to turn out the *quality* and *quantity* that our boys at the front need. Every injury, no matter how slight, is a delay. Every finger or toe injured handicaps a worker. Every absent worker is a definite delay. Our products have to go to all corners of the earth. Just one heavy raid by the Air Force requires many train loads of bombs. These bombs must be over there and ready, with every bomb in perfect condition to deliver the blows that will keep our enemies from breaking out of Europe and onto our shores. Every shell and mine is made for a definite purpose. These products must be dependable, safe to handle but sure to "go off" when they strike. This is the task given us by Uncle Sam. We can't let him or the fighting boys down by taking time off or by losing time through unnecessary injuries, or any other cause.

So far as we know from records reaching us, this is one of the safest plants—let's keep it so. This means every worker's shoulder to the wheel. Many departments have not had a lost time accident. What have they got on the ball that other departments haven't? Our guess is that *they just don't want accidents*, in fact they don't want them badly enough to exert all the necessary care and caution to prevent them. They get their working habits set right and follow them. We can all do this, and for the love of our Country, let's do it.

WHAT'S COOKIN'? said Pauline Vismara's expression as she peeked out from the construction switchboard at Richards' Farm to see what the photographer was doing.

Hospital

LUCY HARKNESS
Correspondent

The Hospital has been doing its share in contributing to the armed forces. Both **Bill Bryant** and **Dr. A. V. Stassi** are now in the service. Word was received from Dr. Stassi just recently. He is now a first lieutenant and is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

An interesting letter was received recently by **Maurice Bremmer**, ambulance driver, from his son, **Gordon Bremmer**, who is now a sergeant with the Air Force Ferrying Command "somewhere" in Africa. Gordon speaks of peddlers all over the street carrying wares on their heads; women tying their babies on their backs when transporting them, tom-toms which change their tone when you squeeze their sides, the varied costumes of the natives, and their peculiar living habits, and conditions. Gordon seems to be getting his geography lessons in a rather interesting fashion.

Ol' Dan Cupid seems to be doing a powerful lot of concentrating on the hospital staff lately. **Helen Hutchison** was the first victim. On July 24, she was married to **Thomas Robert Edwards**, assistant safety engineer for Stone & Webster. The simple and lovely ceremony was performed at the Elwood Methodist Church, Elwood, and attended by members of their immediate families. After a short wedding trip, the happy couple returned to their home at Elwood and both are now back on their jobs.

Next on the list was **Margaret Stalker**, secretary to **Dr. H. L. Schultz**. On August 6th, she and **Joseph Gergovich** were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Joliet. The bride was lovely in a gold cloth suit, which harmonized beautifully with the uniform of her soldier bridegroom. After a short honeymoon, the couple will return to Joliet, where the bride will reside at her mother's home while the bridegroom returns to his post at Camp Wallace, Tex. Mrs. Gergovich will return to her duties at the EOP hospital soon after her husband's furlough ends.

August 5 was a glorious day for **William E. Liming**, who had been a patient at the hospital for several weeks. Dr. Schultz gave him the glad news that he would be able to go home. So when Mrs. Liming came to visit him that afternoon he surprised her by accompanying her on the return trip to Chenoa, Ill.

A great, big WELCOME BACK to **Nurse Marie Ulrich**, who has been away for several weeks taking care of her father but is now back with us at her regular hospital duties. Sure, and 'tis good to see her scurrying about bringing her own brand of cheer with her and the patients are glad to have one more blonde nurse to add to their little black book list!

Nurses Elizabeth Russell and **Bertha Perush** declare they are going to give **Maurice Bremmer**, ambulance driver, a bigger lunch bucket for Christmas so he can bring them *more* lunch—especially Kosher dill pickles, hot peppers, etc.! The reason for waiting until Christmas, say they, is to gather together enough pennies!

By the way, why only *12* stars in the circle in the masthead and on Page 2, editorial corner, instead of the usual 13? Or do I have some "flag ethics" mixed up?

Mrs. Evelyn Richards and **Miss Elsie Baer**, laboratory and X-ray technicians, respectively, journeyed to Kenosha, Wisconsin, for the week-end where they visited with Mrs. Richards' folks.

The most popular character in this hospital is **Peter Busanelli**, chief "cleaner-upper" in these here parts. Calls of "Oh, Pete!" echo through the hospital constantly, and he is in demand all the time to give a helping hand here and there. He is the handiest man you ever did see — can accomplish most anything you ask of him and is always willing to be of service—with a BIG smile.

The beautiful home of **Nurse Esther Anderson**, 618 Cornelia St., Joliet, Illinois, was the scene of festive goings-on the evening of Friday, August 7. Co-hostesses were **Nurses Marjorie Hartong** and **Ruth Matthews**, and the occasion was a kitchen shower in honor of **Nurse Helen Hutchinson Edwards**, recent bride. Assembling in the living-room at 7:30 p. m., for a bit of gab-festing, the party later progressed to the basement recreation room which was decorated in fitting manner with a miniature bridal party on the mantel, cut flowers on the tables, and wrappings, etc., all carrying out the idea. "Crash" bunco was the main diversion of the evening, with first prize going to **Elsie Baer**, X-ray technician, and **Nurse Louise Thompson** copping the consolation prize. A guest prize was presented to the new Mrs. Edwards. Refreshments were served buffet style from the playroom "bar," and then Mrs. Edwards opened the gifts to the tune of "OH," "UM-M," and a variety of delighted squeals of delight as a complete, matched kitchen-set shook itself free of the gay ribbons and wrappings. And I mean complete! There was everything there but the kitchen sink!

Among those present were: **Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Dayton Hutchinson**, the bride's mother; **Dorothy Lundin, Genevieve Harper, Beatrice Merrick, Helen Mueller, Mary Amort, Lucille Nahas, Gene Hurley, Elsie Baer, Louis Thompson, Esther Anderson, Ruth Matthews, Marjorie Hartong** and **Lucy Harkness.**

NEW SAFETY BOOKLETS have been issued by Safety Supervisor R. T. Read, who smiles engagingly while he works as shown here.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

"Jerry" Almon, the whisper-voice heard on **C. Harold Taylor's** telephone, is pondering what if Johnny Doughboy found a dozen roses in Ireland and some one mistook **George F. Bent** for **Walter Pidgeon.**

It seems that **Wayne Heap**, Stores Department, no longer signs his name Wayne; from now on his signature is "Wayne and Eva," or **Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Heap.** They are now on that honeymoon up Minnesota way.

Margaret Fitzhugh has joined the ranks in the Administration Building as a timekeeper.

Herbert Rostron, Engineering Department, has returned after enjoying a ten-day vacation. He and his wife visited their son and family and also their daughter in Paoli, Penn.

Why has pretty and popular **Marge Connolly**, Engineering Department, got that far away look in her eyes? Could it be that someone has received his papers and is going to enlist in the Air Corps?

The girls of the Engineering Department held a farewell luncheon for **Olga Darin** at the Sievert Tea Room August 1. Olga has resigned to take full charge of "home duties."

Bob Forst, Engineering Department, is spending his leave at Eagle River, Wis.

Roy Wright has been transferred to Pine Bluff, Ark., to take over the Field Progress Report Department on the Sanderson & Porter project there. **William Simonds** has taken over those duties here.

Pvt. G. R. Shepley, former timekeeper, is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Kathryn "Johnny" Johnson, fanfold operator, claims everything was lovely while at The Dells and at Devils Lake.

Extree, Extree!! **Tom Lamon** hopes to have a steak fry at his trailer home near Wilmington August 16 and does want his payroll department friends and their friends and their friends to come.

Understand **Vern Schoenberger's** pipe (that pipe) can't be fired with pencil shavings.

Jacqueline Binzen is quite excited over a western trip she is planning.

John A. Watson, assistant executive secretary, has quite a hobby—other than canning. He just goes out and chops up some big rocks, takes the little ones home to his grinder or polisher and really makes some pretty looking little rocks. He would be delighted to show them to you.

There was a pretty good softball game between the Ordnance Department and a select team of Administration Building employees August 4. The second baseman claims he could have scored more runs had he been wearing his own pants instead of a borrowed pair. If the Administration Building team had been allowed to bring its own umpire (as the Army did) it might have won the game. The third baseman must learn the rules—the first baseman is not glued to the base.

The Purchasing and Expediting Departments had one grand picnic at Rivals' Lodge on the Kankakee River July 25. Late dinner was served on the lodge porch. During the afternoon the gang tried to play baseball and some made a stab at horseshoe pitching and boat riding. **Ben Nell** will be glad to enumerate the various activities. **Ben** suffered a broken finger and a wrenched back from his ordeals. Things all will remember include **Stan Nyren's** baritone solo, **V. L. Knudson's** chic outfit, **Gerry Wilcox's** awful puns, **Bill Beyer's** and **Howard Barclay's** appetites, **Ed Craik's** acrobatics and **E. C. Carlson** almost in the river. **Shirley Grassle** and **Arlene Thorson**, with the help of mom and aunts, really did a swell job. **Maxine Quade** (Veranice's sister) of Spring Valley, Minn., was a guest. She is an A1 baseball player—they know how up that way.

Clarence Malmsten, Purchasing Department, and **Mrs. Malmsten** have just returned from a tour of the West. They visited Yellowstone National Park, Teton Mountains and the Black Hills.

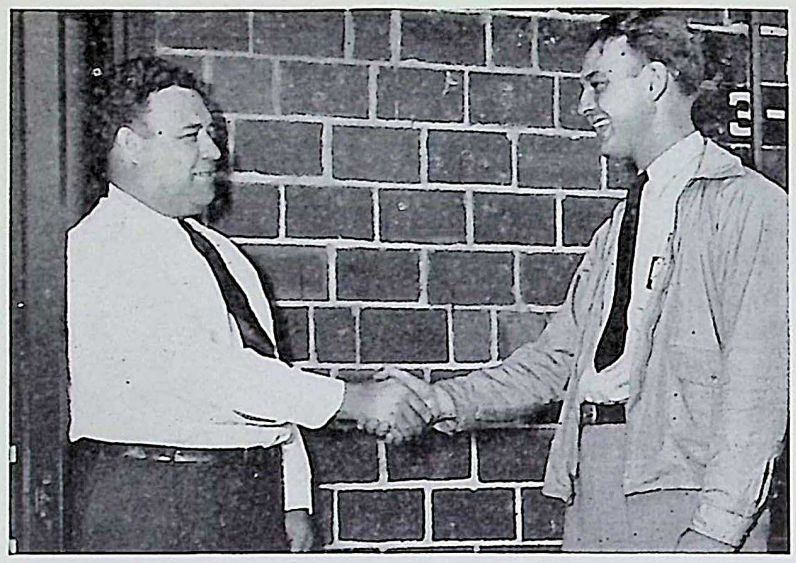
Ed Fitzer, Cost Department, wonders when he is going to have a few moments to spend with his son, **Corp. John Fitzer**, and the latter's wife, **Ethel**, who are visiting around. John is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and his wife is a nurse at the Community Hospital, Paso Robles, Calif.

Colonel: "Why didn't you salute me yesterday?"

Private: "I didn't see you, sir."

Colonel: "Good, I thought you were mad at me."

IN AND OUT schedules for the loading lines are set up and reported by J. C. Schmeh, supervisor of the Production Planning Department.



CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Supt. H. D. Dougherty of Group 3 by Harl Son, safety engineer (right), on that group's 25 per cent reduction in minor accidents for the week ending August 1.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Surprise signal at the Telephone Department on July 28 was flashed by **Jeanette "Cookie" Dolph**, who reported the news of her engagement to **Roy Heishman** of Joliet.

The Sheet Metal Shop is losing two more of its men to Uncle Sam. **Louis Luberacki**, whose home is in Minneapolis, Minn., was called to the colors last week. **Bob Downey**, shop foreman, who enlisted in the Naval Reserve March 26, was called to report August 21.

Also leaving to fight for Uncle Sam and the things for which he stands are **John Michaels** and **Charles Halper** of the Sewer Department and **Carl Hietschold**, truck driver.

Carl Adams, Richards Farm Garage, wishes to extend his thanks to the mechanics and truck drivers for the flowers they sent during his recent bereavement.

Flash! Flash! The Laundry Queens are no longer!

This poem, written by **Ann Brouillette**, will give you a vague idea of what it is all about.

The girls all wanted uniforms
To give them glamour plus,
But someone slipped up somewhere
Which caused an awful fuss.

The girls looked at those nightgowns
And did their morale sag!
Instead of being Laundry Queens,
They call them Laundry Bags.

Eunice Stroh of Joliet is recuperating in St. Joseph's Hospital, after suffering a heart attack.

Inez Runyon, better known as Pat, isn't here any more. Pat has gone back to her home town in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Edna Hyatt, Peotone, and **Casemera Reichman**, Joliet, are filling vacancies at the laundry.

Helen "Penny" Pennington, Plainfield, is very interested in the Pipe Shop.

Violet Parks has moved to Kankakee for the duration.

Mr. Brown called Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown wasn't in, so Mr. Brown told Mr. Brown's secretary to have Mr. Brown call Mr. Brown when he came in. Mr. Brown then said, "My name is Mr. Brown, too." Mr. Brown's secretary said, "That's really a coincidence, Mr. Brown." Mr. Brown said, "That's no coincidence, that's a calamity. Anyway, will you have Mr. Brown call?" "Yes, I'll have Mr. Brown call just as soon as possible, Mr. Brown." (This was a person-to-person call, **S. Brown** calling **R. A. Brown.**) Send Brown the bill.

When I asked a member if anything funny happened on the night shift that could be put in *The Bomb-Shell* he said, "Aw, nuthin' funny ever happens on the night shift." For a minute I thought he was going to cry, so I want to take this means of conveying to him my sincere sympathy for mentioning anything that would hurt anyone's feelings that much. Honest —I'm sorry.

It was fun watching **Percy Miller** cutting ice cream with a hacksaw the other day.

Elmo Goorni has returned from his vacation in Wisconsin, with a fine lot of fish stories.

Helen Mondguk seems to be very fond of red.

Hank Schelling, Jr., besides being a very handy man around that second base, adds that certain spark to the team.

Andy Gripaus, known better as Ted Harris, once a singer with a popular orchestra, has changed and is now serenading the laundry girls at the presses.

Jenny Naiders is flashing a bright diamond.

Roy Benson's favorite pastime is hanging from the fitting bins.

Joe Crisp claims he caught a lot of fish while on his vacation.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

Many thanks to **Mrs. Mary Catherine Fitzgerald** for her letter and sandwich suggestions. Mrs. Fitzgerald writes, "We are 100 per cent for defense in this family." Seven of Mrs. Fitzgerald's children are in defense work here and in Washington, D. C., and a son is with the armed forces in Hawaii. Mrs. Fitzgerald, a cateress, gives you this sandwich recipe for a three-decker which sounds good enough for a party: Mix together until smooth, finely minced chicken, pimento, ripe olives, onion, salt, pepper and mayonnaise; spread on first slice of white bread. Cover with a slice of whole wheat. On this spread pineapple cream cheese and coarsely chopped salted almonds. Cover with a slice of white bread.

Bernice Shroba, mimeograph operator for the Ordnance Inspection Department, not only reads this column but follows some of its suggestions, and guess who's happy about that? Last week she gave us a sample of the bacon and celery sandwich and it was very good, too.

E. G. McAloon, EOP'S master mechanic, who can talk about a lot of things that other people never heard of, makes a guest appearance in the women's column because of his prowess in the kitchen as master baker of angel food cakes. Planning to scoop the culinary world for less talented women, we asked Mr. McAloon for the secret of his success. He admitted, however, that he has no secret and just uses the standard recipe of a dozen eggs "with a little of this and a little of that." Of course, the splendid reputation that the McAloon cakes has enjoyed throughout the area is only hearsay as far as this department is concerned. Do you get it, Mr. McAloon?

Second in our EOP vignette parade is **Martha Craig** of the Production Planning Department. Martha is a native of Elwood . . . went to the Vogue Dress Designing School in Chicago . . . American Beauty roses are her favorite flowers . . . worked for three years at Marshall Field's in Chicago, first as assistant buyer in the Pedigree Shop and later in adjustments . . . is of Scotch-Irish descent . . . likes people and makes friends easily . . . is Junior Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star . . . pearl is her favorite jewel . . . lavishes attention on Patsy and Butch, her Boston terriers . . . bow ties are her pet peeve . . . likes to play tennis and bowl . . . once walked off with two blue ribbons at the Aurora Fair for a white cake and cookies . . . designs and sews most of her clothes . . . has blue eyes and brown hair and "you're - the - nicest - person - I've-ever-met smile."

PROMISE of a newsy letter soon was given on a postcard received from Martha Alice Pichon, who gave up her EOP duties to study for a commission with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

To date there are nine million munitions workers, and at the end of 1943 there will be some twenty million, perhaps a fifth of them women. It is a woman's task to see that her family gets a balanced diet. Surveys show that a defense worker's diet is a shambles which leads to decreased power on the assembly line.

Recently **Paul V. McNutt**, director of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare and chairman of the War Man-Power Commission, wrote, "Malnutrition—lack of simple, necessary foods is not the only cause of human waste, but it is the most widespread and the most unnecessary. Malnutrition is an insidious saboteur; it slows down the human machine long before it stops it. A mechanic would never let an engine run with half its cylinders missing, but he lets lack of proper food slow his body down to half speed."

Now is the time to enlist in nutrition mobilization. We have all heard what vitamins, calcium, carbohydrates and the like will do for us or what the lack of them will do to us. The United States Nutrition program has a slogan that goes, "Every day, eat this way," meaning that one of the foods listed in the eight basic food groups should be included in the diet every day. The eight basic groups are milk in any form, green or yellow vegetables—some cooked, some raw, oranges or tomatoes—grapefruit or raw cabbage or green salad, potatoes and another vegetable, whole grain cereal, eggs (3 or 4 a week your favorite style), meat or poultry or fish, butter, peanut butter or other similar vitamin rich spreads. Heed this program and you will avoid needless illness and keep the assembly lines at a 100 per cent production level.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Rummage and auction sales couldn't draw a gang out to the woods as did the department picnic . . . they came on horseback, bicycles, and some even walked and were not sorry. The scene of all is at Troy at the intersection of Route 66 and Route 52 in the Forest Preserve and is suggested to other departments as an ideal place for outings. Leading the list of games was baseball. The Balston Buckaroos beat the Mann Maniacs 9 to 2. The outstanding feature of the afternoon was **A. P. Balston's** headlong safe slide to first. With all the sandwiches and good old lager the boys slowly lost interest in the game and hoped the next barrel was cold . . . and it was, **George Newton** will testify. Then over in the grove many aces were tossed out on the rug hoping to win enough to go on that vacation . . . they played till the cards wore out and the candles went out . . . some said vacations were out.

The Inert All-Stars gave the boys from Group 2 quite a surprise. . . . Inert had them beaten by a score of 10 to 3 in four innings before the rains came to rescue Group 2. Group 3 also ran into a stone wall walking off with no runs while Inert bagged 8. **Charles George**, hurling for Inert, allowed Group 3 five hits. . . . **Mose Williams** hit a home run to star for the Inerts. These games put the Inert All Stars on top of the League list . . . won all their games.

At Group 27 a recent investigation showed the tomato crop of **George Shaw** failed because the plants were planted upside down. He may find early potatoes when he digs them up.

The fine artistry on the Inert Storage booth at the Carnival Dance is the work of **Clyde Argyle**, philosopher, artist and sportsman. He was assisted by **Walter Peterson** and **John Wiermann**. These men deserve a lot of credit—they earned it.

Alva Minor had the stork bring a beautiful baby boy to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wald were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Spooner** at Webster Park last week end. It seems John came down for a little fishing and relaxation and on attempting to cast for bass he time and time again got his line tangled in the foliage near the shore. He finally got his plug so tangled in the tree he spent the rest of the day untangling it.

Joe Monore is keeping the boys anxious at Group 27. He does not deny rumors going about that he is going to present an engagement ring soon.

Charles H. Mann, assistant superintendent, came out with a sparkler and the lucky lady is **Margaret Hayden**, Traffic Department. **Tom Dillon**, Ordnance man at South, is positive he saw Charles entering the area with a beautiful black-haired, blue-eyed colleen with a yellow collar on her dress. Mann denies the incident and asked why Dillon wears glasses if he can see that good.

A budding inventor has turned up in the form of South Inert's **William "Tailor" Schoudis**. It seems the "Tailor" has perfected a means of catching a mouse with a 2 by 6, a short stick, some mouse bait, a long piece of cord, and an infinite amount of patience. He has witnesses that it worked—once. A patent has not been applied for yet.

Wally Fang is still wondering if the trees waving back and forth make the wind blow. However he's almost figured out where the nothing in a hole goes when the hole is filled up.

George Harrop came to work a few days ago sporting a new pair of overalls, and now all the boys are wondering if he had to sell more than one of his giant potatoes to pay for them. **George Harrop, Jr.**, is on his way to the Army Air Force.

Jack "Arkie" Bates, the unpredictable Arkansan, is now in the Marines.

Tom Delockery is wishing trouble wouldn't seek him out. Apparently someone very near and dear has been laying down the law, and if Tom passes the 200 pound mark, there's going to be a walkout. Tom is talking about a sparkling gem to smooth things over . . . now that he's got his car and motor boat.

Winfield Arthurs, Calvin A. Kemper, James Whitley, George Newton, and John Wald are back in the saddle again after enjoying some of that good old vacation allotment.

The sick list claimed **Dick Ashworth** (tooth), **C. A. Kemper** (poison ivy), **Don McCauley** (stomach) . . . after the picnic it should have claimed more, but they plugged along.

Earl Parker, watchman, is well equipped with his clock and portable seat.

Inert Storage employees are urged to submit notes for *The Bomb-Shell* at the clock houses . . . use the orange colored boxes.

Those who had lunch at the Mess Hall August 6 heard some good music by the EOP orchestra. The warbler and trombone pusher was **"Bubbles" Wesley** who is in the habit of pushing shells at South Inert. When he gets in the groove the foundations shake and you should see the rugs cut.

CLOSE INSPECTION of component parts and finished ammunition at EOP is supervised by A. J. MacLellan, superintendent of the Inspection Department.

EOP Electrician Recalls Events of Stage Career

Frank Maher Worked Behind the Scenes With Many Stars

If the men in Group 3 look uncommonly handsome while they're working, they owe it to the lighting effects of **Frank Maher**, their electrician.

From 1908 until last year Maher has been lighting plays, operas and juggling amber lights to give some of the stars that "isn't she beautiful" look. When the voices of **Enrico Caruso, Galli Curci, Tito Ruffo, Grace Moore, Charley Marshall** and **Lily Pons** (only part of an imposing list) were thrilling you with their singing, Maher was behind the scenes lighting the show . . . one of the unsung arts of the theatre.

Maher has worked from coast to coast lighting plays, operas, ballets and orchestras. He has worked with all the leading personalities

SPOTLIGHTS at Joliet's Rialto Theatre were used for this action shot of Frank Maher.

from **Mary Garden** at the peak of her career to **Bob Hope** long before he was America's number one funny man.

"Mary Garden was the most marvelous person I ever worked with," Maher recalled. "She had a remarkable memory and even remembered me years afterwards."

Did Camouflage Work

During the last war Maher was in the front lines in France doing camouflage work for 14 months. He was a master engineer, junior grade, in Company A, 40th Engineers, camouflage section. He supervised the hiding of men and armaments in woods and the screening of thousands of miles of roads. Today he is a member of the Chipilly Post 310, American Legion, and the 33rd War Veterans Association.

Five years of Hollywood failed to impress Maher. Even though he worked at all the big name studios and was on the sets of such hits as "The Awful Truth" and "The Buccaneer," he still prefers electrical work in the theatre, which "is the most fascinating game of all." Maher found hectic Hollywood very mild in comparison with the California dew.

In the theatre Maher has worked with **John** and **Ethel Barrymore, Billie Burke, Gladys George, the Lunts, Cornelia Otis Skinner** and recently with **Dennis King** in "Blythe Spirit." "John Barrymore was probably the greatest and smartest of them all. In 'My Dear Children' he often kept the show going until 1:30 a. m., to everybody's delight. The others would be upset by his antics, but Barrymore was the master of every situation."

Maher knows all the thrills and headaches of the business, the road, one-night stands and the curtain going up before the crew has left the stage. On the opening night of the musical comedy, "The Merry-Go-Round," starring **Henry Dixie**, in 1909, Maher, dirty and unshaven, was taking care of a million last minute details. The curtain went up and Dixie made his trick entrance from the flies suspended by an invisible wire. He went to the wings to dispose of a prop umbrella and saw Maher standing there. Dixie pulled him on stage with him, and guess who was the hit of the show. And he's been going strong ever since.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

Sgt. Johnny Alar, while infanticipating, made a book that it would be a boy. The bets were of various types and shapes of merchandise. Johnny will need a wagon for the haul, as the stork delivered a 9 pound boy August 4.

Richard Jensen, hydrant maintenance inspector, says that with all this bee killing, one can add a chorus to "Old MacDonald Had A Farm," "With a bee hive here and a bee hive there, etc." . . . Jensen, the bee killer, he is now called.

Rumor has it that **Inspector Walter Panian** is also an expectant father.

Where was **Sgt. Walter Bayer** and his three little "cubs," who claim to know the difference between a golf club and a baseball bat though they swing them the same way, July 31? Cousin **Hugh "Bobby Jones" Ardoyno** came back about that time.

Frank Skoff, genial correspondent and clerk of the Fire Inspection Department, left August 6 to "Slap-a-Jap-in-the-Yap."

Inspector Glen Wilfong says, "Gee whiz, Chief, about one-half of the stuff did not come up, wonder if I planted the seed upside down?"

Some are wondering when **Laurence Molck** will be able to get out without his son, while his wife is working on the night shift.

No one can fry chicken like **Ole Olson** does.

Frank Rutkowski, a fireman with at least 20 years' service as a member of Illinois Firemen's Executive Board, has promised to send the publishers of the Red Book a new picture. Some of the boys think Rutkowski is better looking now then he was 20 years ago.

Anyone wishing to sell a nice car with good tires and a one-arm steering wheel, please contact **Frank Scoma.** Frank says the modern conveniences of the city buses and taxies are not as they should be.

Loris D. Hart, fire inspector, is one of the star back-stops on the EOP baseball team. What he catches upon coming home from an overtime game, however, is not on the score board.

Dispatcher Homer Druin has the Indian sign on **Stu Moloney** when it comes to a friendly match for smokes. Moloney can't win—as Homer has nothing to do with Fatimas, being strictly a big cigar and red man partisan.

The boys at Central Fire Station have been giving matrimonial advice to their new clerk, **Wayne Barber.** Up until his second day with the Fire Department, **Wayne** had entertained roseate plans for a honeymoon.

All EOP employees are cordially invited to attend the Firemen's Annual Picnic at Oak Grove, Rockdale, Wednesday, September 2. Tickets may be obtained at the Central Fire Station and a swell time is guaranteed to all who attend.

Is it true that **Rick Watkins** is going to buy a portable radio so he can get the race results while he is filling fire barrels?

It is rumored around No. 3 Fire Station that **Angelo Amorose** is expecting a lieutenant's job in the near future. The boys all think that he will be very successful if given the opportunity.

The Fire Department has another Mascot, a pigeon, which has accepted **Robert Connelly** as its guardian.

Capt. Glen Wilfong of the Honor Farm Brigade is the father of some foot-long cucumbers. The boys are all waiting to see some of his 10-foot, milk-fed watermelons.

Ed Koren is a fast man when it comes to putting on a hoze nozzle. Says Ed "I owe my success to Wheaties and the night air."

Charles T. Davis must teach his V8 to climb out of small ditches, especially before 3 a.m. At this time all good cars should be in the garage (as well as Charlie).

According to **Thomas Billadeau, Sgt. Martin Hanson** can perform miracles with a snuffbox.

Edmund Dickens has a new car. Yes it's a 42.

GROUP 3

WILLIAM BERINGER
Correspondent

In their first game with the highly-touted Murphy's Boys of Group 2, Dougherty's Bombers of Group 3 came home with a 9 to 8 victory July 27.

"Bad Eye" Pekar was in the spotlight, playing a real game at shortstop and also collecting two hits and two runs for Group 3. **Roy Sosnoski** played a bang-up game at first.

"Handsome Bob" Fox and **Rudy "Valentino" Mahalik** are trying to get transferred to Fuze and Booster.

Wonder how long before **Harry "Woodpecker" Babb** again dons the outfit that won him the nickname—white wool muffler, red ear muffs, and the yellow cap with a top-knot?

Tony Gomora, janitor chief, challenges all comers to a ramp cleaning contest. Tony says his boys can shine 'em up so they hurt your eyes.

The prince of tall story tellers is **Leo Wagner.** The rest of the melt operators say they haven't seen a hot day yet, because of Leo "shooting the breeze."

Wonder why **Eddie Copp** has a new nickname? Now it's the "wandering boy."

Norbert "Mac" McLuckie is lending his musical talents to the EOP orchestra. Mac can handle anything from the bagpipe to a bass horn.

If you want to know why men like their boss—stop any time near the preheat room in Building 4, and you'll find **Ed Doyle,** foreman, right in there pitching with his boys. Eddie's idea is "don't tell 'em, show 'em." The spic and span appearance of his machines and the appearance of his floor show that he knows whereof he speaks.

Proud Moments in Group 3

Vernon Worden puts the final touch to a clutch repair job.

George Weber describes his biggest catch on his vacation fishing trip.

Kermit Long explains his "birdie" at Woodruff.

Godfrey Herscher adds another to his endless list of notices.

Harl Son tells **Supt. H. D. Dougherty** about the 25 per cent reduction in accidents.

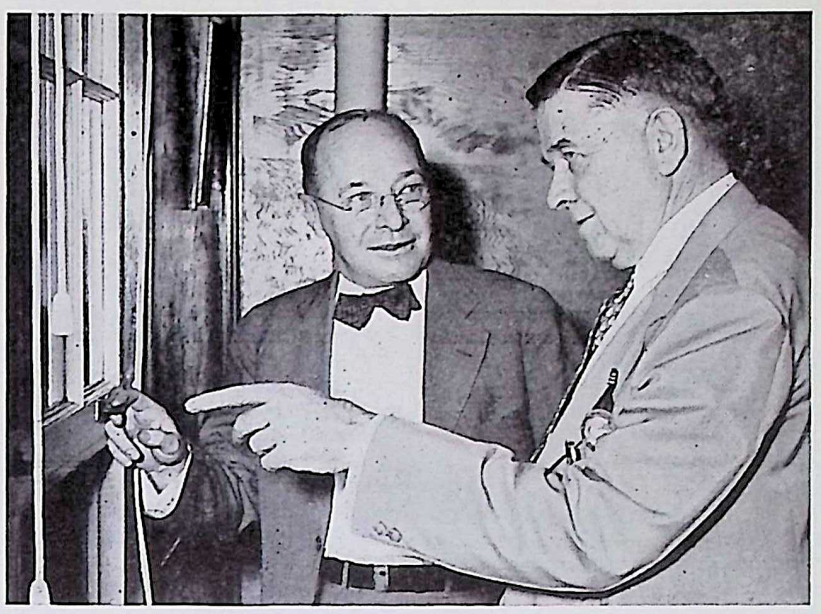
It may interest fans of **Donald "Tiny Manchuko" Mancini** to hear that he has received a cablegram from the MGM Studios. It is alleged he has been chosen to play the part of King Kong in their newest production. He has had much experience as a bit player in Building No. 16.

If you don't know why there is so much steam in this Group now, it may be because **Clarence Becker** is back in the Boiler House again.

After several victories, the spirit of the softball team was somewhat lowered with the crushing defeat suffered at the hands of Inert Storage. The first loss was by a score of 7 to 1.

Bob Hankes played his first game for Group 3, turning in a fine showing at first base. **Roy Sosnoski** and **"School Boy" Brown** also are to be commended for playing a fine game.

"CLOCK IN at Building 14, chum . . . look for 65956 with the big mop . . . that's me!"



FEATURES of EOP are pointed out by Harrison Smith (right), resident partner for Sanderson & Porter to W. E. Hamilton (left) of New York, another S & P partner, when he visited here recently. They are shown in Mr. Smith's office in the Administration Building.

Inspection

RICHARD LOWERY
Correspondent

Robert C. Wilhelmi, assistant chief inspector, and his family spent two weeks touring the vast area of Illinois. The journey brought them to the homes of many of their close friends throughout the state.

With **Bill Hartman**, senior inspector at Fuze and Booster, living on the reservation, the cities both north and south of EOP will be blessed by his frequent visits.

Sonny Herker, inspector at Group 2, rides a mean steed at the Pilcher Riding Stable. Sonny is one of the best riders in the Joliet area.

Dandelions go to **Sammy Hoffman**, head of Scale Inspection at Group 2, for his contribution of brief items to the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

Elmer Nesius, inspector in charge of Groups 6 and 7, would like to meet "Rosemary." It is true that she is beautiful, but "Rosemary" happens to be the little mascot of the High Explosive Softball team.

S. E. Rothschild, inspector at Group 1, known as "The Baron," is a bridge player of considerable fame, being known in contract bridge circles throughout the state of Ohio for his victories in duplicate games.

Jack Berry, inspector at Group 1, and *The Bomb-Shell* correspondent for that group, is trying hard to have his picture placed on the front page of the tabloid. Jack said that he is just as good looking as **Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell.** The General Somervell thanked Jack personally in his statement, "The Army is depending on you," according to Jack.

Bob Conroy, scale inspector, is quite proud of **Bob Schmitz**, head inspector at Group 2. **Schmitz** happens to be **Bob's** brother-in-law.

Bill Kirban is quite happy now that **Tony Lutkus** is home again. Kirban, head of scale department, will spend his vacation in Connecticut.

Manager Moe Brennan, inspector at Group 3A, is trying to get a priority card that will enable him to give lumps of sugar to the successful hitters on his team.

Bob Walsh, golf champion and head inspector at Group 3A, is still having trouble with his sprained ankle.

Harold Rouff, head inspector at Group 61, may be seen any night following **A. J. MacLellan**, our chief inspector. Harold isn't the only one that knows Mr. MacLellan has found the best places to eat within twenty miles of the area.

"Shoeless" Paul Jackson, inspector at Group 3A, purchased a pair of brown and white shoes last week.

Bud Brown, office manager, has stopped trying to do two things at once. **Lorrayne Ostrem**, Bud's secretary, is back after a vacation in Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Jack Fey, Fuze and Booster groups, will attempt a two-and-one-half off the Nowell Park Pool board in Joliet. Jack had better attempt a straight, plain little dive and pay **Elmer Nesius** two dollars.

The Group 6 picnic held at Oak Grove Park in Rockdale was quite an affair. It will take several days, maybe months, for the inspectors to return to normal.

Jim Tyler gave **Frank Lewis** his book, titled "How to Bet." Frank, head inspector at Group 7, is waiting for the Kentucky Derby to make his debut.

Every time someone mentions the Brooklyn Dodgers, **Ed Konevach** starts singing "What Ever Happened Youses?"

Ed Jilek, inspector at Group 2, has been asked to continue his inventions. As it is Ed has furnished the loading lines with many means to step up production.

EVIDENCE of additional fun at the Ordnance Department picnic is given by this trio in festive mood. They are, left to right, Mary Tyler, Edna Milliveard and Mary Lou Schwartz.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Recently a visitor to Group 8 mispronounced the Superintendent's (**Johnny Walker**) name. He was told to think of Scotch Whiskey to remember the name. The visitor leaving sometime later extended his hand and said, "Glad to have met you, Mr. Haig." He had the brands mixed.

Our good friend, **Robert J. Otte**, who has taken a lot of kidding, is in for congratulations. He is now the proud father of a son born July 27.

Bradley Marine Vet, **Paul H. Miller** of Group 8, gets medal. He has been awarded the Marine Corps expeditionary medal, No. 2672, for his service in 1919 in the Dominican Republic. He served a total of 20 years with the Marines.

The new labor machine in 8-11 has **Bud Picknell** (Shift Inspector) going. As fast as he feeds the machine, the faster he chews his gum.

Eva Love, Group 8 Shipping Room, is absent as a result of a tonsilectomy.

"Positive" Bill Finn, Group 8, Shipping Department, was married to **Vivian Born** at Assumption Parish, 9:00 a. m., Saturday, August 1.

The Group 8 "Walker Sports" had a game scheduled with the Black Powder Crew of Group 8. There was much talk about the game but when it came right down to playing, the "Walker Sports" were the victors by the score of 5 to 3.

Tuesday, August 4, Group 8 "Walker Sports" played Group 9, at Walker's stadium. Group 8 won by a score of 17 to 1.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

Over in Italy there's consternation,
Mussolini's filled with approbation.
It's all because that from our nation,
It's coming in waves, like all tarnation.
Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!
Der Fuhrer, he is losing a lot of sleep,
He's so blamed mad he could lie down and weep.
Still the very Heavens seem to repeat,
"Your doom is sealed and it won't keep."
Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!
The Japanese Generals are losing face,
They know now, they can't win the race.
It's America who now sets the pace,
And keeps 'em rolling into space.
Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!
All us folks here at EOP,
Smile and chuckle in our glee.
We are doing our job for liberty,
We'll make them and roll them,
"By Gee."
Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

—**Bill Walters**, Group 5.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Orchids and stuff to **Blair Boyd, Fred Fidler, Ernie Entwistle** and **John Essel.** For nearly eight months these men have been coming to work from La Salle and vacinity, approximately 158 miles for the daily round trip, and none has missed a single day.

And here's one for the book or wherever you want to put it and mark it down for posterity. . . . **George Bevering**, the genial red haired expediter, pays **Harold Friend**, newsboy proprietor of the stand at the corner of Jefferson and Chicago Streets in Joliet, the magnificent sum of 25 cents a week for the use of his chair. George occupies the chair in state while awaiting his car each day and Harry, who is a friend indeed, chases anyone who may be sitting there when George looms up.

Virgil Rigdon has just recovered from an appendectomy which he underwent at a Joliet hospital. Friends in his building took up a collection and sent him a check to help him recoup his former vigor.

And all is quiet on the thirteen front since **"Noisy" Oscar Williams** went away for the week of August 3 to take what is presumed to be a vacation.

And here you have "News Of the Week" as **Fred Allen** used to say. . . . **Emerson Sanders** is in the market for a hog; he pines for it in fact, which makes it a sort of a "porkypine." What he will do with it is a matter of conjecture. . . . **Clarence Horschler**, who was once so shy and bashful that he would not go within a stone's throw of Building 14, spends most of his time there now. . . . **John Valle Rugo**, the "Kokomo Kid," says he is the best jitterburg in the area and will cut a rug with any comer. . . . The ever-popular **George Mobus**, has been transferred to Building 14.

Ralph Ritter made a worthwhile suggestion which met with the hearty approval of the editor. A copy of *The Bomb-Shell* will be mailed to each American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in the vicinity, which has a member working at EOP, for their reading rooms. So step up, comrades, and make known to this reporter the name and address of your post.

John Mazur (pronounced measure), who was a bay foreman, is now in the Navy and everyone is quite sure John will measure up. . . . Things are picking up in the fuze bay. Through some set of fortuitous circumstances several beauteous maidens, not the least attractive of whom are **Lucille (Red) Jordan, Florence Larrigan** and **Bertha (Boots) Sleezer**, have been added.

Personnel

LEE R. REYNOLDS
Correspondent

We hope that **Helen Bardi** is having a fine time on her little trip to Indiana and Ohio and we sincerely hope that those little boys in Kahki will not keep her away too long. Also we hear **Pat Carlos** is having a wonderful time on her vacation this week.

From complete and detailed reports of everyone present at **Lynn McCoskey** and **Larry McCann's** party we hear that a good time was had by *all.*

Good luck to **Carmen Steed** on her recent marriage which took place on August 5.

Greetings to **Anne Rick** who is back again in our midst having spent some weeks at the Age Certificate Office in the Administration Bldg.

Everyone missed the smiling face of **Jimmie Barrowman** for a few days and we were sorry to hear that he was ill.

Georgiana Flavan is back again in our midst after being home with an injured ankle. Will you never learn?

"Ike" Ayers, of the Reference Room, is one of the best talespinners we know, especially when he gives out with one of his travel talks. Just the other noon he bounced a great big beautiful doll on his knee while telling of his life in the army.

For real Southern Hospitality there is nothing like spending a lunch hour with **"Colonel" Blaydes** and his family in Wilmington.

Whoever said "There is nothing new in the world," never worked in a Personnel Department. A letter from a former employee was received recently addressed to THE ELMWOOD ORDERLY PLANT.

Dolly Lundquist and **Florence Dunterman** have been *heckled* since moving into another office in the Personnel Bldg. recently.

What Stage has a marriage reached when the couple become puzzle minded.

Fern Craig, well known Personnel Belle, from the Metropolis of Wilmington, believes in the old sayings, "The more the Merrier", and "What the other half doesn't know won't hurt him."

Catherine Smith needs only a hint of her own home town to talk about it. As you have already guessed it is Superior, Wisconsin.

The reason for the citizens of Joliet recently rating a curfew is **Henry (Wolf) Bales.**

We understand that **Jack Hogan** recently celebrated his birthday at the Commissary with his new lunch partner, Guess who?

We welcome **Jack Garnant** into our midst from the High Explosive Department.

FULL LENGTH POSES at work are taken by C. O. Finnegan (right) when he is engaged with Engineering Department drawings too large to handle from a sitting position. Donald Robertson is shown at left.

SMILING head of the EOP women guards is Mrs. Bernadette McNamara, pictured in her office at Richards Farm.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

George Shaw, Group 27, and **Edgar LeClair**, Group 62-1, attended the races the opening day at the Washington Park race track. They bet on Balloon in the first race and Balloon went up in the air at the quarter. They bet on Cabbage in the second race and Cabbage lost his head at the half. They finally bet on So Long in the last race and they waited so long for So Long to finish that when they arrived home all they had left in their pockets was their hands.

Edgar Coffey, Group 62-1, has gone vacationing and plans to spend some time in the old home town of Marion, Ohio.

The men who have left the Material Warehouse for the Armed Forces are **Foster W. Merker, James C. Powers, John E. Nemi-nich, Daniel H. Meyers, Hugh Corrigan, Joseph R. Ferguson, Ralph J. Neilson, Robert E. Jones, David B. Kendrick, Ben H. Miller, George Vercimak, John S. Ralph** and **Frank J. Walsh.**

Carl Adams, able and popular mechanic at the Richards Farm garage, wants to thank his many friends and fellow-workers for the beautiful flowers received at the time of his father's death. Carl's father, **Stephen Adams**, 73 years old, died Thursday, July 23, at Winchester, Ind., from a heart ailment.

Laverne Linstrom's last day of service as a material checker was July 27. From now on he serves with the U. S. Marines. And as the warehouse employees have always presented the fellows leaving our service to join the fighting forces with some token of friendship, Lindy was not forgotten. Here is the speech, word for word, by **Frederick Doubek** presenting Lindy with his remembrances:

"Friends, I am calling you friends because when our President addresses the nation he calls us friends. If we weren't friends we couldn't work together. We are the army behind our Army. Behind each soldier at the front there is a minimum of 25 workers at home. As long as we keep on working the soldiers keep on shooting. The reason for this gathering is to bid farewell to one of the youngest members of our organization who has enlisted with one of the greatest fighting forces, the Marines, and we all want to take this opportunity to wish him good luck and a victorious return to civilian life.

"Laverne Linstrom, always obey the law and respect your superior officers. Will you please come up and accept our good luck offering."

The Warehouse employees wish a speedy recovery to **Mrs. Stephen Felix**, wife of **Stephen Felix**, who was operated on July 27.

Herman Guard went up to Baraboo, Wis., on his vacation. After looking over a few of the rich dairy farms in that locality, he is not quite sure whether he wants to continue as a material checker or become a dairy farmer.

Harvey Ingersoll came back the other day after a week out in the sun all day at the Rock Road Construction Company. He was so well tanned that a little war paint and a feather headdress would have passed him into Gene Autry's rodeo as Big Chief Sitting Bull.

Ray Nicholson, Electric Shop, and **Ray Puffer**, 62-1, want to be matched in a thin man's two-legged race at the next picnic we have, with **John Markley**, the Hub, and **Uncle George Shaw**, Group 27.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Supt. H. S. Robb, upon hearing the pleasant voice over the phone of **Dagmar Peterson**, Mailing Department, quoted what Shakespeare long ago called "an excellent thing in woman—a voice that is soft, gentle and low."

Harold Groskreutz is spending his vacation on the old homestead.

Swan Sandahl is on a fishing trip in Minnesota. **Walter Britton** travelled from Joliet to Milwaukee.

Mike Doyle tells us how it started. Historians are now agreed that the Uncle Sam of the cartoonists was originally one **Samuel Wilson** of Troy, N. Y., who during the War of 1812 supplied meat to the troops. The soldiers began calling the meat "Uncle Sam's Beef." The name caught and soon everything belonging to the Government was referred to as Uncle Sam's. It is difficult to determine whether he resembled the cartoons, but the whiskers are known to have been added by the artists to personify the American government.

Joseph Green says he knows he is a pedestrian, because his wife is always out in his car.

Henry O'Reilly believes the best way to drive home an argument is to load her in the back seat.

Scott Soper knows a bargain is not a bargain, whenever he buys an automobile.

Presley Hankins remarked how the world does change. He read in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* in **Catherine Noonan's** column advice to the girls how to make liquid stockings, and the same day he read another article in which it said up to the year 1789 in England women were burned at the stake, because the Courts of the land felt that it was hardly chivalrous to swing a lady from the end of a rope and subject her to the indignity of exposing her limbs.

Donald Foutch says no one can accuse this department of not being in the scrap.

ATTENTION—SINGLE MEN

Dormitory rooms for single men are still available at the Wilmington Dormitory-Trailer Housing Project, just a few miles south of this plant.

Rental rates are $4.25 a week for a single room and $3 a week a person for a double room. Services include linens, maid service, hot and cold water, heat, electricity and the necessary room furnishings. Recreational facilities are receiving their due share of attention at the project.

Interested S & P employees are requested to contact their supervisors. War Department employees may call Seymour Kurantman, administrative assistant, Extension 3123.

CHORUS GIRLS, practicing for the "Bomb-Shell Revue", include this bevy of beauties from Group 6. Shown, left to right, are: Marie Evans, Barbara Greenwood, Lorena Wilhemi, Jane Barrowman, June Randolph, Gertrude Freeman, Shirley Hommes and Marian Hommes.

University of Illinois Offers Courses For War Workers Starting in Sept.

Wide Variety of Classes to Be Available; Superintendents and Safety Engineers Have Details

The University of Illinois, Division of University Extension, is planning to put on free courses of study this fall, running from September to Christmas, for all those who desire to train themselves along certain lines for the future. This is an opportunity to study while you are earning. Classes will be held in Joliet, evenings (2 years of high school or equivalent qualifies).

If you are going to be interested in any of the subjects posted below, please so indicate on a note to your superintendent or safety engineer stating in which course you are most interested. If enough men are interested in certain subjects, we will endeavor to have morning classes to take care of rotation of shifts.

The courses follow:

Elements of Electrical Engineering, Electrical Circuits, A.C. and D.C. Machines, Electrical Measuring, Instruments (Theory and Practice).

Fundamentals of Radio No. 1, Fundaments of Radio No. 2, Foundations of Engineering "A," Foundation of Engineering "B," Industrial Accounting "A," Industrial Accounting "B," Industrial Cost Accounting, Cost Standards for Industrial Control.

Office Management, Engineering Mathematics (In Service), Theory and Applied Mechanics, Industrial Strength of Materials, Foundry Sand Control, Elementary Tool Design, Elementary Machine Design.

Ordnance Material Inspection & Handling, Operations Inspection, Ordnance Inspection, Production Engineering, Time & Motion Study.

Pre-Foreman Training for Production Supervision, Supervisory Training, Safety Engineering, Aircraft Production Processes.

Personnel Management, Industrial Relations, Labor Relations, Internal Combustion Engines, Industrial Fuel Combustion.

Heat Treatment of Alloy Steels, Heat Treatment of Plain Carbon Steels, Metallurgy of Iron and Steel, Engineering Drafting, No. 1; Engineering Drafting, No. 4; Engineering Chemistry, Inorganic; Engineering Chemistry, Organic; Engineering Chemistry, Analytical; Chemistry of Powder and Explosives.

Sanitary Engineering for Emergencies, Aerial Bombardment Protection, Plane Surveying, No. 1; Map Drafting, Theory and Practice of Reinforced Concrete Design, Stress Analysis (Elementary), Indeterminate Structures, Structural Steel Design (Theory & Practice), Principles of Highway Engineering.

Haake Pitches No-Hit, No-Run Game Here

The softball league, made up of teams from the loading lines and the igloo groups, has been reorganized and enlarged to a nine-team league that is going along fine. **Lou Haake**, Group 70, set Group 3A down 6 to 0 with a no-hit, no-run game.

Group 61, a new entry in the league, handed Group 70 a 4 to 1 lacing at Group 70's diamond. Group 63, another newcomer, is blasting along at a fast pace.

The teams' standings are:

	Won	Lost
Group 62	3	1
Group 63	2	0
Group 66	3	1
Group 70	2	2
Group 2	2	1
Group 3	2	1
Group 3A	1	2
Group 61	1	3
Group 1	0	3

Do You Belong?

For July, 1942

"NO LOST TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 2
Group 3-A*
Group 7
Group 8
Plant Protection Dept.
High Explosives Dept.
Inert Storage Dept.
Sewer Dept.
Water Dept.
Inspection Dept.
Group 60
Group 61

*Athletic injury not chargeable to operations.

The foregoing groups had no "lost time" accidents during the month of July, 1942.

More Power to You

FUN

You Can't Beat It!

By "TINY" CAHOON

Guess we all had plenty of fun at the Summer Carnival Dance. Well that's the way it was planned by the committee, so if you liked the affair tell the committee members: **H. H. Red Bowler**, general chairman; **Carl Anker, H. E. Hafele, Marion Hyland, Annamarie Kinney, Karl Ulrich, Rube Medin, E. V. Sperling, R. C. Wilhelmi, John Olsen, Helen McGinnis** and **Mildred Delaney Rub.**

The baseball team went into reverse lately but it's nothing to get worried about and you can rest assured **Frank Wehrli** will have them in there fighting when the boys meet the Camp Grant Warriors in Morris September 15.

The tennis situation was run off one issue ahead of time so if you didn't read this column last issue get it out and take a gander.

EOP's softball team still rolls along and, believe me, the loyal fellows who are giving everything they have, deserve your wholehearted support any time you can cheer them on. They had *Rival* troubles.

The "Bomb-Shell Revue" is picking up momentum every day and the announcement of the date will be made very soon. I like the spirit of co-operation the various girl dance groups are showing and so does **Earl Carpenter.**

The bowling alleys are completed and will be opened for employees' use shortly. Can hardly keep **Rennie Ryan** off them. Why does a little girl pick out a cannon ball to play with? She doesn't do bad at archery though so youse guys better watch out.

Now, I want to thank you, every one of you fine people, who have been so kind to me and so cooperative with the EOP recreation program. Any compliment or glory it has received is directly responsible to your efforts. It's been a revelation to meet and know so many of you and if my Uncle Sam had not issued the call I would have been content to remain here as long as I had another laugh or smile left, but this war is serious business and we all must lay down our civilian activities when called to protect those activities.

I will follow your doings through *The Bomb-Shell* and your joys and sorrows will be mine wherever I may be, so I'll be seeing you. Remember, have *Fun—you can't beat it.*

Proposed Nursery as Service to Mothers in War Work to Be Discussed

USO Director Will Hold Conferences at Recreation Building August 19 and 20

Do you have children at home about whom you worry while you are at work? Do you know women in your community who are able to do war work, but have not been able to find a place to leave their children or to obtain "help" to look after their children while they are away from home? Would you be interested in having an organized, well planned nursery where your children could be cared for and given capable attention while you are organizations as the WPA, Civilian working at the plant?

Throughout our country such Defense, State Child Welfare Departments, USO, and other organizations are working out plans for just such nurseries where working mothers can leave their children in good care, while they are working on the production lines.

Mrs. Anne W. Lindsay, Joliet USO director, is interested in determining whether there are mothers at EOP who would like this service.

If you want to know more about it, Mrs. Lindsay will be here Wednesday, August 19, and Thursday, August 20, between 2 o'clock and 4:30 o'clock.

You are invited to the Recreation Building on those days to discuss your needs and learn about possible services.

EOP Golfers Defeat Ottawa Country Club

The EOP golf team turned in its share of honors when it defeated a crack Ottawa Country Club team at Ottawa July 26.

R. Stevens had low gross for the Plant team.

Bob Walsh, one of the star golfers of EOP, was unable to play due to an injured knee. The team is scheduled to meet the golfers of Fort Sheridan August 30.

These scores were turned in:

Name	Score	Points
Elwood		
A. Vicini	82	0
O. McCarthy	83	0
H. Vicini	89	2
R. H. Watt	84	3
R. Whipple	79	2
D. Nemanich	84	2
Red Bowler	89	2
R. Stevens	77	3
E. Swanson	84	3
T. Kowalski	88	1
Ottawa		
Caruso	74	3
Pierson	78	3
Claus	94	0
Moore	84	0
Hilliard	84	0
Kenyon	87	1
Rogers	85	2
Scannell	91	0
Silagy	89	0
Comstock	88	1

EOP Baseball Nine Hits Losing Streak

The EOP baseball team has hit a streak of bad luck, losing the last three games played. They bowed 4 to 0 to Manhattan, 12 to 9 to the strong Chanute Field Plainsmen and to the Kankakee State Hospital team, 9 to 0. These teams will play return games. **Manager Frank Wehrli** promises a little different story when they meet again.

Girl Sports Writer Has Hectic Moments

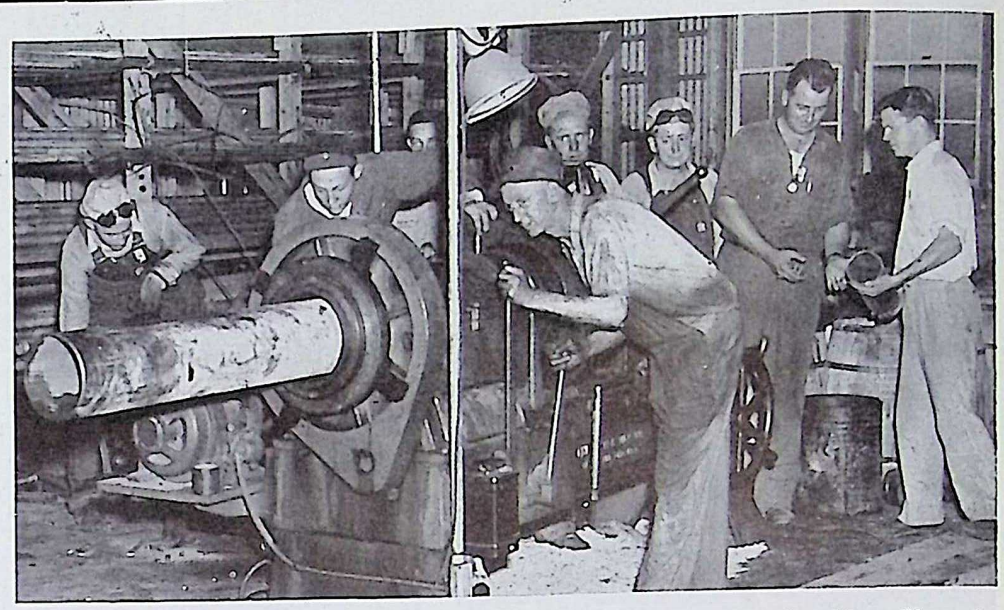
The EOP softball (*no, I'm sorry Mr. Cahoon isn't here*) went on its way (*Group 61? yes, you have booth 6 for the dance*) winning each game in (*Mr. Bailey's number is 4206*) which it (*Mr. Sperling is down stairs, I'll try and find him*) participated. Thursday night (*yes, madam, ladies' tickets for the dance are 55 cents*) the Fort Sheridan B. & C. School met their (*no, the bowling alleys aren't ready for actual playing as yet*) Waterloo at the hands of (*Oh, yes, this is the place to sign up for the boxing team*) the stalwart EOP All-Stars (*But, Mr. Bowler, we are working on the decorations for the Gym*). The Fort team was on a short end (*all right, Stuart Moloney, you may leave those drums in this office*) of a 14 to 1 score (*I'm sorry, Catherine Gorey, there won't be any tap dance rehearsals tonight*). But the boys of the Army Camp have (*you did hear right, Mr. Huey, he is now Captain Cahoon*) invited the EOP lads back to the Fort. (*Pinnafore meetings are held every Thursday evening, you're welcome, Miss Odenthal*). The next game will be played at Beecher (*Red Cross Office? I'd be delighted to join the Auxiliary Medical Corps*), Illinois. The battery for the game will be Washburn and Zaninni (*and if I have this many interruptions another day I will be NUTS*).

EDITOR'S NOTE. — The foregoing was written by Rennie Ryan, Recreation Department, in response to a request for information concerning softball.

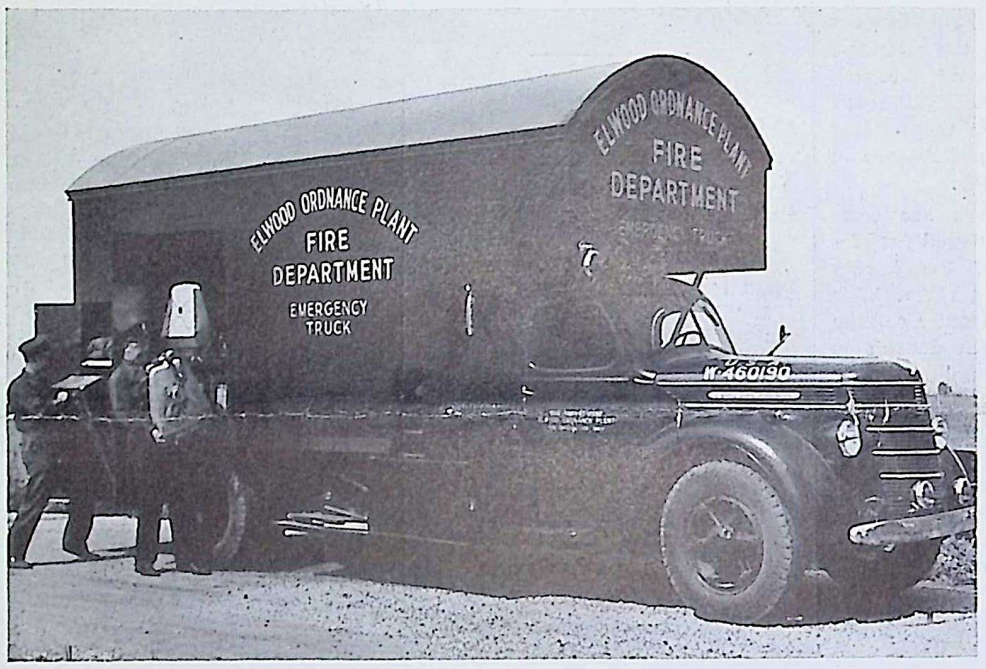
REHEARSALS for the "Bomb-Shell Revue," planned for early fall, are increasing in number and frequency under the guidance of Director Earl Carpenter. The Administration Area girls shown here with Mr. Carpenter are, left to right: Dorothy Maxwell, Ruth Bruning, Mary Philbin, Virginia Cashen, June Schiek, Annemarie Kinney, Anna Mae Thompson and, seated, Veranice Quade and Edith Lewis.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

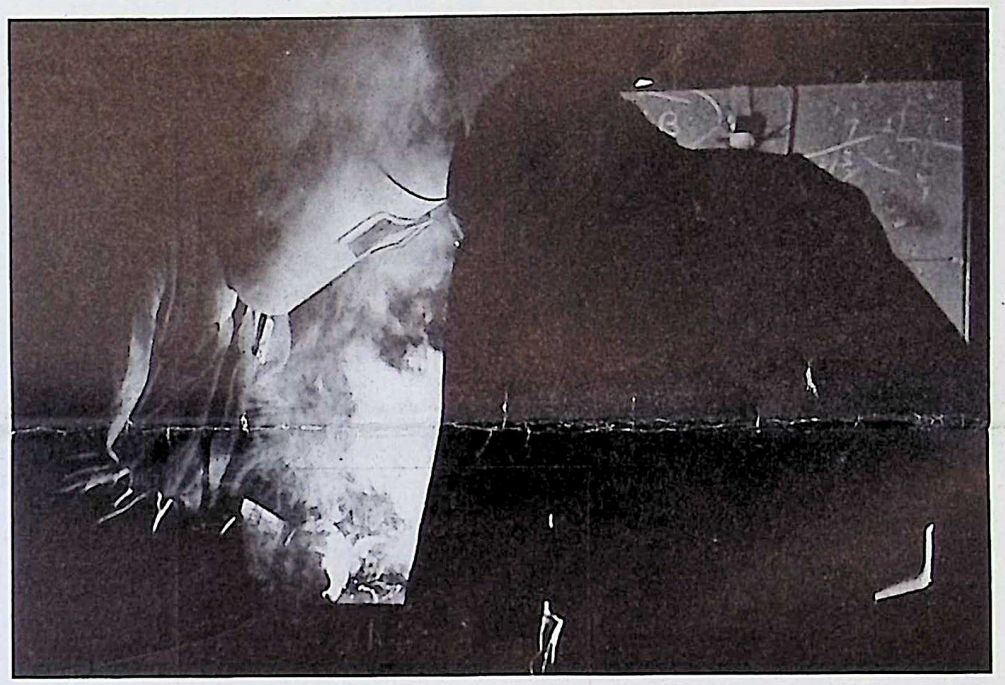
FREQUENT REHEARSALS are held by the budding EOP orchestra under the baton of Director Robert D. Stewart. Shown here are Mr. Stewart, Ed Stonich, guard, guitar; Joe Gutierrez, Group 70, violin; George Zelke, Fire Department, piano; Francis Buehl, timekeeper, alto sax; Geroad Riley, Richards Farm, alto sax; Norwood McLuckie, Group 3, tenor sax; Bob Peterson, Richards Farm, tenor sax; Stuart Moloney, Fire Department, drums; Ted Steger, inspector, trumpet; Joe Chismark, Richards Farm, trumpet; Frank Wesley, Group 62, trombone; Woody Cagwin, trombone, and Ralph Keck, Group 1, bass viol.



A GUN CREW is simulated by this group of workmen at the Pipe Shop in Group 70. They are posed around a pipe threading machine which has the appearance of a cannon when pipe extends from the front. Included, left to right, are Wilson Thomas, William Fisher, Carl Reardanz, Clarence Abbott, Clarence Regnier, W. M. Dale, superintendent; Robert Stack and John Leahy. The Pipe Shop is a busy place, but the workers smilingly complied with the photographer's request for an action shot.



COMPLETELY EQUIPPED with everything which might be needed is the Fire Department's emergency truck. Thomas Brown (left) and Louis Hildebrand are shown handling the oxygen tanks.



MEN FROM MARS might be the appellation of these two welders photographed at work in the Pipe Shop. They are William Fisher (left) and Marion Faulkner using electric welding equipment.

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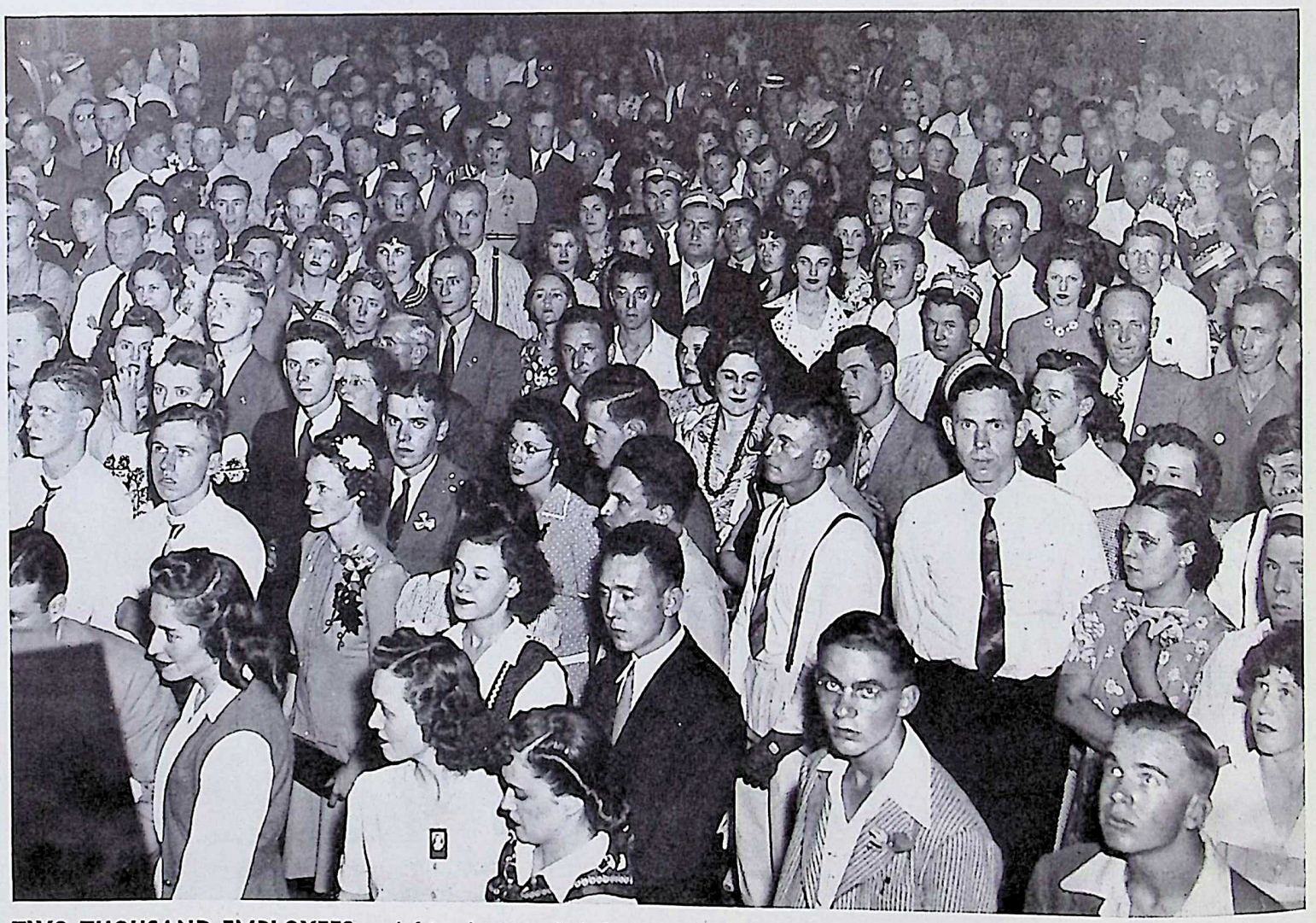

TWO THOUSAND EMPLOYEES and friends attended the Summer Frolic at the Recreation Building Saturday night, August 8. This picture of a part of the huge crowd was taken from the stage of the auditorium.

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Man Who Picked EOP Site Heads Ordnance Safety

Colonel Miles Last Here August 12 Is in Chicago Office

By Harrison Smith

Col. Francis H. Miles, Jr., recently appointed by Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, to the position of Director of the Safety Branch of the Ordnance Department, with headquarters in Chicago, is considered one of the most experienced Ordnance officers and explosive experts in the War Department.

Colonel Miles has served in many branches of the Ordnance Department, but none of his activities has been more important than those while he was assigned to the Ammunition Division by the Chief of Ordnance. In July, 1940, after being relieved as Commandant of the Army Industrial College, he assumed the position of Chief of the Ammunition Division and the responsibility of nominating contractor-operators for ammunition loading plants to be built on sites selected by him in many sections of the entire United States. Colonel Miles was responsible for and approved major design features for all new ammunition loading plants, and, in the interest of safety of both personnel and facilities, gave particular attention to the acquisition of plant sites of adequate acreage to allow spacing of explosive areas.

In September, 1940, Colonel Miles, with a number of his associates and members of the staff of Sanderson & Porter, visited the extensive farming area, later to become the site of Elwood Ordnance Plant, and with remarkable acumen, he pointed out locations which he thought most appropriate for the various operating and storage facilities. Colonel Miles' conception of what the general plant layout should be was remarkable, and very little deviation

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Durrenberger Is First Called for Troop Duty

Lt. William J. Durrenberger, chief of Stores and Transportation for the Ordnance Department at EOP, has received orders to report for troop duty August 30, it was announced by Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, commanding officer.

Other officers of troop age now assigned to EOP are expected to receive orders to report for troop duty within the near future as the result of War Department policies announced in Washington.

Lieutenant Durrenberger, stationed here since November 25, 1940, is a popular member of the EOP staff and has made many friends here and in Joliet. Born in Wadena, Minn., March 15, 1917, he was graduated from the University of Minnesota in business administration and mechanical engineering. Unmarried, his present home is Perham, Minn.

After completing a course in loading plant operation at the Picatinny Arsenal in 1940, Lieutenant Durrenberger came to EOP. He was promoted to first lieutenant May 9, 1942, and July 1 of this year was transferred from the Reserves to the Regular Army.

"... troops can not succeed without your support..."

COLONEL F. H. MILES, JR.
Director of Safety, Ordnance Department

SAFETY AND SECURITY at the Elwood Ordnance Plant cannot be acquired except through the co-operative effort of all concerned. All employes, the management, Sanderson & Porter, and the Government as represented by the Commanding Officer and his Staff, must all work together for the common end of production through safety.

Acting for the Chief of Ordnance, **Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr.**, the Explosives Safety Branch of his office hopes to help in making your plant a better, safer place in which to work, but the efforts of this branch will avail nothing without the co-operation of all of you at Elwood.

Be proud of your membership in the "Great Ordnance Production Family" and remember—"Our Troops cannot succeed without your unfailing support."

SAFETY is only another way of saying PRODUCTION.

—Col. F. H. Miles, Jr.

Riding Club Is Planned at EOP

Hear ye! Hear ye! All you cavalry men and equestriennes, take note. The Recreation Department has plans under way for a Riding Club. The club will ride at the Woodruff Stables in Joliet either on Sundays or evenings during the week. Those interested call Recreation Building, 4109.

Steps Up Hits Each Time at Bat

Frank Sharkey, catcher on the Group 1 softball team, gets the mythical EOP silver cup of the week. In a game with Group 66, Frankie did the almost unbelievable. The first time at bat he hit a single; the second time a double, the third time a triple and the fourth time a *home run*. The fifth time at bat Frankie took a base on balls.

Caution in Note Making Is Urged

Employees are asked by the Safety Department to use care in making notes. The workers are cautioned not to make notes which (1) could be carried out of the plant by mistake, (2) which could be lost or fall into wrong hands, (3) where making or possessing them might give wrong ideas to other employees.

Vacation Trips on Tire Board Rubber Banned

War Workers Told of Stiff Penalties as Public Watches

War workers who have received new or recapped automobile tires from rationing boards and use those tires for vacation travel are subject to a $300 fine, a year in prison or both, according to **Frank M. Bray**, Joliet, chairman of the Will County War Price and Rationing Board.

The penalties are provided in Section 35 (A) of the United States Criminal Code which makes it a criminal offense to make a false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within the jurisdiction of those departments and agencies, it was explained by **Mrs. Mildred Rose**, clerk of the board.

Mrs. Rose said that when war workers apply for tires they are required to say "I will drive my car exclusively for transportation to and from work and to carry passengers." It was pointed out that this statement precludes taking any trips.

"We are receiving complaints from the public," said Mr. Bray, "that employees of munition plants, who have received recapped or new tires on their affidavit that they are to be used exclusively for necessary travel to and from work, are using these tires for long vacation trips. As the board has no police powers, our only recourse will be to file complaints in such cases and deny further service to those who so use their tires.

"While the complaints so far received have been general in character, the board has received promises of reports of specific cases with names and license numbers and will have to take the action outlined. Those not eligible for tires or recaps are keeping close watch on those who do and we are continually receiving complaints of over-speeding, reckless driving and abuse of tires."

Mr. Bray and Mrs. Rose expressed appreciation to the EOP Tire Committee for the co-operation given them and were joined in this attitude by **R. F. Knott**, Ottawa, chairman of LaSalle County Board No. 50-1, and **Ben R. Hall**, Streator, chairman of LaSalle County Board No. 50-2.

Articles in *The Bomb-Shell* describing the effort to save rubber and the activities of the tire rationing boards also were praised as contributions to the war program by the board executives.

Firemen Set Annual Picnic for Sept. 2

Call a halt to all worries and join the fun at the annual EOP Firemen's Picnic at Oak Grove, Rockdale, Wednesday, September 2. The firemen promise that this picnic will be "bigger, greater, grander and more glorious" than any picnic to date. Headliners in entertainment will be games, prizes and dancing.

The picnic will start at 8 o'clock in the morning and last through the evening to accommodate employees on all shifts. The 25 cent admission ticket also includes a chance to win a War Bond.

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No Duds from EOP

Importance of the war job being done at EOP was emphasized forcefully and dramatically for those employees and members of their families who read the series of articles beginning August 16 in *The Chicago Sun* by **Benjamin Proulx**, Canadian Naval Reserve officer, who fought through the siege of Hong Kong, was taken prisoner by the Japs and finally escaped to Canada.

Can any one question that loading line workers are soldiers after reading these words of the escaped prisoner, "The Japs had been shelling us from every angle for days, but *30 per cent of the shells had been duds* and they had been using three-inch shells which made a lot of noise but hadn't been able to do more than nick and splinter the concrete walls."

Read these excerpts from Proulx's gripping story and you'll realize why EOP workers are sure shell and bombs they load *will not be duds.*

"I knew that when you try to escape from a Japanese military prison and fail you are not merely captured and put back in prison. You are put to death.

"There are a variety of ways in which the Japanese can put you to death. In the 18 days of the hopeless fighting at Hong Kong I had seen what the short, squat men with the long, dangling arms and blank faces could do to the human body with a bayonet. I knew what they did to women what they did to men who tried to protect these women.

"It was all the same. It was death. But it wasn't a clean death. It was dirty. You died with a stench in your nose or your eyes filled with nightmares or your eardrums taut and bursting with sound. Or when you were captured as a prisoner of war you were lined up and machine gunned in the back.

"That was the way the fighting was at Hong Kong. That was the way the fighting was, too, at the Repulse Bay Hotel and I will tell you about that also—of the 200 women, children and infants who were captured there by the Japanese—of the men who went out to meet what they thought was certain death that these prisoners might live.

"But I think first I should tell what the inside of a Japanese military prison is like. I suppose the best way to tell this is to start with the surrender of our forces to the Japanese at Hong Kong. Then it can be seen exactly how Japanese act toward people they conquer.

"I do not think it makes any difference whether the people they have conquered are British, Canadians, Eurasians or Americans. They do not have a little gauge by which they measure their amount of hatred. It is all the same with them.

"So I think the treatment I received would be the same as that given to an American boy from Illinois or New York or anywhere. And it would not make much difference either if you were a colonel or a private. The Japanese are great levelers."

Bombs and shells loaded at EOP will *not* be duds!

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

The fresh air and good clean living of many of our fellow workers here at the world's greatest ordnance plant have certainly had an expansive effect on the haebus corpi that are seen daily waddling their energetic way from one chore to another. There is too much evidence of good hard work to permit the thought of inactivity, but, nonetheless, as each page is torn off the calendar, there seems to be another circumferential inch added in many places, which, if you permit this editorial indignity, were nothing but paunches to begin with.

It is not your correspondent's province to resolve the metabolic processes involved here, but it is too much of a temptation to stifle a bit of imaginative roving as he passes these two-legged globular beings in his daily stint. The present condition of this mundane sphere induces the mirage of the world itself every time a spheroid, ovoid, or even elliptical torso is seen puffing itself up the stairs.

To carry the vision a bit further, the summer weather forced the shedding of coats and then came the vision of great circles, arcs, parabolas and the like.

Now take the belt lines. Many of them still maintain a pure equatorial path, but my friends, cast an eye on our good friend **George Morrison** down Fuze and Booster way—follow his belt around from tip to buckle, and you will envision a trip through the Antipodes. The buckle seems to stand there as a monument to Sydney, Australia, while that stout piece of leather serenely traces a path through Valparaiso, Chile, and on across lonesome oceans for a stopover at Capetown, South Africa, and finally the home stretch o'er the Indian Ocean, a doff of the hat at Adelaide (a town, if you please) and then back to dear old Sydney.

The **Honorable Gernald R. Kintzel** doesn't go in for those "down-under" affectations; cast an eye on that hawser that prevents a kintzellian explosion and you will find a trace of good old native loyalty directing the belt through such hamlets as El Paso, New Orleans, Savannah, and all good eating places in between.

Another member of our little, but ever growing, coterie is **Claude Sayre**, the master of things concrete. Nothing abstract about his belt line. He probably doesn't realize it, but he gives himself away completely. Look at his belt and what do you find. Right the first time. Claude leads that girdling cable with nostalgic gentleness right back through his old haunts—watch carefully, and there you have it . . . Lima, Peru, and then a bee-line on to La Paz, Bolivia, thence through mountain, jungle and plain to Rio De Janiero . . . just a carefully disguised record of past events.

E. O. Huey of the Plant "Predilection" Department is also a stalwart member of the Clan. He goes in for more native routes and without much effort you can follow that chrome tanned binding of his and see his every thought as it cuts swath from Denver through St. Louis and then with a devotion that only a born Kentuckian can lavish, straight through the good old Blue Grass country with a slight pause at Louisville and then on to the hills with their billies.

It's a great study, folks—by their belt lines you shall know them, and the bigger they get, the more accurately do they portray the paths they have trod. But, of course, it must be the fresh air.

PASSES AND REJECTS

By Vernon C. Bailey

Many changes are evident in *The Bomb-Shell's* reportorial family as the photographs in the departmental column headings are changed. In this issue, the smiling countenance of **Lucy Harkness** is missing from the Hospital column. Lucy did a swell job and the staff wish her good fortune in her new position with the War Department in the Joliet Post Office. Replacing her as Hospital correspondent is winsome **Evelyn Richards**, a laboratory technician, who has artistic as well as journalistic talents.

Other changes include the substitution of **Nicholas Belluso** for **Milton Treitel** as Timekeeping correspondent. The editor's thanks are extended to Milton for his splendid help in getting *The Bomb-Shell* underway. Nicholas shows considerable promise as a reporter and has a style refreshing and invigorating. **Marjorie Howerton** has replaced **Jack Garnant** in the High Explosives column and is doing grand work. Jack was transferred to Personnel Department where **Lee Reynolds** should be able to make good use of his ability.

Frank J. Skoff disappeared from the Fire Department heading following his call to the armed forces. If Frank works as hard with the Army as he did for *The Bomb-Shell* promotions should come rapidly. **Geraldine M. Ward** joined the family as the representative of the Ordnance Inspection Department and is already considered a valuable ally.

The effervescent column of **"Tiny" Cahoon**, under the provocative heading, "Fun," also is missing from this issue, since "Tiny" left to be a captain in the Army.

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Watch the Shoulders

W. B. "Farmer" Manchester has placed whitewashed stones along the sides of the black top roads in the Administration Area. They add attractiveness to the area's appearance, but they are more important, according to **A. M. Lockwood**, superintendent of utilities, in reminding motorists to guard against driving on the shoulders of these and all other roads. Shoulder-driving not only wears away the roads, but tires as well.

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Office Is Moved

Well, we're right back where we started. Editorial offices (all one of them) of *The Bomb-Shell* have been moved from the kitchen of the Recreation Department to where the tabloid was launched, in the office until recently occupied by the Recreation Department, just off the dance floor. Visitors are cordially welcomed.

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Club Is Planned

Fellowship in evidence at the farewell dinner tendered **C. Harold Taylor**, former EOP executive secretary, led to a decision to seek repetition of meetings of department heads at regular intervals. **A. E. Frosch**, superintendent of the Engineering Department, has been charged with working out details and is busy with the task.

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Faces Red, Maybe?

Capt. David P. Tunstall, EOP public relations officer, received a letter from **Charles Berry**, editor of *Firepower*, thanking him for his missive concerning the official business of Mr. Berry and **Fred Toy**, *Firepower* pix man, on their recent visit here. Charles said copies of the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* had just been received in Washington and that if it hadn't been for the Captain's letter, he and Fred would have had a hard time convincing the editorial board they really made some ordnance pictures here. (Remember the ladder photo?) Seriously, however, *Firepower* carried an excellent picture of EOP "block busters" in its last issue, and will have more EOP photographs in coming issues. Watch for them.

Thrilling Army War Show Set for Soldier Field in Chicago Sept. 2-12

EOP Employees May Obtain Tickets for Spectacle at Superintendents' Offices; Many Plan to Go

America's answer to the Axis will be vividly portrayed by the Army War Show at Soldier Field, Chicago, September 2, through September 12.

Every branch of Army service will be shown in the huge Battle Depot adjacent to Soldier Field and open from 2 to 10 p. m. daily, while the story of how U. S. soldiers live, work, train and fight, climaxed with a realistic battle action, will be staged each of the 11 nights, rain or shine, in the great amphitheatre starting at 8:30 o'clock. EOP employees may obtain tickets for 55 cents each at their superintendent's office.

More than 30 war planes from the Sixth Service Command will zoom overhead at the start of each performance. Led by **Capt. Samuel Cutler**, these fighting planes will be sent through an intricate routine of maneuvers, and Captain Cutler will communicate with the audiences through his short wave radio. Following will be demonstrations by the infantry, machine gunners, engineers who will erect a pontoon bridge and the signal corps who will install and operate a field telephone system.

The motorized artillery will demonstrate its speed and effectiveness and the 12-ton tanks will pulverize ancient automobiles. Tank-destroyers, with 75 mm. guns, will rumble around the arena and the leaping jeeps will whirl through dizzy space. Medical men will show how they perform under fire and the flame throwers of the chemical warfare service will heat the remote corners of the stands with their devastating streams of fire. Colored cavalrymen from Fort Riley, Kansas, many of whom had never ridden before January 1, will show the results of carefui training by their superb horsemanship.

All of the units of this provisional task force, under the command of **Col. Wilson T. Bals**, will take part in the battle action, and the ground will shake under the rumbling tanks, the roar of the 105 mm. guns, the bark of the Garand rifles and the machine guns.

Maj. Charles S. Hart, War Department representative with the Army War Show, has set the Chicago attendance goal at more than 800,000 persons, which means that around $400,000 should be raised for the Army Emergency Relief Fund. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Akron, Detroit, Milwaukee, Des Moines and Omaha have given this spectacle great throngs at almost every performance.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

James Dillree won the door prize at the recent EOP carnival dance. It is rumored that James was permitted to take the $25 War Bond home—to **Mrs. D.**

"Fresh fish for you 'eels' " is the promise of all the boys going on their vacations. Another pun like that, together with the expected sea food, will make up a dainty dish of fish and "corn" fritters.

For the benefit of the long neglected — the next issue of *The Bomb-Shell* will contain a "who's who" of the lads at Stations 2 and 3.

Indian Chief Grover Alexander and his tribe of medicine men will make their debut during the coming black-out. Music will be furnished by **Drummer Boy Bert Benson** and **Squeeze Box Stanley Murawski** with the Plainfield flash. **Ralph Rausch**, at the mouth organ. **Scoutmaster Len Jessen**, of Troop 1, will give an exhibition of knot tying.

Clarence Horschler has enlisted in the Air Force.

Francis Keeley of Station 3 must have been a drummer in his day, every once in a while tee-dummy-dumming to himself.

The Fire Department has hired a nationally known detective agency to discover just why **Frank Scoma** is being paged as "Sugar Plum," and on the eve of his wedding too.

The breezy note from **Alex Tihay**, now stationed in Miami at the Air Force Officers' Training School, was as welcome as a bubble dance by **Lana Turner.**

Guys in disguise . . . **Wayne Barber** without his chewing gum. **Chief Roy W. Mortenson** without his pencil collection. **Frank Nolan** without **Glen Wilfong. Homer Druin** without his Red Man. **Robert Connelly** without a gas mask. **William Davis** without Group 8. **Len Jessen** without 10 cigars. **Cliff Weiss** without hay fever. **Al DeBolt** without Pontiac. **Tom Billadeau** without four short changes in five days. **Pat Rodgers** without Scotland. **Lou Hildebrand** without Group 3-A. **Andy Elias** without his flower gardens. **Glynn Seale** without a Buick. **Bill Day** without his egg crate. **William Reichert** without his Jinx.

"He says his friends all call him 'Butterfingers'!"

First Letters from Across the Seas Received from ex-EOP Employees

Microfilm Missive, Message from India, Pleas for News from Home Included in Service Men's Mail

Mail from former EOP employees now in the armed forces received in the last two weeks was marked by the first microfilm letter from across the seas, a letter from the Indian Desert and a card saying that the picture of the two-ton "block busters" in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* was a hit with the boys in camp at Dowling, Mich.

Reproduced elsewhere on this page, the letter from **John Hudek** aboard the U. S. S. Fulton somewhere in the Pacific was the first of the new microfilm messages received. The service man's letter is photographed on a small film along with other letters and the film is sent to America where it is developed, and photostatic copies are made for delivery to the addressees through regular mail channels.

Pvt. L. C. Hartong, who is on desert maneuvers and whose letter was forwarded from Los Angeles, wrote that he is "now in the India Desert, where it gets 135 degrees and better, although the nights are cooler, around 110 degrees."

From the U. S. Coast Guards Training School at Dowling, Mich., **Edward Golgin** wrote that he was glad to receive *The Bomb-Shell* and reads it "from the first page to last."

COMMISSIONED as an officer, Lt. Edward Mack's former associates at EOP are proud of his rise, according to Edward Copp, foreman Building 4, Group 3. Lieutenant Mack was a timekeeper here before joining the armed forces.

Bomb Pictures Liked

"I would like to see more news in it about the men in Group 2," Mr. Golgin continued. "I am in my third camp since I enlisted. I was at Grand Haven, Mich., and St. Mary Lake, outside of Battle Creek. That was a good picture of those block buster bombs. Many men here had no idea of what a bomb looked like."

Sgt. Clarence V. Emhouser, stationed at Camp Polk, La., enclosed a photograph in his letter which he said was intended for the bulletin board in the Guards House. It will go there, but first it is reproduced elsewhere on this page.

"Civilians will never be able to understand," wrote Sergeant Emhouser, "just how much it means to the soldier to get news from home. While in the employ of Sanderson & Porter, I was Guard No. 94. I have been appointed First Sergeant of Co. C, 56th Engineers Battalion, Armored Division."

Pvt. Robert Walsh, Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., said he had been passing *The Bomb-Shell* around to several other men from Joliet at his camp and urged that the mailing be continued, "as we would be lost without it."

"I am at Lincoln, Neb., taking an airplane mechanics course," said **Pvt. Ivan C. Nelson.** "I like it fine here. I worked in Group 1, Building 10, on the 11:30 to 7:30 shift. My foreman was **Matthew Wycoff.**"

Would Welcome Letters

"During my employment at Elwood," wrote **Pvt. Earl W. Burkhart,** Ft. Knox, Ky., "I worked under **E. G. McAloon** on a dump truck, and so had a hand in construction of all groups. Some of the faces in your pictures are new, others are of old friends with whom I worked. I would enjoy hearing from anyone at all who would care to write."

"I used to work in Group 1," said **Pvt. Joseph J. Kopczick,** Camp Forrest, Tenn., "and here is hoping that you keep the shells rolling because I know that the boys across need them and I hope to be there using them myself pretty soon."

Pvt. Sam Holtzman, Ft. Warren, Wyo., said *The Bomb-Shell* "takes me back closer to home and where I met so many new friends." He added that "this is a good way to say hello to all the boys in Group 3."

"I am still stationed at San Bernardino Air Depot in California," penned Pvt. Louis Fritz. "At present I am camp librarian and I also sell War Bonds to the soldiers. I am connected with the Chemical Unit and find air life very interesting. Keep up the good work of making bombs that are used on the enemies."

Values Paper Highly

"You could never realize," said **Cadet Richard Oldani,** Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., "what a treat it is to read about all my old friends at EOP and especially my old friends at Group 2. **James J. Murphy** was very swell to me the six months I worked for him and it's swell to hear about him, **Ed Keenan, Georgie Zobel** and all the other swell fellows from Group 2."

"Outside of personal letters there is nothing more appreciated than the news from EOP," wrote **H. Emmett McCullouch,** Naval Training School, Chicago, former secretary to **E. A. Evans.** *The Bomb-Shell* "really is something to look forward to in more ways than one."

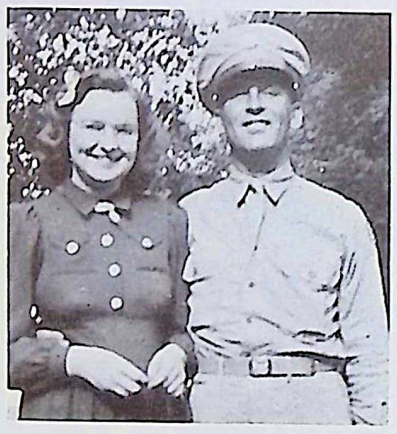
"The last issue received," continued Yeoman McCullouch, "sure was filled with plenty of news for me, also, to my surprise, about me. Almost got a lump in my throat when I saw the picture of the Field Engineers. They sure looked good to me. **'Jersey' Klegman** was a sight for sore eyes; with that same look that makes us wonder if he really means it.

"One article which was of interest to me was where employees were urged to write to men in the armed forces. Couldn't you stress that point in almost every issue? Everyone knows some boy that is far away from home . . . help keep up their spirits so they can help put EOP bombs where they belong. If you could see some of the lonely faces waiting for mail, you would write every day to someone."

Hudak Address Changed

Pvt. Wendell E. Sumner, Air Corps Training Detachment, Kansas City, Mo., said he wishes "to thank the people who make it possible for the boys in the service to read about the folks who are keeping things rolling back home. Best of luck and keep those shells and bombs coming."

Pvt. Thomas W. Birkey, Eglin Field, Valpariso, Fla., declared it is "very interesting to read about a lot of fellows I used to work with and it makes me feel as though I am right at home . . . keep 'em loaded."



DOUBLE war responsibilities are borne by this couple. Mrs. Bette Claudin is employed in Group 5, while her husband, Pvt. John M. Claudin, who formerly was in Group 1, Building 6, is stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.

"I like the paper very much," said **Pvt. Harold H. Hudak,** who was formerly stationed in California, but apparently has left the country, as his address is now in care of the Postmaster at New York. "I have noticed in it pictures of fellows with whom I've worked, very interesting."

Is Weapon Instructor

"We have moved from Camp Haan, Calif., to Camp Polk, La.," related **Pvt. LaVerne Voss.** "We had a very nice trip across country and we passed through the entire state of Texas. California was a much better state than this, but I believe the weather here is better. I like Army life very well and I like the outfit I am in. We are a field depot, but we have a lot of work to do and we supply quite a few companies for being so small."

Earl Fredricksen wrote from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland that he resigned from Group 7 to enlist for the duration. "I have completed a course here in machine gun and airplane cannon," said Mr. Fredericksen, "followed by a course in public speaking, and I am now teaching these various weapons."

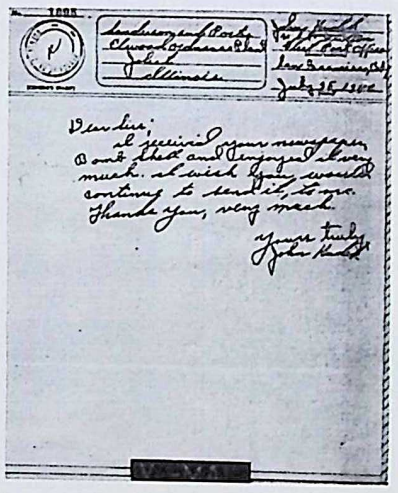
Letters and cards also were received from the following: **Pvt. William E. Wingate,** Washington, D. C.; **John Mazur,** Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. Elvin Skinner,** Willow Run, Ypsilanti, Mich.; **Pvt. Hilbert Nelson,** Athens, Ga.; **Pvt. A. E. Gresham,** Logan, Utah; **Pvt. Joseph R. Ferguson,** Downey, Calif.; **Pvt. L. L. Peterson,** Keesler Field, Miss.; **Pvt. Donald L. Phillips,** Camp Beauregard, La.; **Pvt. Albert A. Eilers,** Ft. Knox, Ky.; **Lt. A. W. Price,** Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky.; **Sgt. Rudolph R. Weise,** Camp Crowder, Mo.; **Pvt. Frank A. Cholewa,** Camp Shelby Miss.; **Pvt. Robert C. Vignocchi,** Camp Swift, Texas; **Pvt. G. F. Brunacci,** Camp Lee, Va.; **Pvt. Clinton P. Connelly,** Camp Swift, Texas.

PRODUCTION RECORDS are being examined by Harrison Smith, resident partner of Sanderson & Porter, and Seton Porter (left), another S & P partner, whose office is in New York. Mr. Porter, who also is president of National Distillers Products Corporation, visited EOP August 21.

EOP Honor Roll

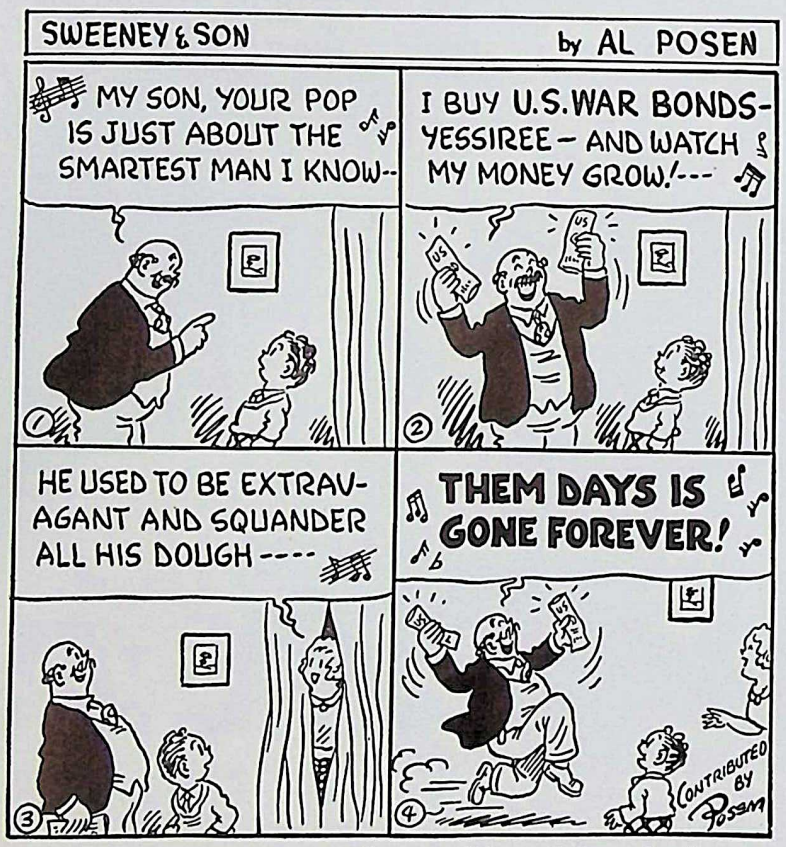
This is another group of former EOP employees now in the Nation's armed forces. Write those whom you know, a letter. Call Line 4206 for addresses.

J. Philip Allison
Anton Bacidore
John R. Barr
Russell Bedford
Herbert Bellot
Coy Bobbitt
William Boehnert
James Brougham
Guy Brunacci
Clayton Bryant
Walter Burns
Ben Caldwell
George Carroll
LaVerne Christensen
George Clementz
Clinton Connelly
Alonzo Corder
Lavern Day
Thomas DeVore
Julius Dorich
Bruno Duma
Edward Dwyer
Walter Fiscus
David Fornell
Ervin Friant
Frank A. Gibbs
Edward Golgin
Julius Gould
Joseph Harvat, Jr.
William Hawkinson
Edward Heard
Robert Hilliard
Robert Hodgdon
Neal Horrie
Donald Hostetter
Earl Hutchinson
Peter J. Karolcik
Robert T. Kelly
Harold Koehl
Earl G. Konrad
Sherman LaCost
Edmund Lambert
Herbert Loeb
Edward J. Long
Edward Mack
Sylvester Marchiniak
John Mazur
James Mennie
Morris Meyers
Harry Miles
Ben Miller
James W. Milus
John L. Minarich
Victor Minarich
Kenneth Mitchell
George Monck
Frank H. Monk
Selah Morey
Harold Morrison
Warren Morrison
James W. Mott
Eugene J. Muraro
Frank McCarthy
Harry Roles
Lawrence Ross
James Scagnelli
George Schroeder
Bernard Schwab
George Shepley
Irving Simons
L. A. Southcomb
Anthony Stassi
John A. Vilt
William Walsh
John F. Watson
J. R. Wehrli
Glenn Wheeler
Edward Wyciskalla
Joseph Zaversnik
Casimir Zolla



V-MAIL is the name given to the microfilm letters now being received from those in the armed forces across the seas. This letter from John Hudek, aboard the U. S. S. Fulton, is the first of this type received from a former EOP employee.

TOP-KICK or first sergeant is now the rating of Clarence V. Emhouser, formerly Guard 94 at EOP, who sent this photograph from Camp Polk, La., for the bulletin board in the Guards House here.



—Courtesy Chicago Tribune Syndicate.

CONSTRUCTION RECORDS of great value to the Nation's war program were achieved by the various divisions under the supervision of A. M. Lockwood, superintendent of utilities, in getting Building 12 prepared for resumption of complete loading operations in Group 2. Mr. Lockwood assembled the group shown here when he was asked to get those responsible for the feat together. Pictured in the composite photo, left to right, are: First row, Leo Warren, George Shiner, John DePratt, W. M. Dale, Cliff Morris, T. M. Singer, W. M. Ryan, L. Beverly, J. W. Stark, John Gaffney, D. Dwyer, R. Reardon, M. Bitterman, E. Berry, H. Wilder, J. H. Ryan, J. H. Henderson and Mr. Lockwood; second row, R. Walker, E. Dupree, W. Wolford, S. A. Brown, C. J. Taylor, Claude Sayre, I. C. Harbour, V. Kindelberger, George Pancake, Milford Green, Donald Watchorne, John V. Kinsey, E. H. Morphey, J. Redman, J. Johnson, Carl Adams, H. Diekman, C. Rynearson, J. Prisk, F. Gebhardt and George Abel; third row, H. Chayer, M. Glade, Thomas French, C. L. Utley, W. H. White, S. Griffith, C. Fuller, M. Lamphere, L. Wilhelmi, J. A. Cocker, E. Kocielko, Thomas Scott, O. K. Campbell, R. Harder, F. Knop, J. Boggetto, E. J. Egan, Tom Hayes, A. Strasser, H. Hapeman, D. Turner, A. McCarthy, F. Malfotti, H. Forsburry and J. Keene.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

"Contributors are very few
And very far between.
It just seems people don't come through
With news they've heard and seen."
So said Shimek, as she strove to meet,
With outlook that was dour,
A most tremendous sort of feat—
The Bomb-Shell deadline hour.
"I'm happy now," quoth she one day
"That there are quite a few
Who loyally send their news this way
Whenever it is due."
And 'tis these few who've staked their claim,
By helping every way,
In *The Bomb-Shell* Hall of Fame
And bring you news today.

—Nancy Sherwood.

Bus Billets
—from **Eddie Koerner**

Uncle Sam is beginning to take heavy toll among the bus drivers. **John Bonas** reported for active duty August 20 and **Bob Kelly, Charles Wright** and **Lester DeBolt** are scheduled to leave later this month.

The Bus Drivers' ball team has embarked on a series of night games after defeating all teams in the Fuze & Booster area with the exception of the All Stars, a team composed of the cream from all groups, who defeated the drivers 9 to 5. The first night game was played at Herscher, Ill., against the Standard Oil team of that town and ended in a victory for the drivers 11 to 9.

The next night game will be played at Herscher, August 30, against Reddick, Ill. You are urged to attend and root for the drivers, as they're trying to spread EOP fame far and wide.

Robert Hayes was injured in a collision with another ball player in a game at Joliet last week and was confined to the hospital for two days. He is expected back on the job within a couple of weeks.

The carpenters have been kept busy the last several days enclosing the busses to protect patrons from the inclement weather and the winter winds soon to come. Addition of several new units is expected shortly.

Louis "Peter" Peterson is now bus dispatcher at Fuze & Booster, having replaced **Eddie Koerner**, who has returned to driving.

Ray Pratt, mechanic, has been assigned to service busses and he is keeping them in A-1 running order.

Radio Communications
—from **Kathryn Richardson**

For what office is **Barney Johnson** campaigning? The other day at the Radio Department he was overheard setting forth the following platform: "And, my dear people, if I am elected I shall see that you get a bigger 5-cent cigar, a fuller lunch pail and an extra squirt of jelly in every bismarck." Could he possibly have been appealing to **Gus Hahn**, who has trained his wife to pack a five-sandwich lunch bucket?

Merle Eberhart was seen stamping up and down, later taking off in a zigzag direction across the lawn. It seemed he was cutting a rug, but he says that it was all because of a gopher and Merle doesn't go for gophers.

All would like to know who the person from the Radio Department is who had the nerve to bring that fishhead out to work. The rest of the fish baked and on a platter would have been much more interesting.

Machine Shop Messages
—from **Marie Studer**

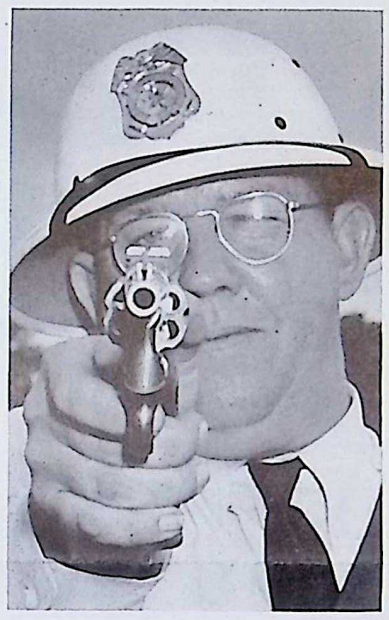
Helen Mandzuk, of **J. A. Cocker's** office, is one of those lucky persons who enjoyed a vacation last week.

The sense of humor and disposition of **Edward Bick**, draftsman, is one to be envied.

Ervin Schweizer has returned to work after a week's vacation.

Sheet Metal Sentences
—from **Jess Thomas**

The employees of the Sheet Metal Shop gave a party in Joliet August 18, honoring **Bob Downey** and **Earl Emerick**, who are leaving to enter the armed forces. Each was given a parting gift by which to remember his co-workers when he is out there handing it to Adolf-Hirohito, Inc. Everyone had a great time.



BARREL of a .38 caliber pistol is shown in the expert hand of Supervising Sergeant William Maskel, shooting instructor for the EOP guards. Sergeant Maskel was formerly with several small arms manufacturers.

Will the person who found the lunch kit containing two pairs of glasses please return it to the Sheet Metal Shop at Group 70, as the glasses are badly needed by the owner.

Laundry Letters
—from **Rita Link** and **Bernadine Meister**

Evelyn Speers of Odell brought two of her little puppies to give away and the pups really did make themselves at home. Evelyn and **June Million** are returning to school in September.

Betty Neuman put one over on the girls last week by returning to work as **Mrs. Urben Frazier.**

Mrs. Francis Walsh and **Mrs. George Kinnard** were recent visitors to the Laundry.

Lucille Thurman of Streator is all smiles again since she has her Pontiac back in circulation.

The "Laundry Bags" are singing "Miss You" since **Claudia Palson, Mac Ida Bobbit** and **Cassie Reichman** have been transferred to the second shift.

Welcome is extended to **Clara** and **Clarice Lieb**, better known as "Dickie" and "Billie." They are the first twins employed in the Laundry.

Shift Number 2 had a pot-luck supper August 15 as a farewell party for several girls. Those who left are **Ann Sexton, Roberta Henn, Doris Brian** and **Jean Kinsella.**

Rita Link is leaving to continue her nursing training. Rita has done fine work as a reporter for *The Bomb-Shell.*

Helen Murphy, a sweet *little* girl, has joined the staff as just another "Laundry Bag."

Locksmiths Hold Picnic
—from **Harry "Doc" Craig**

The Locksmith Shop had a picnic August 16 at Aux Sable Creek. The boys showed they are expert badminton players and will accept challenges. **Tim Thompson** claims the title as badminton champion of this group. He also says he is a good fisherman, but since the picnic his co-workers are convinced that he was bragging in true fisherman style.

Telephone Tid-bits
—from **Elaine Christman**

W. A. Buck has completed his dot and dash vacation—by the looks of him he is all *dash.*

Gertrude Crowley, telephone operator, has returned from a trip to Sault Ste. Marie. **Edna Beach** is now vacationing.

Frank Kuechenmeister is spending his vacation at Loon Lake, Antioch, Ill.

Helen Baker is resigning to return to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Here and There

E. G. McAloon, master mechanic, spent Tuesday, August 18, in Detroit on business.

William Bambula has declared war on the mice in the Electric Shop. After hearing several reports of mice-nibbled lunches, Bill got a new mouse trap to aid in stopping the theft. He caught four mice the first night and said, "I think I got them all." But he saw one the next night. Back went the trap until finally 45 mice had been caught. Bill thought this was quite an accomplishment. What he didn't know was that the boys would watch him clean out the trap and immediately after he left would replace the same dead mouse in the trap!

T. Costello, pipefitter, left for the Navy August 14.

Lyle Sweetland, Paint Shop, has returned from a fishing trip in the woods of Northern Wisconsin. His friends in the Paint Shop are still waiting for all the fish promised them.

Another fisherman, **Vic Kindleberger**, spent his vacation fishing and visiting his old friends in his former home, Pontiac.

"Brown Bomber" Louis Ledletter pitched the Sewer Gang to a 12-2 victory over the Labor Pool, August 18, at Sewer Maintenance headquarters.

Service Garage

Stan J. Kukulski, better known to all as just plain "Kelly," still has that cigar coming from **William Booker**, who recently had another addition to his family.

"Clyde" Sheridan and **Ralph Groll** are heaving a sigh of relief since the acquisition of **Elias Sans** in the parts department. Auto parts and keeping books are his specialty.

It has been suggested that **Chief M. C. Baughman** and **Supt. T. M. Burns** have special telephones installed at the garage for **Corp. Earl Goodknecht** and **Elmer Markgraf.** The way these two gents (very polite this time) keep bringing in the guard cars and semi-trailers respectively, is no joke but serious business with them. For that reason this place is like their second homes. If you can't reach them anytime, call the garage.

With two car washers on the day shift, **Leroy Hutchinson** and **Franklin Cunningham**, most of the plant vehicles are always clean.

We wonder if the timekeepers ever get mixed-up on the Wood boys. With three of them in the department, **June** and **"Bud" Wood**, brothers, and **William "Scotty" Wood**, it doesn't pay to just ask for "Mr." Wood. You must be more specific.

Flat tires are an epidemic now that the rubber situation has tightened-up here at Elwood. With all old tires and tubes that can hold air being constantly in use, **"Joe" Szwaja** had to get an assistant to handle the volume of "flats" on the day shift. **Allen Bohn** is the man and we welcome him to our ranks.

Dave Barnes and **Don Harding** are also new members, their duties being that of gas service men.

USO Contribution High

The final figure reported by **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller, as EOP's contribution to the 1942 USO campaign, was $6,295, representing approximately a 50 per cent increase over the 1941 total.

ANTI-TANK MINES are boxed and made ready for shipment in Building 12 of Group 2. Among those pictured are Sylvester Slusarek, Clyde Duncan, Pete Tabor, Jim Waelan, Bill Rogers, Roy Nordine, Dick Fitzgerald and Phil Grove.

DISTANT BATTLEGROUNDS are the destination of the EOP land mines shown here being prepared for shipment in Group 2. Those shown include Tom Ford, Roger Baker, Joe Grunstad, Pete Tucker, John Beaver, Leslie Broker and Pat McGrath.

Past of EOP Manager of Operations Revealed in Intimate Word Picture

Two Wars, 170 Degree Heat, Construction Jobs, World Travel Make W. E. Canniff Man He Is Today

By E. O. Plant

So you would like to know some of the persons at EOP a bit better, a little more intimately. Well, come with me on a journey of words and I'll introduce you to some of them. Not an introduction as it is usually meant, but an insight gained from observation and interrogation (mine) and conversation (their's).

Are you with me? Fine, let's call first on Bill . . . I mean W. E. Canniff, EOP's manager of operations and engineering. Aw, I was right in the beginning. He's called Bill by his friends and he certainly considers everyone here his friend, so it's Bill.

Your first reaction when you meet him in his office as he appears in the accompanying photograph is that he never got that rugged, ruddy face, that piercing eye, that powerful-looking torso behind any desk. And you're right. He didn't. He got them in two wars, in 170 degree heat, in construction camps, in Russia and Turkestan.

Of course, there's a little stoop to the shoulders now. But that isn't due as much to maturity (ahem) as it is to peering at hole cards. You don't notice it much, though, after he tells you that he learned the hard way not to try to fill a straight open in the middle. And when he tells you that, he chuckles, heart-warmingly and contagiously, and you know you're talking with a man. You're convinced when you discover he shoots golf in the low 80's.

Missed Army Role

Ably fitted for his present important place in the Nation's war effort by the experience he gained as manager of not one but three shell loading plants during World War I, Bill works hard at his job. He's had only one vacation since he's been here and that was mandatory to recover from the stress and strain of construction and initial operations.

Bill worked for T. A. Gillespie & Company in World War I, running munitions plants at Parlin, Runyon and Oliver, all in New Jersey within a few miles of each other. Like most other youngsters of that day, Bill wanted a more active war role and was pleased no end when he was offered a major's commission and a chance to go to France. The powers-that-be, however, persuaded both Bill and the War Department he was needed most at his shell loading job.

It was important work, but it did seem rather tame to a young man who had traveled around the world from Turkestan when war interrupted his construction job for the Russian Government. In the spring of 1914, Bill, then 24 years old, had gone to Russia to build two railroad tunnels at Bokhara in the southern part of Turkestan, near the Afghanistan border, for the War Ministry of the Czar. He worked there in 170 degree heat until the outbreak of war in August and the job was stopped.

Long Journey Home

Bill began his homeward trek through mud, then ice and snow, across land and water. He traversed Siberia, crossed Japan, sailed to the Philippines, then to California and home to New York, requiring almost a year for the journey.

It was on this journey that Bill added to the store of poker knowledge he acquired on construction jobs like the Queensborough subway under the East River in New York, the Pennsylvania Railroad's Sunnyside Yards on Long Island and the New York Aqueduct at High Falls, N. Y.

Bill was born in Berea, Ohio, just outside of Cleveland, the son of William Lester Canniff, a well known mechanical engineer. He attended Woodward High School in Cincinnati, where the family had moved, but his education was cut short by a long attack of typhoid. Bill never went back to school. He liked building and engineering and after working with his father for awhile struck out for himself, with results you can readily see.

Yeah, Bill's a family man. His wife is the former Merrie Short of Cincinnati, who maintains the home at Englewood, N. J., while Bill is on war work. His son, William Engle Canniff, now 22, was graduated from Dartmouth last year. His daughter, Sue, 20, attends Stoneleigh College, Rye, N. H., and visited EOP this summer. Bill's mother, now 82, has also visited EOP.

Regrets Missing Derby

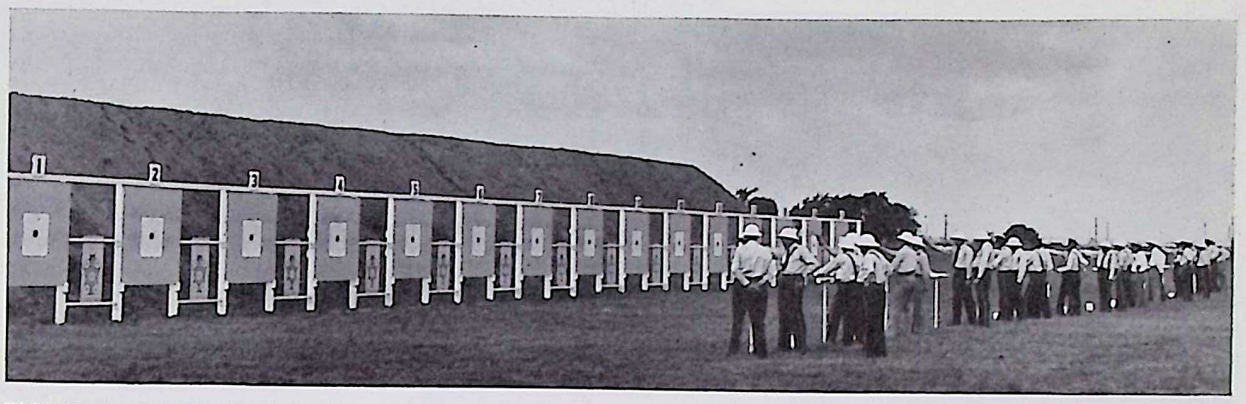
During World War I, Bill met and worked with **Harrison Smith**, now resident partner at EOP for Sanderson & Porter, but then a T. A. Gillespie & Company man also. When the Elwood plant was launched, Mr. Smith sought out Bill, who was then president of the Empire Ornamental Glass Company of New York, and persuaded him to take over the EOP operating and engineering reins.

Bill will tell you he was tickled pink with the offer, but he had been sunk in boredom with staid manufacturing and that although he had plenty of time for poker, golf and the races, the job wasn't anything he could sink his teeth in. Well, he got one he could, but there hasn't been time for the aforesaid pastimes. And he claims he can't pick winners, but still comes out ahead.

Bill confided that his only frustration has been his failure to see the Kentucky Derby, despite annual attempts for 20 years. Isn't that a guy for you?

Now, do you feel you're better acquainted? Well, just wait until we call on **Harrison Smith**, that tartar from Texas, and **Colonel Hoffman**, who says he was a newspaperman all his life until he was 8 years old.

TWO WORLD WARS have seen W. E. Canniff, EOP manager of operations and engineering, performing as an ammunition expert. In World War I he was manager of three shell loading plants in the East.



EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP is rapidly being learned by EOP's blue uniformed guards, now directly affiliated with the United States Army, at the pistol range shown here. It is located south of Group 3-A and is the scene of pistol practice several times each week. Coaching by Instructor William Maskel, supervising sergeant, and firing signals are given to the guards by loud-speaker from a radio car.

HOT SHOT is Guard J. A. Grimes, shown here pointing out the 89 he scored in rapid fire pistol shooting.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

To my girl Friday.—Thanks, **Dottie Olson,** *for doing such a swell job while I was trying to kill myself having a good time on my vacation . . . never could figure out why they call 'em vacations . . . all ya do is beat it out every day trying to do everything possible and end up by wearing yourself out . . . oh, well . . . anyway, it was a change and I'm glad to be back.*

Jimmy Walker, Stores & Transportation, was called to the Army last week . . . the gang from Stores & Transportation and the "goons" that rode the station wagon with him threw a party for him. . . . It was a great success and everyone had a good time . . . it was complete even to floor shows. . . . **Lois Dix** and **Art Kock** proved that they were about the best dancers there. . . . Jim is going to Camp Lee in Virginia and will report when he is permanently situated some place . . . then he'll be heckled for a pitcher to show you guys and gals.

Speaking of Stores & Transportation, a new threat has arrived . . . the titian-haired **Esther Johnson** has caused a tremendous uproar in that department. . . . Understand that Seymour Kurantman, administrative assistant, has been telling her his jokes.

Hazel O'Connor of the Adjutant's Office took her vacation last week . . . went home to Kansas City to see the folks . . . by grapevine it was learned that **Art Kossack** went with her. How long has this been going on?

Gerry Kestel, Ray Marquardt, Dick Dean and **Kennie Holz** went to Wisconsin on their vacation . . . from cards received . . . looks like "wolfing" is on in Wisconsin.

Ed Webster, Operation & Engineering, likes classical music and blondes.

Ray DuClos put a new door on the station wagon and surprised everyone.

John E. Olson is a champion dart thrower . . . it's evident he'd make good as some other kind of a thrower.

Tommy Haigh is going to become a benedict before long, seems as though the Dakotas got him.

Betty Wilhelmi isn't going to take her vacation until **Bob Kennedy** gets definite notice from the draft board.

Viola Donlan, Auditing Section, has been telling things to **Roy Eckberg** of the same department . . . he just got back from the wild west.

Ann Gubbins, the cute blonde comptometer operator, is "resting" in Wisconsin.

Bess Moore of the Personnel Gang returned from vacation looking fit as a fiddle.

Harold "Red" Bowler will desert the Whitney Avenue Hotel along about Thanksgiving.

Burnie Lyons has sailed away to the Navy . . . he'll be an ensign some day.

Claire Donoghue doesn't like horses that eat weeds . . . especially when she's ridin' on 'em.

Ann Lipsar likes to go on vacations . . . you meet such interesting people . . . so she says.

The new messenger in Mail & Record, **Ann Melovic** by name . . . cute trick, huh? . . . is taking **"Romie" Kren's** place . . . he's go-in' back to school.

Kathleen Dugan, Melvin Dugan's daughter, has joined Mail & Record, too.

Helen Harmon has moved into a new office . . . she's on the main floor of the Administration building . . . with her are **Anne Kulpa, Marion Yeager** and a newcomer . . . **Bernie Jones** . . . she's **Anne Kakara's** sister and just as good a scout, too.

Hear that **Flossie Babecke's** boy friend is going to Indianapolis to join the Army. Don't you think that **Charlotte Matheny, Mr. Pavel's** Sec. . . . is a cutie pie?

With the Timekeepers

James Strong, "Mayor" of Richard's Farm; **Stan Kotarski,** who always kept the guards under control, and Ernst Aeschbacher (he of the $1.03 steaks) have joined the armed forces.

Geraldine Parthun, timekeeper, Group 6, was injured in an auto accident the other day . . . minus a few teeth . . . and with several bones broken . . . is trying to smile through it all . . . she's out of the hospital and on the mend now.

Lyle Ingraham, who thinks timekeepers have the best looking daughters, is carrying the torch for **"Torchy" Peebles'** daughter. Incidentally Lyle is vacationing with the Peebles family in the North Woods.

Rita O'Reilly, the Irish beauty, has the Timekeeping Section agog . . . she's the type Johnnie Doughboy would go all the way to Ireland to find.

Harold Kapsch, the guy with the cute walk, is enjoying a trip to sunny California and "down Mexico Way."

Did You Know . . .

That **Eddie Reichert** can sing bars of any song you mention?

That **George Stevens** now removes his hat when in the office?

That **Otto Zenke** is a beautiful writer . . . even has Palmer Method?

That **Dave Horwich** anxiously awaits the return of the "one-armed bandits" in an eatery?

Victory Revue to Be Presented Sept. 12

"The Bomb-Shell Revue" has been renamed and will be presented at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night, September 12, in the auditorium of the Recreation Building under the banner of the Victory Revue, it was announced by **Earl Carpenter.**

The program, although not entirely completed, will include the following:

I Grand Opening and Prologue
II Hitting the High Spots
III Musical Moments
IV The Farmerettes
V The Trials and Tribulations of Little Nell
VI The Brown Bombers of Note
VII Interlude Musicale
VIII Feats of Legerdemain
IX It's the Life
X Dance Time
XI Rattlin' the Bones
XII Ballet Moderne
XIII The High Steppers
XIV The Grand Finale

Following the show the EOP Bombardiers under the direction of **Bob Stewart** will play for dancing.

WATCH MY SMOKE, said M. C. Baughman, chief of guards, as he performed at the pistol range under the watchful eyes of Capt. John A. Hardy, U.S.A., security officer, and E. O. Huey, superintendent of the EOP plant protection department. (The result of the Chief's shooting was censored as a military secret liable to give aid and comfort to the enemy.—Editor.)

LOOKIN' 'EM OVER with a sort of "wotinell" expression, Umpire John D. Neely, assistant superintendent of Group 9, is shown watching the effect of the unique delivery of Rosemary Maase, Group 9's softball mound ace.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

John Knezevic, assistant foreman, left to join the Army August 4. John's smiling face and jovial personality will be sadly missed.

Bill "Atlas" Rogers, who is considered one of the best developed men in this group, recently passed the U. S. Army Aviation Cadet examination in Chicago and expects to be called soon to active service.

"Dick" Oldani wrote a swell letter last month telling all about the wonderful training the men receive at the Glenview Naval Cadet Training Station. "Dick" formerly worked in this Group on the day shift and was one of the most popular and well-liked boys in the entire Group.

Everyone is commenting about the "natty" outfits the Safety Engineers are sporting these days.

The Real Lowdown

The latest on **"Pete" Kelder** is that he has the ring and everything all set for the big day, September 1.

"Shorty" Kirkland is a bit peeved at **Bill Malone** and his "green hornet" these days. It seems Bill passed up "Shorty" on the hi-way and to add insult to injury told "Shorty" that because of his deficiency in stature he couldn't be spotted.

They say **Bill "Short Stroke" Stanley** is giving a certain girl who works in the High Explosives office the grand rush!

Irv Siemsen, a component clerk in Group 2, has been accepted for officer's training and expects to leave shortly after Labor Day.

Malone, a man of many rackets, started a little "numbers game" while driving home to Crystal Lake, Ill., one Saturday night during a very bad rainstorm. It seems as though the distributor and the wires around it got wet on the Chevrolet and someone would have to get out and wipe them off. Malone looking around for a sucker said to "Cactus," "Take a number from one to ten," and "Cactus" said, "Seven." Malone answered with a bit of quick thinking, "Sorry fella, but you lose and will have to get out and wipe off the wires and such." "Cactus" was out in the rain and had the hood up before he knew that he was roped into the job.

Bob Ardaugh enjoyed a couple of days in Wisconsin. He tells us that the scenery is beautiful (that which is on two legs). He informs us that there is a small Indian reservation in that part of the country. Well, anyway, he saw two.

Frank "Zeke" Gaglione is back to work after a few days illness.

Chuck Pierce is back after enjoying two pleasant weeks of vacation.

William "Jersey" Klegman, the *"wit"* of the Group, is on vacation.

Congratulations to **Frank "Smiles" Malone**, the proud father who is passing out cigars in this group.

Some of the boys are asking **Ray "Beau" Bell** about his latest torch who goes by the name of "Ev." They say this is the real thing.

Art Jennings, foreman of Building 3 and **Everett Bradley**, foreman of Building 12, have returned to Group 2 after their vacations.

Bob Schmitz, inspector, is on vacation, and **Tom Todd** has taken over the reins while Bob is away.

Congratulations are extended to **Louis Walsh**, safety engineer, who is a proud father.

Les "Horse" Tammen and **Mario "Motts" Zinnani**, now at this group as guards, are welcome additions to Murphy's Boys' softball team. Their presence should bolster the team considerably.

Softball Items

Murphy's Boys' copped the elimination tournament at Sunbury, Ill., August 9, first by defeating the Melvin Truckers from Streator 2 to 1 and then by defeating the strong Sunbury Stars 8 to 0.

A few of Murphy's Boys now play with the EOP team and after changing suits went to Beecher, Ill., and defeated the Blue Ribbons 3 to 1.

Murphy's Boys again defeated the fine team from Group 61 by a score of 9 to 0. This game was played at Group 61's home diamond, and resulted in a walk away for the Boys from the very start of the game.

Murphy's Boys are scheduled to play for the Annual Home Coming at Elwood August 29. This game will be played on the new diamond just north of Elwood's Trailer camp against a strong Joliet team. The game will start about 5 or 5:30 p. m.

Ken Peterbok shut out the strong team of Bloxton Chemical Co. 4 to 0. Kenny allowed only two hits while the Boys taged Bloxton for four hits. Murphy's Boys have only to win one more game in Joliet to win the Gold Medal League title and then will move to other parks to play off the Garnsey and Powers division.

FOND MEMORIES of their co-workers will be retained by Ray Schultheis and Andy L. Berta, Jr., as the result of Group 68's get-together to give them going-away presents on the eve of their departure for the Army. Pictured here, left to right, are: First row: Russell Anderson, Frank Perino, Jr., Edward Hodina, Albert Augustine, Jack Needles, William Petty, Leroy Mathew, Louis Gregorich, Jr., Claude Johnson, Erwin Welsand, Ancel Qualls; second row: George Larmer, C. B. Isaacson, George McLaughlin, Robey Johnson, Mr. Schultheis, Irving Bovee, Mr. Berta, Andy L. Perino, Robert Swinford, George Lerrace, Francis Monroe, Frank Perino, Sr., Edgar Hanson, Bernard Cavanaugh; last row: Ellsworth McKnight.

Read Cautions Close Margins Too Dangerous

Safety Supervisor Advises Striving for Wider Factor

By Rollin T. Read, Safety Supervisor

The first law of nature is "Self dividuals go too far before applying the law and then—no preservation, or rather what's left to preserve is done up in cotton batting—or bandages.

Did you ever stop to think that the difference between injury and safety is often only a tiny fraction of an inch or a tiny part of a second. The distance away from the edge of a tool, a saw, a press die, where one doesn't get hurt, is too small to measure, but a movement the thickness of a hair and your finger is cut, a half inch farther and the end of the finger is off.

The last time you cut in ahead of another auto and barely made it was a matter of the smallest measure of time. The missing margin on these very small measurements is usually more luck than good management. So we have minor injuries, small cuts, small bruises but often we have "lost time" accidents where calculations were faulty.

Why not a little more of a factor of safety, a little more distance from the ragged edge of danger. You wouldn't want a car that was just strong enough to carry you, or cross a bridge just firm enough to stand up or even use a ladder with rings just able to bear your weight. In your better sense, you want a big factor of safety in all things. It costs too much to miss not only in lost time but if a thumb or an eye is lost it will cost you over and over every day of your life. Don't separate yourself from a true earning position to the broom job and pull your family down with you.

Let's get wise to this situation before we lose in this gamble of "close margins." Do it for Uncle Sam, as well as for yourself and family.

Inspection

RICHARD LOWERY

Correspondent

Frank Lewis, senior inspector in Group 1, has sent his thanks to **Mid Slack** for taking care of the inspectors in Group 1. Frank spent most of his vacation on Joliet's many beautiful golf courses.

Marvin Beeley, scale inspector in charge of Group 1, has a hobby of carving little wooden puzzles. If anyone doubts his ability, **Bud Brown**, office manager, will verify this statement.

In response to the request for all to learn a useful trade, **Harold Troupe**, gage technician, has taken up designing air-conditioning units in addition to his other talents.

Bob Wilhelmi, assistant to the chief inspector, has asked if **Fred Gabel**, inspector at Group 1, is a relative of the famous cigar manufacturer, **Charles Gabel**. Bob prefers the "C. B. Snider."

Stella Jaworski, A. J. MacLellan's secretary, has just placed the 10,000th patch on her best tire tube. The other three tires have solid patches with seven winds of twine around them. Stella is now singing "My Devotion," instead of "In My Merry Old-mobile."

Gaylon Ford, senior inspector at Group 5, is still trying to figure out how the report supplies reach him so fast.

From out of nowhere a report came that **Agnes Ecimovich, Dorothy Davis, Doris Callaway** and **Helen Brown**, inspectors at Group 5, have a picnic planned for August 30. It will be held most likely in Inwood Park.

Ed Vanni, inspector in charge of Group 9, obtained office space and a new desk the other day. Ed sent his thanks to **Bill Hartman** for putting through this improvement.

In the Will County golf meet, the senior inspector at Group 3-A, **Bob Walsh**, won second place. Bob lost to a smooth player with a stroke unmatched, **Bill Stuhlen**. Stuhlen is 18 and an all-star athlete at Joliet Catholic High.

Gene McAllister, inspector at Group 61, may be called upon at any time of the day to dash off a chicken dinner.

EOP could have its own air patrol with two of its members coming from the Inspection Department. **Godfrey Herscher**, senior inspector in Group 3, and **Sonny Herkert**, inspector at Group 2, would be the dare-devils.

Flash!!! Another steak dinner will be held this month. Inspectors in Fuze & Booster area can give their names to **Jim Tyler**, inspector in charge of Groups 4 and 5. **Harold Rouff** has planned to do the cooking.

"Tiny" Stieghling, equipment checker, is taking orders for Parker House rolls. Stieghling plans to bake them on top of his desk or try again to obtain a fan.

Harold Bell recently joined the Inspection Department. Harold, before he moved to Chicago, worked in the State Tax Department at Springfield. He is an inspector at Group 61.

Now that **James Glade** is a grandfather, readers of *The Bomb-Shell* will have to wait a few more weeks to enjoy his famed editorials again.

Manager Moe Brennan drafted the former professional ball player, **Bill Hammond**, in an effort to improve his club.

THE SUPER SIX (minus one) of the Fuze & Booster Groups are shown here as interested spectators at their girl operators' softball game. Assistant General Superintendent George Morrison is missing, on vacation in New York. Shown left to right are William D. Whaley, Jr., superintendent of Group 9; Thomas M. Burns, general superintendent of the Fuze, Booster, Primer and Detonator Groups 4 through 9; J. E. Truka, superintendent of Groups 6 and 7; John A. Lower, superintendent of 4 and 5; and John H. Walker, superintendent of Group 8.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON

Correspondent

Your correspondent returned Wednesday in time to clock in at the regular period of 8:29½, after a short (but, oh, so nice) vacation. Chicagoland Music Festival, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Ft. Sheridan, Municipal Airport and other items of interest were viewed and visited.

Andy Perino, general foreman of Group 68, will leave Monday on his vacation.

The boys at Group 63 were very glad to see **Edward La Rocque** return from his vacation. For awhile they all thought Ed had gone out to check a car and had become lost in the weeds.

All wonder what **Paul Hall** will do for amusement this winter when Riverview Park closes and all the carnivals go into their winter quarters.

A tomato a day keeps something or other away—so says **Homer Peters**, government inspector, Group 63. How sand can come out of **Bob Matone's** salt shaker is still a mystery. Not too good for seasoning said tomato. P.S.—From now on Homer will bring his own salt.

Johnny Zopf, material checker, came through with a swell cake for the boys in 63 and 66-A in celebration of his 21st birthday anniversary.

Merle Alberts left August 24 to join the Army.

Eugene Schmidt has enlisted in the Coast Guard.

Ed Dite, Harold Downey, Ed Young and **Tom Hall**, all former employees of Group 63, are now riding High Explosives trucks as drivers and helpers.

Group 63's softball team played its first game on the new ball diamond August 18. Too bad for the boys, but Group 70 went home with the big end of the score.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Orndorff are parents of a son, **Richard Henry**, born at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Young Richard weighed 4½ pounds and has been spending his time in an incubator.

Jim Mitchell of Station WCLS, husband of **Marcia Mitchell**, is soon to be inducted into military service.

Alfred L. Lampman of Cleveland, Ohio, nephew of **Chief Chemist Herb Hafele**, visited the Lab last week.

AMONG THE FIRST softball teams organized at EOP is the one shown here representing Group 1. Pictured, left to right, are: Sitting, Ralph Sassenger, John Leake, Samuel Africano, John Phegan, Kelly Arseneau, John Oblack, Al Dunne and Wilber Werner; standing, Joseph E. Salmon, superintendent of Group 1; James Lyons, Vernon Hilt, John Burdette, manager; George Gibson, assistant superintendent; Michael Kelly, Francis Sharkey, Mike Dubetz and Edward J. Walsh, general superintendent of loading lines.

UNIFORMED PLAYERS of Group 6 are ready for a softball game after their daily stint in the production lines. Pictured, left to right, are: Front row, Rosemary Maass (pitcher), Edythe Krzich (catcher), Barbara Greenwood and Mary Nosse; back row, Gertrude Freeman (captain), Gladys Allie, Marcella Novak, Grace Knowles, Elsie Elich and Julia Jackson.

Ordnance Girls Don Uniforms September 15

"Flying Blue" Color Selected for Jacket, Gored Skirt, Cap

The women of the Ordnance Department will take a lion's share of the glamour from the officers' uniforms by wearing uniforms themselves, starting September 15. But no serious objection is expected from the officers, since the plan has the whole-hearted approval of **Lt. Colonel Don M. Hoffman,** commanding officer.

A unanimous vote for the uniforms was cast by the women after their first glimpse of the "flying blue," color and the tailored perfection of the fitted jacket, gored skirt and overseas cap. The "flying bomb," insignia of the Ordnance Department, made in bronze pins will be worn on each lapel.

A committee headed by **Bess Moore** with **Margaret Jesberger, Dorothy Olson** and **Helen McGinnis** formally presented the idea. submitted designs and placed the orders.

"Even though we are paying for the uniforms ourselves," said Miss McGinnis of the Ordnance Personnel Department, "we definitely feel that they will help us save money on clothes and also put us in our proper category as war workers."

The uniforms will bear a note of distinction insofar as they are limited to women who have been employed at least three months in the Ordnance Department.

FUZE AND BOOSTER workers are proud of their girls' softball teams, of which this is one, representing Group 9. Shown, left to right, are: Front row, Mary McKaig, Elizabeth Banko, Olga Pribish, Josephine Sedlock and Lois Kreiger; back row, Helen Briske, Rose Gegliette (pitcher) Dorothy Bates, Lillian Reis (catcher), Marguerite Goodendorf, Dorothy Murphy (captain) and Marian Stamp.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Despite the fact that **Harvey Sessi** "threw a shoe" when racing around the bases, the All Stars succeeded in trouncing the undefeated Bus Drivers August 13 at Zoom Stadium with a score of 9 to 5. **Raymond Ruder** from Group 9 did a real job of pitching. **John Woods,** Group 4, and **Leonard Branchow,** Group 5, hit home runs. The All Stars played a winning game over the FBPD Chemistry Laboratory boys August 18 with a score of 18 to 11.

Hazel Howen, superintendent's office, is now wearing a diamond on that certain finger, placed there by a sailor boy now on the high seas.

George Morrison, assistant general superintendent, is now vacationing in New York. From all reports received it seems that good old B'way looks the same at day, but not at night.

Another vacationer from **Supt. T.M. Burns'** office is **Frank Hauser,** who is lolling around near a lake "somewhere up North." **Bill Jarvis** is pinch hitting on the busiest phone in Group 4.

The Walkerettes, girls softball team of Group 8, broke into the winning column by defeating the strong Group 6 team by a score of 18-10. **Mary Suffner,** the Group 6 first-sacker, and **Manager Dorothy Lehman** of Group 8, shared hitting honors.

The Walkerettes scored another victory August 18 over Group 4, at Group 8. **Gertrude Jostak, La Verne Gomora** and **Margaret Kormelink** shared hitting honors, with three hits each, while "Joiy" starred at bat and played first base for Group 4.

The shipping department of Group 8-9 was honored Saturday afternoon by a visitor who was so privileged that he wore neither badge nor safety shoes. **Nora Timoney,** inspector, was so excited that she jumped up on the table. The visitor was none other than "Mr. Gopher," who had found his way into the room when **Gordon Schroeder** had unwrapped a box outside the shipping department.

Bill Birtwistle, personality boy from the office, is vacationing in Wisconsin.

Helen Princko, from 8-11, has changed her name to **Mrs. Lloyd Smith.** Helen and Lloyd were married August 17.

Are **Helen Davin** and **Florence Robertson** really sisters?

Can you imagine **Betty Wasik** paying $2 for a green apple?

Georgia Lund, 8-11, underwent a major operation at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

The liner girls in 8-11 all miss **Clarence Seabert,** service man, who has been called to the colors. **Gabe Werden** is the new service man.

Rose Blazekowich has solemnly promised always to be on time hereafter.

The day shifts of Buildings 2 and 4 of Group 6 and their friends had a get-together Aug. 19 at Norton's Grove. A baseball game and dancing featured the evening. **Elmer Pilcher** was the one-man committee.

John J. Murphy, 4-14, enjoyed a two-week vacation at Yellowstone National Park.

It was a rough beating **Johnny Wood,** 4-9, had to take when **Gene Fahrner** of the chemistry lab. came tearing into third base at Zoom Stadium.

Congratulations are in order for **Jack Fey** and **Georgia Feeney** on their recent marriage.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman and **Lt. A. G. Resch** visited the Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Ind., August 18.

A group of nineteen employees of the Ordnance Inspection Department each contribute $1 semi-monthly toward the purchase of a bond. The bond is awarded to the individual holding the best poker hand according to the numbers on their pay check. **Stanley Eisler** and **Robert Irwin** tied for the first bond so they compromised by dividing the funds and each purchased $9.50 in War Stamps. A name for the club hasn't been selected, but "Purchase a Bond for Victory Club" has been suggested.

Jerry Shirtino's hobby is baseball and he is an ardent Cub fan. He recently attended the Cubs-Pittsburgh game in Chicago.

During **Mrs. Clara Brennan's** vacation, she and **Mr. Brennan** attended the performance, "Good Night Ladies," at the Blackstone Theatre in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Eisler spent an enjoyable vacation at "The Dells of Wisconsin."

Ethel Dirker makes quite an impression on our visiting lieutenants. Special interest was displayed by the visitor from the Nebraska Ordnance Plant.

Catherine Tomlianovich spent August 17 in Peoria, where she attended the ceremonies in which her sister took vows in the sisterhood of the Teachers of St. Francis.

Bernice Shroba recently spent the night with her co-worker, **Helen Boula,** at their farm home in the vicinity of Lemont, Ill. The girls talked until the wee hours when Bernice decided she wanted to repay the hostess for her hospitality so she offered her assistance in milking the cows. Helen said she was inexperienced so they compromised and Bernice was given the task of collecting the eggs. When she completed her chores she was quite hungry and didn't see any reason for having too many eggs on hand so she ate a very hearty breakfast: Five fried eggs and goodness knows how much ham, toast and coffee. Oh yes, Bernice has agreed that farm life is *the thing.*

'Tis reported little **Millie Stutz** spend all her spare time buying skirts and sweaters.

The G-men and G-gals at Group 7 extend best wishes to all their former colleagues now working throughout the Fuze and Booster groups; and particularly to those who are working Group 6 under the able leadership of **Paul "Barney" Barhoover,** another Group 7 alumnus. Much of the credit for their success belongs to the splendid training they received while in residence here.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

All awards for EOP'S "perfect wife of the week" go to **Rita Washburne,** Personnel Department. **Ed Washburne,** Rita's husband, who works in Group 70, is the all star, super-super pitcher for EOP'S softball team. Rita and Ed were very happy that the beginning of her vacation coincided with his two-day holiday. So plans were made to-get-away-from-it-all in beautiful Wisconsin. Life was beautiful for the Washburnes. That is it was beautiful until Ed remembered something about two softball games that were booked by **Jack Kusinski,** manager of the team, on the very week-end that they were going to have that wonderful time in Wisconsin. So Ed explained to Jack and Jack explained to Ed and Ed explained to Rita and Rita explained to Ed and Jack explained to Rita and Rita explained to Jack and then Ed and Jack explained to Rita. Rita finally said, "What price glory?" and fanned herself at South Bend and Chanute Field instead of sunning herself in Wisconsin.

Another EOP Vignette

Third in the EOP vignette parade and the first with her picture is **Harriet Gassensmith** of Group 4. Harriet is a native of Odell . . .

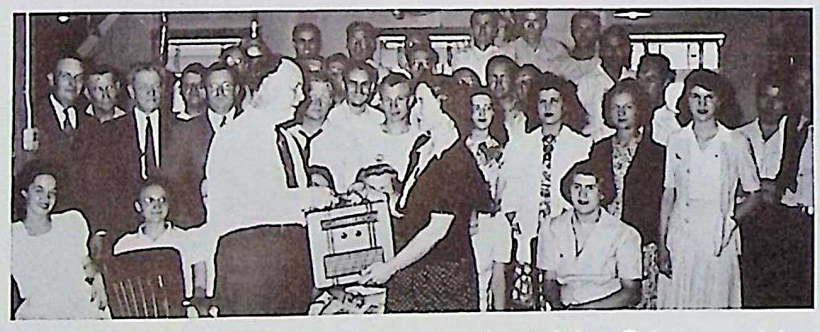
John Payne is her favorite movie actor . . . she has brown hair, blue eyes and a nose that crinkles when she smiles . . . her major pet peeve is bossy people . . . blue is her favorite color . . . is the petite junior miss type . . . her present job is her first . . . still mourns the death of her pet canary, Jerry . . . doesn't like hobbies . . . she loves to dance . . . consideres her cooking talent on the amateur side . . . red roses are her favorite flower . . . is even tempered and has lots of vitality . . . likes the day shift best except for getting up in the morning.

More About Nurseries

If you are worried about the welfare of your baby while you are working, **Mrs. Ann Lindsay,** Joliet USO director, is making plans to solve your problem. As you read in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell,* nurseries for children of mothers at EOP are being planned. If you were unable to meet and discuss your problem with Mrs. Lindsay during her visit here, fill out a questionnaire which you will find at your superintendent's office. The plan, which is part of the County Civilian Defense Program, is not restricted to Joliet. Nurseries will be started in any community where there is a need for this service.

Recipe of Week

Geraldine Ward, Ordnance Inspection Department, gives you the following Yum Yum Pineapple Salad recipe which she guarantees will make you the most popular hostess of your bridge club, especially if you serve it with nut bread. The ingredients are: 2 cups crushed pineapple, juice of 1 lemon, ¾ cup of granulated sugar, 2 tablespoons Knox Gelatin, ½ cup cold water, ¾ cup American cheese, ½ pint whipping cream. The directions are: heat pineapple, including juice. Add juice of lemon and sugar, stirring until dissolved. Soak gelatin in cold water ten minutes. Add to hot mixture. When cool and commencing to set, add shredded American cheese and whipping cream beaten stiff. Mix thoroughly and place in refrigerator until firm (do not place in freezing compartment). When ready to serve cut in thick slices, place on lettuce leaf and garnish with mayonnaise and small strip of pimiento. Serves six.



FAREWELL WISHES were expressed to John Prince, retiring head of the Ordnance Department's Timekeeping Division when the group presented him with a portable radio. Loretta Franke is shown giving the present to Mr. Prince. Others pictured are: Front row: Anita Lambur, Louise Ardelius, Janet Burzawa, Betty Lou Page, Mary Kay Lohman, Rita O'Riley, Mary Gliha, Martina Schomas and Betty Jane Carlson; back row: George Stevens, Charles Gaby, Frank Johnson, Otto Zenke, Louis Schuck, Ray Levenger, Frank Bravato, Kenneth Chapman, James Strong, Roy Schubert, John Flynn, Joe Peters, Clark McKeehan, Bert Folk, Tom Wharrie, Lyle Ingraham, Eddie Reichert, Frank Levanduski, Alex Dulcis, William Henderson, Verne Perry, Harold Kapsch and David Horwich.

SPIC AND SPAN uniforms identify these workers as belonging to Group 61, the nitrate of ammonia plant. They are unloading a new blower from a railroad car. Pictured, left to right, are: Bob Paulsen, Les Eicholser, Bernard Williams, Rene Richards, Ed LaPierre, Ed Rush, Kenny Bailey, Charles Bright, Yvon Brais, George Hammond, Foreman George Roach, Ted Francois, Wilford Eneix, John Hill, Carl LaPaglia, Kochelhoffer and Paul Burk, building foreman.

HEADS UP, CHESTS OUT (you know the rest of the command), this group of trim, blue uniformed women guards lends additional color and charm to the many-sided war job EOP is doing. Pictured left to right are: Front row, Alice Drassler, Marie Cline, Zelma Kinnard, Edna Lytle, Rose Mae Hunter, Nima Benson and Rachel Morehead; back row, Mary Bennewitz, Luella Lipschutz, Irene Thomas, Helen Weber, Maybelle Seaver, Grace Taff and Margaret Egan. At the extreme left (left to right) are Helen Harbison, shift leader; Mrs. Bernadette McNamara, supervisor, and Gladys Armstrong, shift leader.

Recreation Calendar

Aug. 30	Golf Match.....EOP vs. Fort Sheridan
	Softball.....Benefit Game at Oak Grove
	Softball.....DeKalb at DeKalb
	Baseball.....Peru Merchants at EOP—2:00
Sept. 6	Softball.....EOP at Beecher for USO
Sept. 9	Luncheon Music.....Cafeteria Program—12 to1 by small combo under the direction of Earl Carpenter
Sept. 12	Victory Revue.....Formerly the "Bomb-Shell Revue" Presented at the Recreation Building at 8:15 Dancing follows
Sept. 15	Women's Archery Meet.....Recreation Building
Sept. 16	Morris, Ill. Street Carnival.....EOP will be represented
Sept. 23	Men's Archery Meet.....Recreation Building
Sept. 24	Men's Horseshoe Pitching Contest Call 4109 to enter names
Sept. 29	Women's Horseshoe Contest Send names to Recreation Building

Personnel

LEE R. REYNOLDS
Correspondent

Three cheers for **Claude Sayre!** It won't be long before the Personnel Department will be able to get an extra breath of air. The long-hoped for addition to the Personnel Building has begun.

Rita Cooney and **Gin Odenthal** have been busy entertaining their brothers home on furlough.

Jimmy "Barney Oldfield" Barrowman has his eye on a '36 nine-passenger Buick.

Man loves dog, girl loves horse, or is that why **June Morgan** looks at that picture of her horse with such loving eyes.

Bets are being taken on how long it will be before **Donald "Killer" Kane**, guard, applies for a transfer to the construction force. He is getting competent with a hammer and nails. He is responsible for all the signs that the applicants never read.

Alpha Engelhardt is enjoying a vaction. **Harry Dean** has returned from a week of loafing.

Merna Wenstrom, for the second time in three weeks, has locked a certain someone's keys in the car.

All the girls in the Transfer Department are calling a certain **David Graves** "Chief Can of Flit" because of his constant spraying about the place.

Bing Phelan has been attending all of EOP baseball games lately. Has it anything to do with the flashy shortstop, **Ed Keenan?**

We are going to welcome **Byron Mills,** while on a visit recently said he was returning to work about September 1.

Ralph Potter sat down the other day to what he thought was going to be a delicious chicken dinner at Wilmington. After eating the very dainty portion brought him he had the waitress bring him a ham sandwich.

GROUP 3

WILLIAM BERINGER
Correspondent

Again there is good news for the fans of Dougherty's Bombers. Although, since the last report, but one defeat was suffered, three games were won to offset any drop in morale. Group 1 was again defeated, making two games and two victories over that team. The score was 2 to 1.

Group 66 was met August 10. This game had previously been postponed because of a wet field. The Bombers again came home with a victory, 5 to 3.

Group 61 will remember August 13, the day they took an 8 to 1 beating on the Group 3 field.

Group 70 was responsible for the one defeat.

Thanks are extended to everyone who contributed so generously to the softball fund. Although, up to this writing, returns are not complete, purchase of all necessary equipment has been made possible.

Congratulations are due **Manager Dan Warren** and all his players for the fine showing and excellent sportsmanship they are displaying. The best way to show appreciation is for all to do their part in increasing the attendance at the games.

S. J. Colfer, assistant superintendent, is enjoying a two weeks' leave from his duties. **Charles Hansen,** assistant superintendent, who was inducted into the Army August 15, is home on a 14-day furlough before going into active service. **"Willie" Kautz** and **John "Red" Boucher,** foremen, are also enjoying a few days of rest.

Ever since **Ray Hoffman** treated the fellows in Building 3 to one of his wife's swell home-made cakes, he has been swamped with orders for room and board.

DeWayne Gish is wondering what he will do with the two cows he bought, now that he is expecting a call to the Army.

Joe Zelinko, Building 3, is reported to have 37½ acres of onions for sale.

Steve Gonda is wondering how the girls at the skating rink in Joliet will get along without him for the next four weeks that he is on the 3:30 to 11:30 shift.

Fireman Charles Robbins is going to show the engineers the correct way to fish. They are going up to Three Rivers, Mich.

Clarence Becker is a full fledged fireman now. He had a young fellow 59 years old break him in for a couple of weeks. If you want to know how to run a threshing machine, cure the seven-year-itch in one week, or most anything, call Becker at 4284.

Bob Hankes, star first baseman, played a double-header the last game the team played. He got home at midnight and his wife umpired from there on. You know the rest.

William "Tiger" Brennan, the new steamfitter, doesn't know his own strength. He had a 24-inch pipe wrench on quarter-inch pipe—what happened? He broke the wrench.

Harl Son has some "hot ones" on fishing.

George Pilcher has been promoted to engineer. He is now trying to convince the OPA that he needs material for floors, walls, etc., for the new house he is building.

Woody Koerner, while going around doing his work, is also practicing singing "Rock-a-Bye Baby."

Dutch Ahrens is now eating home-cooked meals again.

Race horse owners need not worry about their horses getting anything to eat; these boys will see to that: Carter, Kohn, Combs, Koerner, Tiger Brennan and Happy Pilot Ed.

Big News! **H. D. Dougherty's** personal secretary, **Raymond Rivard,** received a letter from **Cecil B. DeMille** to report for a screen test. He left for California August 23.

Congratulations are extended to **Donald Mancini,** who was appointed acting assistant superintendent, after Mr. Hansen left for the Army.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

It seems quite a task to climb back in the saddle after spending a much longed for vacation, but work is work and play is play, so here goes. The phones are ringing and papers are flying, but this all must be if we are to remain a free people. What the boys did on their vacations, where they went, will remain a secret . . . the fact is they did vacate. If they don't return, the particulars will be related . . . maybe.

The outings in the woods are sure going over at Inert Storage. The boys had another—bigger and better—August 24 at the same place—Troy Forest Preserve. A professional chef was engaged to perform with steak and charcoal . . . who else performed is a secret. From the way the woods were populated at the last outing arrangements were made to open an acre of farm land surrounding to care for additional followers. The menu was much different, leaving out the turkey in the tube, but the liquid refreshment was the same popular variety.

Some of the boys at South Inert have earned nicknames and here they are—**Frank "Bubbles" Wesley, Joseph "Moon" Domaliga, George "Potatoes" Harrop, Bob "Professor" Gjessing, Wally "Woman Killer" Fang, Elwood "Heavy" Anderson, Lawrence "Dreamy Eye" Larivcka, John "Super" Alexander,** and **David "Hattie" Lardi.** Some have not as yet earned their nickname, but they may come in time.

William "Big Stoop" Hufford doesn't like variety and would sooner have routine business.

Sympathy is extended to **Al Gierich** and **Booker Bates** in their respective bereavements.

George "Farmer" Shaw is back from his vacation and won't talk.

Group 27 sends out a welcome for all to come and see the beautiful garden . . . flowers and vegetables—you can't tell which is which.

The sick list has claimed one—**Charles Berro**—summer cold.

John Nye tells fabulous stories of what he is going to catch in Northern Wisconsin . . . muskies, so he says.

Winfield Arthurs enjoyed sending the boys some special lake trout while on vacation . . . must had the wrong lot numbers . . . not received yet.

Fred Ford is anxiously waiting for **George Newton** to return to his post at South Inert.

The pictures taken at the picnic showing **A. P. Balston** sliding headlong into first base have been lost in the mail . . . a check at the post office and drug store revealed nothing and a tracer has been sent — they might have been blurred anyway with all the excitement at the game on picnic day. Better luck next time.

Barnyard golf is now being played daiiy at 62-19 . . . why not start a league?

The boys at North have completed a preliminary course in landscaping and built a picket fence around the culverts . . . you ought to see how pretty the North Office is now.

The clock houses look like the little country schools every morning . . . everybody with their lunch box waiting to punch in.

Charles H. Mann, assistant superintendent, keeps looking at the calendar . . . the middle of September will bring him a vacation and a bride.

George Harrop, Jr., will leave for the Army late in August.

Jim Whitley, at South Inert, has a fighting rooster and hen . . . they have big long spurs . . . you ought to see . . . want a fight?

On the vacation list are—**Sidney Bennet** and **Matt Reay** . . . where they are going we don't know . . . when they will be back . . . we don't know . . . are they coming back . . . we don't know.

Willie Denver had a grand vacation and left his Boston Bull (dog) with his neighbors . . . tells us it was a lake cruise with all the trimmings, and oodles of visits with friends.

Inert Storage is leading the Softball League with six wins and one loss . . . watch them go . . .

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Eugene Balachowski has passed the mental examination required for the Army Air Force and has his fingers crossed while waiting for the results of the rigid physical.

Jack Auberry is looking better with new glasses.

Francis Taylor was meeting trains for a week before he found one which carried his wife back to him. Yes, she had left him—but only to visit relatives down south.

Art Swinghammer and **Bernard Williams** have been called by Uncle Sam. **Bill Meyers** is next in line, he was examined recently.

Percy Boulware, known as "Hamburger," has joined the crew of oilers.

Bill Bixby went to Rockford (his home) for a week-end feeling down cast and glum, but returned singing like a bird and smiling from 'ere to there.

Capt. Perry W. Beal and **Mrs. Beal** spent a few days with their **Uncle Jack Trout.**

James Sinkular has been added to the office force. His nickname is "Shooter."

Mgr. Harvey Steffes is rather proud of his softball team for its victory over Group 70 and **Lou Haake,** who recently pitched a no-hit game against Group 3A. Harvey himself touched Lou for a long hit.

Ray Whalen left to continue his schooling.

Clifford Kidney and **William Dooley** took in the races at Washington Park. Kidney sure knows how to pick the winners.

George Diment is back to work after a week of vacationing in Minnesota while his boss and keyman timekeeper, **Lawrence Holtz,** is just beginning his.

Gerald Riley is the proud father of a new son.

The accident, in which **Allen "Cap" Mayes** was reported to have been, turned out to be of minor consequence, just a broken distributor on the car.

Norman Johnston is away ill.

Nick Pagoria returned from his week of annual leave, looking and feeling hale and hearty.

Ralph Walter has moved to Wilmington. He formerly lived in Yorkville.

Clarence Wells received a variety of gifts on his 35th birthday anniversary. There is some sort of mystery concerning one of the gifts. Clarence won't say what it was.

James Decker had a hard time explaining to his wife that he and **Harvey Steffes** were going to an important meeting.

It would be nice if . . . you knew that **"Coal Pile" John Kelly** learned that weasels swing a wicked blow. . . . **Mike Enich** shaved oftener than once every three weeks. . . . **Ed Rashid** made up his mind where he lost his fountain pen (he lost it at Building 6 and it was found in the Change House) . . . You took dancing lessons from **Ray Hill.** . . . **Charles "Mick" Hinz** found the three bucks he lost in the "Bobolin." . . . To know why people call **Frank Kachelhoffer** "Banjo Eyes." . . . **H. O. Cadwell** would say why he likes to work nights. . . . **James Halpin** and **Loren Horrie** didn't address girls on the Dwight bus by their nicknames.

TABOO SIGNS prevent the carrying of mechanical pencils into any of EOP's loading lines, but Fire Chief R. W. Mortenson makes collecting them a hobby. He is shown here with a portion of his collection.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Just to show that Group 1 has a well-rounded organization, your attention is called to the **Rev. Herbert Chapman**, who has been working on the production line for some time. He will spend about three weeks of the month of September at Cleveland, Tenn., as a delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of God . . . and **John Corcoran**, the bad man from Montana, who regales his comrades with tall stories after the "John Bunyan" fashion . . . and **Fred Bagnell**, old-time ball player, who played semi-pro around Joliet and Chicago even before "you and I were young, Maggie." He is a walking dictionary of information regarding the feats of the stars of yesteryear on the diamond, in the ring, and in most any other sport you care to mention . . . and **Jack Whittinghill**, the threat to any 170-pound fighter at EOP, who indulged in a warm-up fight at Appleton, Wis., on the night of August 11. In a six-round contest against **Art Wilson**, Jack gave Art such a shellacking that Art did not come up for the fifth round and forfeited the fight by a technical K.O. . . . and two nights later **Gene Revels** and **Harry Stukel** took on a couple of ambitious opponents at Bowman's Lodge in La Grange. It was just another case of too much Group 1, for both Gene and Harry won in a canter. . . . This could go on and on.

The Howitzerettes from Building 14, arrayed in their swanky new uniforms, won a softball game from the girls of Group 8 on the Isle at Wilmington August 9. **Betty Ford** and **Lola Harnack** were battery mates and the final score was 6 to 1 . . . and then on August 14, the men's softball team, also complete in new uniforms, won from a team composed of the bus drivers and the men of Group 8 by the score of 1 to 0 in eight innings.

Take **Gladys Chinski**. On a recent Sunday she played 54 holes of golf against **Sherman Butler** and almost won his brand new molars. . . . So much for sports, but here is a "man bites dog" item. **Roland Kelley** actually begged to be transferred from an assembly table to loading in the box cars, which is news in any man's group.

Alexander Rossi comes to work with his arms full of flowers for the nurses, the girls in Building 14 and anyone else who appreciates the finer things of life.

Wedding bells rang for **Mary Seeley** and **William C. Palmer** August 15. Mary is a fine girl and if Bill brings home as much money as did a race horse by the same name, the bad old wolf will never, never come around.

The Group 1 booth at the summer carnival won the first prize of $10 for being the most novel. It was just duck soup . . . no foolin'.

Comes now **Jack Larsen**, who has won fame of a sort. According to the girls in Building 14, he attended a stork shower recently and was quite taken by all that went on and from here on it gets worse. The next morning after breakfast Jack was not feeling so well so the girls took up a collection and had a stork shower for him; presenting him with a package containing stork pants, booties, other infantile accessories, and an appropriate poem on rationing.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

All the employees of Group 3-A assembled in one building to hear a talk by **Supt. John J. Fitzpatrick**. He cautioned them about talking. while away from the area, about their work and what is going on in this plant. He also mentioned several rules concerning the safety and order of this line that must be observed. He explained to the employees that their work is just as essential as that of the soldiers in the field. He said, "Be cautious in your work and report immediately any incident that doesn't seem right to you."

Arthur Clary and family are enjoying a vacation visiting friends and relatives.

Milton Harris, mayor pro-tem of Peotone, said his feud with a wrecking bar is over.

Harry Traynor has finally confessed why his nickname is "Rags."

Building 3 employees were sorry to hear of the death of their former buddy, **Russell Bull**. Sympathy is extended to **Mrs. Bull** and family.

Hyman M. Hoffman is the proud father of a son.

Ask **Guard Michael Donley** to tell you how he takes a treatment for his sore lip.

Gerald "Whitey" Hall (the Bob Burns and lunchroom cut-up of Group 3-A) has located a new barber college and is a willing victim to an ambitious tonsorial student.

Michael Cavanaugh left Group 3-A to give his services to Uncle Sam.

Sympathy is extended to **Joseph Haley**, whose mother died last week.

Richard Hayes once had an offer to play baseball with the House of David, but had to turn it down because he couldn't raise a beard.

Frank Ketz, Glenn Metz, Chris Dreiling and **Sydney Reeve** all showed up with new haircuts—it seems fall housecleaning has started already.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

The radiant smiles seen on faces about the Guardhouse were the result of the vacation announcement. Particularly noticeable were the grins of **Corporals John Alberts, DeWitt Davis** and **Phillip Oberg**, who happened to be among the veterans who received notice of being in the first vacation quota. According to reports there will be no fish in the country when all the boys get back.

Remodeling and enlarging of the stockroom at the Guardhouse has just been completed. Also near the stage of completion is the new showerroom. Adding a bit of humor, the construction men building the showerroom were so deluged with questions as to what they were building that they hung a large sign, which read, "This is the new showerroom."

John Tucker would like someone to explain the term "your half of the road." He met someone the other night who took his half on the wrong side and as a result Officer Tucker is recuperating from injuries and his car is a total wreck.

George Hazer has been given a new nick-name "Safety-Razor." He is always saying "Gillette" me have this or "Gillette" me have that.

William Maskel, supervising sergeant, has started pistol practice on the new range. So far the results have been very encouraging, and in a short time Sergeant Maskel will have all the boys trained as qualified shots.

The Feminine Side

Harriet Knight, guard, when dressing in the early dawn, had put on one brown shoe and one black; one with a high heel, the other low. Realizing her mistake, just before inspection, she quickly dashed to the Paint Shop—was back in line with both shoes black—one especially a nice shiny black. This is real cooperation, and proves a willingness of women guards to be *trim* from foot to head.

Mrs. Pearl R. Barceloux, Kankakee, and **Treva Hall**, Ottumwa, Ia., have joined the Women Guards.

Mrs. Margaret Cavolt, Lockport, was called to Oklahoma on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

John "Seneca Jack" Milus has not quite mastered the art of making his "put-put" scooter hop over the Alton tracks.

After noting the raise on haircuts, **Lester "Shorty" Devore** has decided to go back to his old trade. He admits that most of his experience comes from shearing sheep.

Arthur Voss says that God made women without a sense of humor, so that they could love men instead of laughing at them.

William "Torchy" Peebles has returned from his fishing trip. He brought back a fish that he and **Eddie Reichert** trained to follow them around the area. They were near the Kemery Dam when the fish slipped and fell into the water and was drowned before they could reach it.

Art Brisa always comes through with the mail no matter what the weather conditions are.

Henry O'Reilly's definition of a gentleman is a guy who wouldn't hit a woman with his hat on.

They wondered what made **Harlan Kadow's** tongue so black until they learned he dropped his coffee bottle on the new road which had just been oiled.

Scott W. Soper was very happy when he won a $25 prize on a radio quiz program, until they deducted the gift tax, income tax, sales tax, separation tax, county franchise tax and city tax. He had to pay the sponsor $1.41.

If that little stranger does not arrive very soon at **Donald Foutch's** home all will be as jittery as he.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Swan Sandakl's** brother. Four members were fatally injured when their automobile was struck by a train at Legioneer, Ind.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Charles Herbig, superintendent of the Material Warehouse Department, is back on the job after a restful vacation spent in New York. Charlie looks as though he is fit and ready to speed things along for another year without rest. Old reliable **Johnnie Baldon**, Mr. Herbig's able assistant kept the material moving right along while Charlie was away.

Last Wednesday evening an automobile was seen to bounce in and out of the ditch in front of the clock house in Group 70, and when the curious sight was investigated **Johnnie Bradecich** was found seated behind the wheel all smiles. He said not to get excited as he was going to practice a bit . . . just in case he has to drive one of those Army "jeeps" some day.

Edward Giles is back again after spending his vacation on the Kankakee River. Ed said he was fishing one day when he hooked a 42-pound catfish and was just about to haul it into the boat when his wife woke up and told him to dress and get ready for breakfast.

Harry Tilden spent his vacation in the North Side baseball park in Chicago, watching the Cubs toss away one game after another. Harry was so mad at the Cubs and the sun was so hot that he came back with scales on his forehead as big as a half dollar. Maybe Harry should stay on the job where his blood count would remain regular.

Deane E. Erickson is the sixteenth member of the department who has signed and been accepted by Uncle Sam as a Naval Aviation Cadet and is now waiting to be called into active service. Our hearts miss a beat or two every time one of these youngsters bids us good-bye, but we recover quickly and we are proud to have been associated with that kind of company. They are all determined America shall not lose this war.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own.

August 29

John Adamatess, Group 8; **Sylvia L. Allen**, Group 5; **Wesley Boyer, Jr.**, Group 7; **Marvin G. Brading**, Plant Protection; **Donald G. Graghini**, Group 7; **Charles J. Doyelle**, High Explosives; **Virginia O. Hemmerling**, Group 6; **Katherine D. Kane**, Administration; **Pearl P. King**, Group 7; **Thomas R. Knutson**, Plant Protection; **John J. Konetski**, Group 3-A; **Ruth L. Kruse**, Group 7; **Julie R. Lavazza**, Group 3.

August 30

Harold Aaslend, Group 3; **Francis O. Bumgarner**, Plant Protection; **Genevieve M. Crowe**, Group 9; **Marjorie R. Cushing**, Group 8; **William W. Dodds**, Group 1; **Everett O. Gowler**, Group 2; **Jerald Heggie**, Group 1; **Mary H. Howe**, Group 6; **Albert E. Kinson**, Administration.

August 31

Ida C. Adams, Group 7; **Virginia W. Adams**, Group 4; **Marvin G. Beeley**, Inspection; **Nicholas B. Bellot**, High Explosives; **Cleo C. Borders**, Utilities; **Henry Burgess**, Electrical; **William E. Courtney**, Group 1; **Erna J. Davidson**, Fuze & Booster; **Agnes Eietchman**, Fuze & Booster; **Bernice M. Dolasinski**, Fuze & Booster; **Clifford K. Espeland**, Group 5; **Fontella Esslais**, Group 8; **Donald H. Fread**, Group 4; **Robert N. Gunderson**, Utilities; **Howard F. Hewlett**, Inspection; **Earnestine B. Javor**, Group 7; **Robert L. Jennings**, Plant Protection; **Ethel L. Lauge**, Group 4.

September 1

Elwood Anderson, Storage; **William R. Babington**, Group 2; **Nellie I. Barr**, Group 5; **Paul H. Brownlee**, North Inert; **Napoleon Byrd**, Utilities; **Leo Cunningham**, Group 1; **Reno R. Downs**, Group 7; **Elmer I. Eberhart**, Group 1; **Marjorie E. Gerretse**, Group 6; **Georgia M. Gervase**, Group 1; **Frances C. Jensen**, Group 9; **Elizabeth M. Krebs**, Group 9; **Edward M. La Pierce**, Group 61.

September 2

Eber G. Ayers, Group 1; **Joseph F. Bradcosky**, Group 3; **Val L. DeGrush**, Group 5; **Frank L. Fox**, Group 2; **Henry J. Gerard, Jr.**, Group 3-A; **John D. Gubernator**, Group 3; **Viola B. Hardesty**, Group 7; **Raymond E. Honchin**, Group 3-A; **Wesley H. Iftner**, Group 1; **Helen K. Johnson**, Fuze & Booster; **Edna B. Karr**, Group 1; **Emil J. Lacosi**, Group 1.

September 3

Harold S. Cain, Group 1; **Margaret J. Cernugal**, Group 7; **James R. Corrick**, Utilities; **Lucille R. Crusoe**, Group 7; **George J. Delongchamp**, Building Maintenance; **Frank J. DeMarti**, Group 1; **Wilma L. Heminover**, Group 9; **Frederick J. Herringer**, Group 8; **Kathryn J. Kinsella**, Utilities.

September 4

Orville R. Batthazor, Group 1; **Ethel T. Cockburn**, Group 5; **Ira D. Combs**, Timekeeping; **Jerome L. Conness**, Group 1; **Harold E. Crouch**, Group 4; **Genevieve S. Harmes**, Group 7; **Lorraine T. Iverson**, Group 8; **Oliver O. Kalbrier**, Group 2.

September 5

Robert A. Ackley, Plant Protection; **Donald D. Bryant**, Group 2; **Doris K. Carterfield**, Group 4; **Julia Chapp**, Group 7; **Lawrence V. Crawford**, chauffeur; **LaVerne O. Gomora**, Group 8; **Joseph C. Hanks**, Fuze & Booster; **Dale N. Jackson**, Inspection; **Barbara K. Johnston**, Group 4; **Orphus A. Keyes**, Utilities; **Joseph A. Kramer**, Plant Protection.

September 6

Kitty G. Barwig, Group 6; **Evelyn S. Christensen**, Group 5; **Lealia V. Durell**, Group 9; **Raymond S. Eddings**, Plant Protection; **Esther Fenn**, Group 9; **Robert J. Flint**, Plant Protection; **Mary J. Foster**, Group 5; **Theresa M. Francouer**, Group 9; **Violetta M. Gibbons**, Group 6; **Ireene Greer**, Group 4; **Robert P. Helmick**, Group 3-A; **Wilbur N. Jenkins**, Group 3; **Willis E. Johnson**, High Explosives; **Nettie C. Kellogg**, Group 9; **Dorothy C. Laudry**, Group 6.

September 7

Gertrude K. Arseneau, Group 9; **Opal P. Babbs**, Group 9; **Harold F. Carpenter**, Group 3-A; **Charles W. Conner**, Group 1; **Mabel A. Dean**, Group 5; **Dale E. Fischer**, Group 1; **Maurice R. Hedrick**, Group 2; **Edward T. Johnson**, Group 1; **Mary L. Kanta**, Group 5.

September 8

Leland L. Barnes, Storage; **Walter L. Bartlett**, Group 4; **Mary S. Caretto**, Fuze & Booster; **Robert J. Ditton**, Fuze & Booster; **Mary J. Dall**, Group 5; **Patricia A. Douglas**, Group 4; **Nellie M. Foster**, Group 9; **Arthur F. Gerlich**, Group 3-A; **Howard L. Hembrough**, Group 1; **Geniece Hill**, Group 9; **James P. Horchem**, Utilities; **Fay A. Horstmeier**, Plant Protection; **Harry M. Ketner**, Group 3-A.

September 9

Genevieve I. Anderson, Fuze & Booster; **Walter K. Ayers**, Group 1; **Byron K. Culley**, Plant Protection; **Clifford W. L. Day**, Group 3-A; **Florence M. Florian**, Group 5; **Dorothy M. Gagnon**, Group 5; **Emma R. Hart**, Group 5; **Rutheda F. Hiatt**, Group 8; **Raymond R. Hill**, Inspection; **Leroy Hutchinson**, Transportation; **Herbert W. Just**, Group 3-A; **Bessie J. Koneney**, Group 7; **Earle G. LaGesse**, Accounting; **Wade K. Abbott**, Group 1.

September 10

Arthur G. Ahrens, Utilities; **Helen J. Augustine**, Group 7; **Madelyn J. Brown**, Group 5; **Leola A. Bruntjen**, Group 7; **Theresa M. Cahay**, Group 4; **Thelma N. Christopher**, Group 5; **Violet H. Crenshaw**, Group 7; **Donald D. Elsome**, Group 3-A; **Glenn V. Gibb**, Group 4; **Jean C. Gilmour**, Group 6; **Virgil V. Hidlebaugh**, Plant Protection; **William R. Jarvis**, Fuze & Booster; **Francis J. LaGesse**, Utilities.

September 11

Joseph J. Armoska, Group 11; **John Barna**, Group 9; **Edward A. Brower**, Group 61; **Dorothy A. Brownfield**, Group 5; **Parmillia G. Champoux**, Group 1; **Robert M. Chowning**, Plant Protection; **Harold Donley**, Plant Protection; **Joseph B. Felak**, High Explosives; **Leslie W. Flint**, Plant Protection; **Lester M. Gillette**, Group 1; **Lloyd E. Haney**, Group 7; **Johnny M. Harrison**, Group 1; **Walter J. Huntley**, Utilities; **Orville C. Kettmich**, Group 1; **George E. Kinard**, **John W. Lambert**, Group 3.

Field Engineers

C. O. FINNEGAN
Correspondent

Well, after last week's column I can truthfully say the day it was written was "My Day" and since then every day has been someone else's. The column this week could be rightly entitled "Reverberations." But it isn't. The reverberations might reverberate.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cole** on the birth of a son.

To be considered every day (as soon as the a. m. fog has cleared) —What more can I do to help the war effort? I'll give the best I've got to my job and Buy Bonds.

What can I do to beat the Japs —Buy Bonds.

What can I do to beat Hitler—Buy Bonds.

What can I do to help stop inflation and high prices — Buy Bonds.

Yes! Buy Bonds! "Work, fight, give, make Democracy live." (Drew Pearson and Bob Allen.)

EOP Badge Is Sign of Trust In Its Wearer

Seal of Approval Reminder of Pledge About Safety, Talk

By Emory M. Akeman, Safety Engineer, Group 3-A

Everyone working at EOP has the very definite responsibility of doing his share in keeping this ordnance plant *safe*. It is a part of your job—a very important part of your job. Personal accidents must be avoided by all of us, and the possibility of such accidents replaced by a keen regard for safety.

The Personnel Department checked your references and your personal history before you were given a badge and assigned a number. In many instances, even the references themselves have been evaluated to determine their fitness to pass judgment on you and your past. Investigators have or will tap other sources of information to supply further evidences of your fitness to work in this Plant. You have been photographed and finger-printed as a further protection to you and this Plant.

You were given a number and a badge as an identification. But did it ever occur to you that that badge is a valuable adornment? What is it? A bit of metal? Yes! A rather homely picture? Likely! Some sort of color background as a group identification? Yes! But to you personally your badge is a seal of approval—a mark of distinction—a symbol of the confidence that has been placed in you—an emblem signifying that you are and have been a good American citizen. It is the key that opens the gates of Elwood Ordnance Plant to you—a privilege not granted to other persons.

Wear your badge with confidence and merited pride that you have been thus honored. Wear it with the fullest sense of responsibility for doing your full share to maintain safe working conditions at all times. Wear it with a sincere determination that your lips are sealed when you leave this Plant—it must be a constant reminder to you of your pledge *not to talk*.

EOP Swimmers Invited To Joliet Tourney

Employees of the Elwood Ordnance Plant and members of their families are invited to enter the annual Will County swimming meet at the Nowell Park pool at 2 o'clock Sunday, August 30.

Swimming events in four age classes will bring together Will County's leading swimming and diving enthusiasts in the annual classic.

Continuing the procedure adopted last year, the Recreation Department of the Joliet Park District under **John J. Clemens, Jr.**, has decided that swimmers in the younger age groups should be given every chance to prove their aquatic ability. Consequently, a special midget class, including youngsters of 11 and 12 years and younger, has been established.

The three other classes are: Junior, 13 and 14 years old; intermediates, 15 and 16 years old; and seniors, 17 years of age and over.

Gold medals will be presented to champions in each event with ribbons going to swimmers and divers placing second and third. Special gold medals will be awarded to the best boy and girl sportsman in the meet.

Entry blanks will be available at the Nowell Park pool. Entrants may enter at the meet Sunday afternoon. Free style, backstroke, breast stroke and fancy diving will make up the various events open to competitors.

Assisting the Recreation Department will be **Ian Crabb, Ed Daniel, Tom Crabb, Bob Semitokel** and several other swimming authorities throughout the county.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

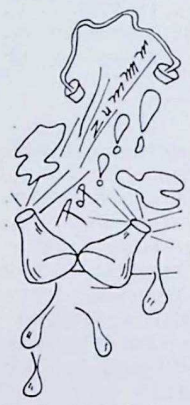
What's poppin' at the hospital! It seems the past two weeks have been quite eventful.

Lucy Harkness, who has been the capable and efficient correspondent until this issue, has departed for another position. Her new adventure is a Civil Service job as secretary in the District Engineering Department at the Joliet Post Office. She had returned Saturday, August 15, and from her report as to her work, she seems to be quite enthusiastic about it; liking her fellow workers but still missing the EOP personnel. "Over hill and dale she will go, to see what she must know." Her work will not be all chicken scratches (shorthand), and finger exercises (typewriting), for she now has a chance to get more runners in her nylon hose and turned ankles from high heels. Knowing Lucy as the practical girl she is, her intention is to conform her dress to fit the field inspection trips on which she will accompany her boss.

Smiles and more smiles came from a patient up at the hospital. Guess who? Here is a hint, his leg was in a splint for a number of weeks. Won't keep you guessing. It was **Edward Gordon**, New Lennox. The reason was that **Dr. H. L. Schultz** discharged him from the hospital. The staff is still tempted to go past the room to bid him the time of day.

Another to leave August 15 was **Sylvia Hamper**, pretty brunette nurse from Group 1. She will continue her work as a Red Cross nurse. **Esther Anderson**, who has been part of the hospital personnel, has become her successor. **Lucille Nahas** has been transferred to Group 9.

And now for a bit of humor at the expense of the Laboratory girls. The hospital hall was lined with patients and out from the door came dashing three girls, followed closely by **Gordon Hunt** from the Water Disposal Plant. What happened? Why the rush? Oh, look! Mr. Hunt was caught in the gush of water. Exciting talk flew around until all four came down to the ground. When **R. R. Sidell**, the supervisor of the laboratory returned, there were four bewildered looking persons outside the door. He went on. Following at his heels were the four. Here was his comment, "Why it's only the two corks and rubber connection from the distiling apparatus." "You folks blew further than the corks." Girls answered: "All we heard was pop . . . zummmmmmm . . . puff! And we didn't wait to look back!" Would you?



Who is superstitious of the number 13? If you are, put your fears away as we have. On August 13 two crisp white bits of cheery starch started their services with EOP. We want to share the pleasure of knowing our two new nurses. The first is **Doris Petersen**, who is a graduate of the People's Hospital, Peru, Ill. Coming to Joliet, Doris was the assistant superintendent at the Tuberculosis Sanitorium. And just before coming to EOP she was doing both general and private duty.

"They say all good things come by three's." The second new nurse is **Mrs. Theodore Busse**, formerly **Dorothy Kenney**. Graduating from St. Joseph's hospital in Joliet, she did general and private duty for a year and a half. She left St. Joseph's for a position as obstetrical supervisor at the Little Company of Mary, a hospital on the southwest side of Chicago, staying there eight years. Both nurses reside in Joliet and commute back and forth each day.

"Why pick on me? . . . I picked the three flat tires to fix that one flat tire last time."

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Don Nelson left for a two-week vacation August 14. **James Wilson** is away on the second week of a vacation.

James Murphy is enjoying himself fishing, swimming and boating at Devil's Lake, Wis. According to a postcard message. **Frank Fawell, Roy Chasteen** and **Bud Zombore** also are among the vacationists.

John Schmeh has been more than welcomed on his return from a recent illness, and **Harry Brown** was heard to have uttered the phrase "Please, let Mr. Schmeh come back soon."

Marge Gall is recuperating from her two-day upset brought about by her mother's absence from home and finding that cooking for oneself isn't so easy.

William Dronsfield has been adorning the department with beautiful bouquets of flowers, and shows no partiality among the feminine members.

Certain persons of the Planning Division of the Ordnance Department have been making frequent visits and obtaining impressions of this group. However, **Fred Mastin** is doing a little Production Planning of his own. He has several members in his "Lonely Hearts Club," consisting of **Wallace Benson, Martha Craig, Gertrude Finnegan, Mrs. Catherine Ray** and **Dorothy Maxwell**, his newest member. If anyone is interested you may obtain a card by getting in touch with "Dan Cupid" Mastin.

Mac Noren entertained her fiance, **Pvt. Bob Hodgdon**, for several days. He is stationed at Pine Camp, New York, and is a former employee of Group 1.

We all like to read the paper of the company, but few like to cut out pictures.

Mary O'Connell is reported to have cut the picture of the correspondent from each issue of *The Bomb-Shell*.

George Mayernick of Group 1 was given one day's vacation on which he managed to catch up on his sleep. The progress clerks at this Group have reported that they are now working independently of their companions, the four-legged friends. . . thanks to a well known exterminator.

"Your floors appear very tidy today, Grandma Kerzasechky!"

"Sister, the last war it was medals for plinking submarines . . . this one, it's this."

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

In the draft? No, don't shut the window because you're in the Army. Those who have been classified and waiting induction are **Arthur Howard, Robert Renoldi, Edwin Benson, Joseph Petroske, Thomas Tomaszewski, Robert Walling, Bertel Norling** and **Bernard Smego. Carl Swanson** and **Kenneth Nelson** left recently for Army service.

Milton Treitel, assistant chief timekeeper, has left for New York on his vacation. He was accompanied by **Benjamin Sloan, Elmer Dames** and **Arthur Couch.** Others on their vacations are **John Rydman, Edward Hackbarth, Ray Lee, Orville Baron, Bruce Southcombe** and **Samuel Holzman.**

Mrs. Chuck Swanberg, wife of the timekeeper, underwent an appendectomy recently.

Vearl Heinis has received a second class petty officer's rating in the Navy and will be leaving soon.

Angeline Gunnerson, curator of **John O'Connell's** desk, will be leaving on a vacation soon. 'Tis reported she and **Robert Renoldi** are still going strong. Could be!

Edward Hackbarth almost flew with the U. S. Army. Before the war started Eddie tried to enlist. At the time, however, Randolph Field was used chiefly for training mechanics. Training of pilots was still in its infancy, so Eddie was placed on a waiting list. He got tired of waiting and got married instead. Now he expects to be called soon and with his experience in the air, may be flying for Uncle Sam after all.

Recently **Clifford Northrup** and **Homer Smalt**, accompanied by their wives and a light touch of the devil, went on a weiner roast, traveling by canoe. When they touched shore, they found they were on a golf course. Continuing down the stream, they again touched shore and found they were still on the same course. This occurred several times until "Hiawatha" Smalt got disgusted. They landed on the course and built a fire. Running out of firewood, Smalt went to look for some. He found some golf markers and came back triumphantly. Breaking the markers into small pieces, the foursome finished roasting the weiners and continued on their way.

Things you didn't know till now. . . . **Helen Kelly** used to be a school teacher. **Mary Keene** received a dozen letters from her husband the first week he was in the Army. **Mary Burnett's** husband is with the U. S. Army in England. **Lester Castongue** is the proud father of a 7½-pound boy. **Bill Dwyer** has a cute nickname. They call him "Numb." **Bill Prindle** is running around acting like a villian. He's trying to get *that* part in "Pinafore." **Robert Waddell**, of Gardner, practically lives in Joliet. **Edith Cuno** does not know whether or "weather" to accept. Her boy is a meteorologist. **John Olstrem** is returning to the University of Illinois to graduate. **Orville J. Baron** was very lucky recently when he won a small fortune playing filmo in Manteno. **Dwight Reitz** has a few muskies he could show you from his recent trip to Eagle River, Wis. **Athiel Powers** and **John Rydman** are veterans of the first World War. **Robert Renoldi, Leonard Bottomly** and **Ray Bryant** are the smoothest trio in Timekeeping. **Joseph Fitzpatrick** is the only timekeeper who wears socks to match the rest of his clothes. Very fussy about them. **Harry Knarr** is still trying to figure out what supercillious means. **Joe Baudino** has recovered from his recent illness. **George Diment** is carrying on for **Lawrence Holz** who is on vacation. **Paul Lauer** will be glad when vacations are over. He is replacing the key men while they are away.

Bernard J. McShane, assistant chief timekeeper, celebrated his birthday recently. However, he wouldn't tell us just how old he is, but 'tis said he is past the half-century mark.

Memories of a fun-filled picnic . . . **Robert Renoldi**, chairman . . . arrangement committee, **Leonard Bottomly** and **Ray Bryant** . . . entertainment committee, **Cele Harte** and **Eva Swede.** Introduction of guests . . . **Bill Prindle's** pretty wife, **Camille** . . . **Whitey Reitz's** fun-loving wife, **Betty** . . . **Clarence Pete's** wife, who works at Fuze & Booster . . . **Mary Butler's** brother, **Ivan** . . . attractive **Mrs. John O'Connell** . . . southern personality, **Mrs. Leonard Bottomly** . . . **Bernard McShane** frying onions . . . early rush for drinks . . . arrival of late members . . . softball teams formed, **John O'Connell's** team vs. **Milton Treitel's** . . . **Angeline Gunnerson** sliding . . . **Nick Earthly** losing a few pounds . . . arguments left and right . . . the Duke, in person of **Connie Howard** arrives on field . . . early massacre of O'Connell's team . . . "Dusty" O'Connell's pitching . . . Milton Treitel's hitting . . . Bernard McShane frying hamburgers . . . **Arch LaBorence** catching . . . scorekeeper **Mary Butler** . . . umpire **Frank Zupancic** . . . decisive victory by Treitel's team . . . O'Connell still arguing his side won . . . rush for eats . . . Bernard McShane still frying hamburgers . . . Nick Earthly first to food . . . pass the beans . . . everyone filled . . . introduction of all present . . . snobirds run rampant . . . egg race—Angeline Gunnerson . . . John O'Connell's egg shampoo . . . everyone singing . . . **Geraldine Graham** looking cute . . . Mrs. O'Connell playing horseshoes . . . Bernard McShane still frying hamburgers . . . more singing . . . drinking and dancing . . . show me the way to go home.

It's Different When It's for A Pal at Front

EOP Employee Sees Importance to War Job of Work Here

That much more than meets the eye, comes to the man in charge, is shown by this little anecdote related by one of them.

"Down the line, in one of our buildings," said this supervisor, "was an inseparable pair of young fellows who, I believe, represented our average worker except that we had, on several occasions found it necessary to reprimand them for not putting enough effort into their work. Wasting time was an art with them. They kidded a lot, let the work slide, and frequently took a day off to enjoy life. Quite often, the next day found them incapable of much production.

"You can imagine my surprise when the foreman of that building came to me one day with the suggestion that one of these boys be promoted to be his assistant. Because of his enthusiasm, interest and attention to safety and production, I decided to see the young man and ascertain what brought about his change of heart.

"Sure enough he was on the job and busy as a beaver. When I told him of his foreman's recommendation, he smiled proudly.

" 'Yes,' he said, 'I've been hitting the ball hard, and enjoying it.' We chatted for a while about our work until I noticed that the other lad, his best friend, was not in the building, and mentioned this to him.

" 'No sir,' he said, 'Jimmy's been in the Army almost two months now. You know, it makes things seem different with him out there needing this stuff. I mean to put *everything I have into this job*—safety, to keep up unbroken output and cut down loss of time; quality, to make sure we don't let him down in a pinch, and production that will outdo anything our enemies have ever seen. After all, that's the least you can do for a pal, isn't it?' "

Army Officers Once Stationed Here Go Far and Wide; Some Overseas

Survey Shows Present Location of Transferred EOP Staff Members; Some Now Commandants

By Seymour Kurantman

Our text for today, brethren of the EOP, is the question, "Where do they go from here?" And this thesis, sistern, will concern itself with the officers who, at one time or another in Elwood's history, were stationed here on regular duty.

It's almost two years now since this plant rose from paper plans to take tangible shape as one of the foremost ammunition plants in the country. During that period, an impressive number of officers have served their tour of duty here and have gone on to further distinction on assignments elsewhere. We all like to think, justly, that we've been more than fortunate in having had our Army staff officers and gentlemen who served with honor and distinction and who gained the affection and respect of all who knew them. Adhering strictly as they did to military regulations, forms and procedures, they nevertheless were friendly and congenial men.

The first Commanding Officer was **Maj. Robert K. Haskell,** who also doubled as Constructing Quartermaster and helped get the plant off on the right foot. It's Lieutenant Colonel Haskell now and, after a period of service in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington, after leaving EOP, he is now on field duty at Temple, Texas.

Lt. Col. T. C. Gerber (now Colonel) followed as C. O. and served brilliantly as head of both Kankakee Ordnance Works and EOP. It will please those who were unaware of the fact to learn that Colonel Gerber now holds the vitally important position of Field Director of Ammunition Plants with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., in which capacity he directs the field activity of ammunition plants throughout the country.

Three former EOP officers are now C. O's. at other plants. **Maj. Charles G. Tolson** (captain here) heads the Green River Ordnance Plant; **Maj. Percy S. Irvine** (captain here) is C. O. at Pantex Ordnance Plant; and **Capt. Gilbert R. Griswold** (first lieutenant here—remember his big smile?) is top man at Coosa River Ordnance Plant. **Maj. John B. Watkins,** who served ably as Intelligence Officer here, is now reported to be on foreign duty. **Maj. Curtis A. Nelson** (captain here), is Area Engineer at Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas; **Capt. Thomas G. Watkins** (first lieutenant here) is Executive Officer at the Gary Armor Plate Plant; **Maj. John C. Hendrie** (captain here) is now at Oak Ordnance Plant as Executive Officer; **Capt. George A. Bate** (first lieutenant here) now holds an executive post at Virginia Ordnance Works.

Other Promotions Listed

Other promotions include **Lt. Ben H. Pelton** (from second to first lieutenant), now serving under **Maj. C. G. Tolson** at Green River Ordnance Plant; **Lt. Darrell E. Hornbeck** (from second to first lieutenant) at the same plant; **Lt. Woodrow T. Trotter** (from second to first lieutenant), now at the Gary Armor Plate Plant; and **Lt. Knight S. Carson** (from second to first lieutenant), now in the office of the Chief of Ordnance, Tank and Combat Vehicle Division.

Capt. A. M. Niems, formerly on the Quartermaster staff here, is now Area Engineer at the Japanese concentration camp (so-called) in Arizona and has been promoted to Major. **Capt. F. E. Doane,** former Executive Officer, C.Q.M., here, is now Area Engineer at Parsons, Kans., **Maj. E. R. Gates,** former C.Q.M., was Area Engineer at Flora, Miss., and is now in Georgia.

Within the time available for research, a complete list was not possible. Omissions, and there likely are some, are regretted. However, the conclusion is inescapable that those who knew these men were right in their appraisal. They are swell guys who will go high in the service, men whom it was a privilege to know. And we've got more officers like them here right now.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Ronny "Andy" Anderson, chauffeur, and **Howard Cox,** Engineering Department, seemed to have had a s-w-e-l-l time on their trip. They hopped around up north, hitting Rhinelander, Wis., Grand Rapids, Mich., and spots like that.

Alice Dressler, escort, has just had the thrill of winning a $150 War Bond. She was *much* concerned when **Mrs. Bernadette MacNamara** called and awakened her to tell the good news—just went back to bed again and slept sounder than ever.

John Schmeh, supervisor of production planning, has returned to the wheel again after being away because of illness.

George Alstadt, Labor Distribution Department, and **Mrs. Alstadt** are spending their vacation in Connecticut.

Betty Kane, Tabulating Department, is spending a week in Michigan.

Ruth Brunnings, Auditing Department, is quite busy getting ready to go to college. She plans to attend the University of Colorado.

Bob Forst, Engineering Department, has returned to his post after two weeks at Eagle River, Wis. He does enjoy telling the honest (?) story of the fish he just about had.

C. Harold Taylor, former EOP executive secretary, is vacationing in Michigan before taking on his new duties as special counsel for Sanderson & Porter in New York.

Lloyd Smith (Smitty), former chauffeur, besides having been taken into the Army has joined the ranks of the "two can live as cheap as one" club. He and **Helen Princko** joined hands forever at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church August 17.

Kathleen Conway, Engineering Department, is out seeing the country, taking in Kentucky, Ohio and neighboring territory.

Don't be surprised if **Jim Cortright** comes around with a new style hair-do. He has changed his residence from Eastern Avenue, Joliet, to quarters that also house a Beauty Salon.

Clara Cline, Engineering Department, had a real vacation . . . out all nights, sleeping all days.

Arthur C. Andrews, former Engineering Department employee, now at Charlotte, N. C., and **Bess Whitaker,** Durham, N. C., will center-aisle it August 29.

Helen McGann has resigned from the Payroll Department.

Rowena Roberts, chief of Traffic Audit Department, is spending a few days in Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, where she underwent surgery.

Marion Shelley, Purchasing Department, has had some tough luck with her foot that made it necessary for her to be hospitalized for a while.

Ev Blade and **Audrey Mossberger** are alleged to have enjoyed the races one Friday.

"Jerry" Almon, former secretary to **C. Harold Taylor,** is now in the offices of **Harrison Smith.**

Gerald "Gerry" Wilcox, buyer, has returned after visiting in southern Indiana with his family.

Virginia Krause, Comptroller's Department, has left for Greenville, Miss., to spend her vacation at the 74th Air Base.

Mel Block, Multilith Department, has resigned to accept a position in Detroit, Mich.

Jeanette O'Toole, Payroll Department, has resigned to go to Milwaukee, Wis.

Dorothea Cheney, Payroll Department, gave up her work here to move to Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Russell Bull,** investigator, who died recently.

Russell H. Watt, assistant chief, Division of Investigation, has returned from a fishing trip in Michigan. **Paul P. Tamillo** enjoyed a vacation in Canada. Wedding bells chimed for **William Palmer,** August 15.

Man Who Picked EOP Site Heads Safety

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was found to be necessary as surveys were completed and as design and construction progressed.

Visited Elwood Often

During the development of detailed plans for Elwood Ordnance Plant numerous conferences were held with Colonel Miles and his staff, both at Elwood and in Washington. He continued to follow closely the progress made during construction, and frequently visited the site and advised with executives of both the Army and Sanderson & Porter.

Because of Colonel Miles' selection of the site for Elwood Ordnance Plant, and his close association with the design, construction and putting into operation of the first loading lines, Elwood Ordnance Plant executives have a feeling of great admiration and respect for him and his ability. As Director of the Safety Branch of the Ordnance Department, Colonel Miles visited the plant last August 12, and it is hoped that he will make frequent visits in order that we may have the benefit of his advice and counsel.

After performing outstanding services in the Ammunition Division over a period of a year, Colonel Miles was relieved of this duty in July, 1941, and for a time was stationed at headquarters of the Fifth Corps Area, Fort Hayes, Ohio, later returning to Washington for duty in the Office of Chief of Staff. In line of duty he was in Honolulu, H. I., December 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked the Islands. Shortly thereafter he returned to Washington, and January 15, 1942, was given a mission to Egypt from which he returned March 20, 1942. For a short period thereafter he was assigned to Headquarters of the First Army at Governors Island, after which he assumed his present duty.

Has Eventful Career

Colonel Miles was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 20, 1887, and following graduation from the United States Military Academy was appointed a second lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, June 15, 1910.

Colonel Miles was promoted to first lieutenant June 20, 1912, and passed through all of the ranks to that of lieutenant colonel (temporary), to which he was promoted January 21, 1918, and to that of colonel March 1, 1939.

Colonel Miles' first field service was at Fort Monroe, Virginia, with the 6th Coast Artillery Company. During the period, January, 1911-May, 1917, Colonel Miles served successively at Fort Hancock, New Jersey; Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, Calif., Picatinny Arsenal and Sandy Hook Proving Grounds.

In May, 1917, Colonel Miles was appointed Chief of the Explosives Section, Inspection Division, Ordnance Department, and was stationed at Washington, D. C. On September 16, 1918, he sailed for England and served in England and France until December, 1918, as Liaison Officer for the Ordnance Department. Upon completion of this duty he resumed his office as Chief of the Explosives Section of the Ordnance Department, later being assigned as Commanding Officer of the Amatol, New Jersey, Arsenal, and then as Commanding Officer of Picatinny Arsenal, probably the most important Government arsenal.

In the period 1922-1933 Colonel Miles served as Post Ordnance Officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Chief of the Explosives Department and Chief of Operations at Picatinny Arsenal; Chief of War Plans Section of the Ammunition Division, Washington, D. C., and was graduated from the Army Industrial College and from the School of Business Administration, Harvard University. Later he was executive assistant in the Hartford District Ordnance Office, Springfield Armory, Massachusetts, and July 1, 1937, became senior instructor and director of the Army Industrial College, Washington, D. C., being chosen Commandant July 1, 1939.

Colonel and Mrs. Miles make their home in Washington, D. C. They have three children: **Capt. Edmund W. Miles,** Fort George Wright, Washington, D. C.; **Lt. Richard C. Miles,** Fort Benning, Georgia, and **Mary Elizabeth Miles,** Washington, D. C.

CANDID SHOTS were taken by Robert T. McEvoy, Government timekeeper in Group 3-A, at the Summer Carnival Dance in the Recreation Building August 8, and these photographs were the result. Some of the persons shown knew they were being photographed, others didn't. See if you can find yourself in the pictures. *(Photo by Bob McEvoy, Group 3A)*

The EOP Guide Post

Classified ads will be published without charge in this department of The Bomb-Shell for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. All ads, space permitting, which are deemed of service to employees and their families, will be published. The deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

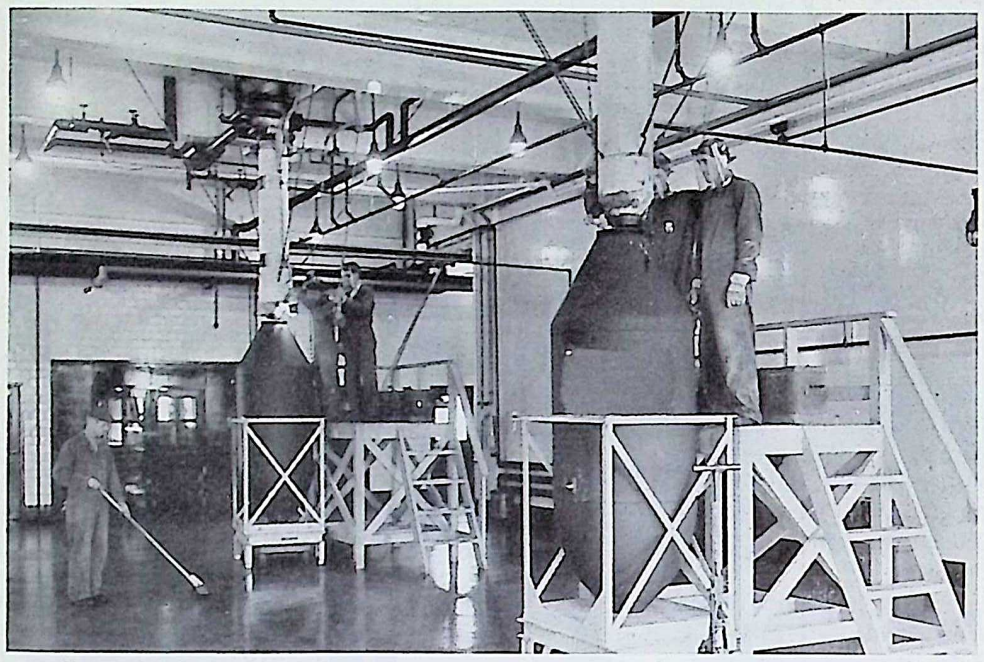
RIDERS WANTED—Can furnish transportation to and from far South Side of Chicago for 3 riders working same shift as mine. On 3:30 to 11:30 shift from August 29 through September 5. Call **C. R. Carlson,** Line 4223.

ATTENTION ELGIN DRIVERS—Let's get together and help each other and our riders. I have a plan which may be helpful. If interested, call **Elmer Pilcher** at Elgin 1984-M.

LOST—Lunch Kit containing 2 pairs of glasses. Please return to Sheet Metal Shop, Group 70, or call Line 3180.

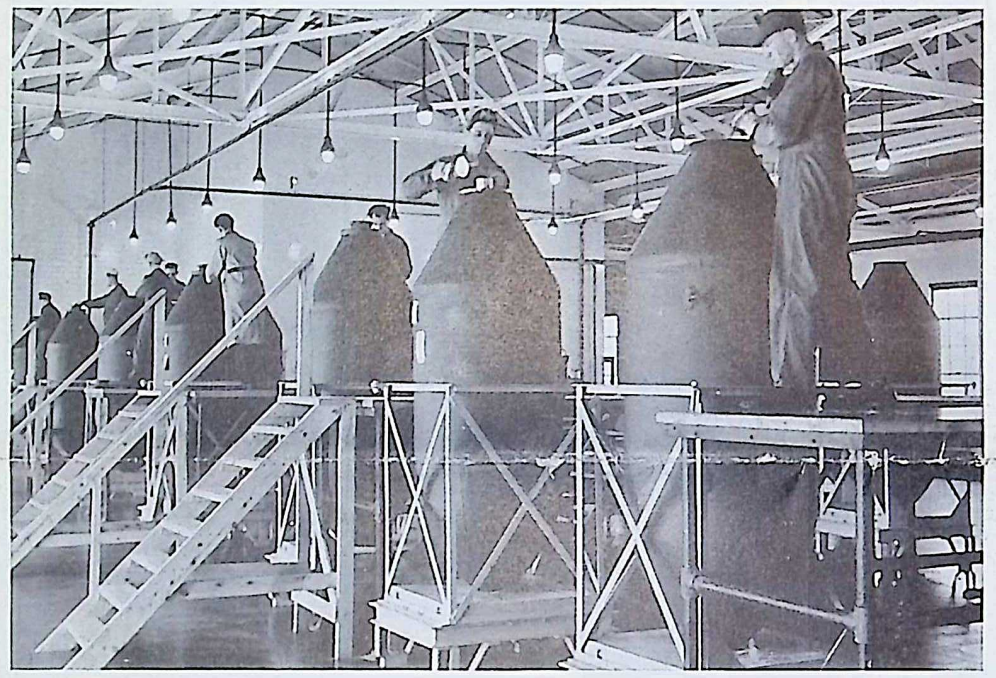
FOR SWAP—Will trade a 1937 Taylorcraft airplane, 40 h.p., Continental motor, value $500, for late model used car, outboard motorboat, speedboat, or what have you. **Ray Nemanich,** guard, Manhattan, Ill.

ELWOOD ON PARADE



TWO-TON BOMBS are filled with amatol in one of the loading operations required to prepare "block busters" for their war mission. Shown here, left to right, are Walker Findlay, Clifford Miller, Richard Dolczyk, Donald Breen and William Fulton.

AMATOL FILLING must be broken down before loading of the two-ton bombs can be completed. Michael Hoffman (left) and Charles Hubert are shown here doing the breaking down task in one of the bays of loading line buildings in Group 3A.



T N T TOPPING is used and a cavity for the booster charge is formed as loading of the 4,000 pound "block busters" progresses along the line. Shown at work here, left to right, are George Turner, Robert Glade, Lowell Hansen, Claude Chapman, Robert Potter, Joseph Relrick, Albert Agnich and Louis Paul.

ON THEIR WAY go the two-ton "block busters" after the loading process has been finished. Shown here, left to right, are Robert McNett, Robert Berton, Glenn Van Deventer, Lester Brandner, Andrew DiPietra, Luis Walker, John Larman, Jake Burns, Leo Gentile and Richard Longloy.

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NIGHT LIFE in EOP's railroad classification yard is fast, colorful and eventful, if not gay in the accepted sense of the word, as this photograph indicates. Atop the box car is Raymond L. Romans, switchman, and at the side is Jesse Humphrey, switching foreman.

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Walkup Named EOP Director Of Recreation

Plans Activities In Nearby Towns As Well As Here

Edward L. Walkup assumed his duties as EOP's new director of recreation September 8, succeeding **Ivan "Tiny" Cahoon** who resigned several weeks ago to become a captain in the Army.

Mr. Walkup, who has lived in Wilmington for the last year and who has been organizing recreation centers and projects in war work areas, said his first steps would be conferences with his staff with a view toward setting up a plant-wide recreation council composed of representatives from the various groups and departments.

The new director is well acquainted with recreation leaders throughout northern and central Illinois and plans to co-operate with these leaders in providing recreational activities for EOP workers in the communities in which they live. These projects will be in addition to those which will be centered in the EOP Recreation Building.

Organization of bowling facilities probably will be Mr. Walkup's first undertaking, so that devotees of this sport will be assured of an opportunity to bowl with the beginning of the season.

Mr. Walkup is married and has one son, **Edward, Jr.**, 14 years old. He is a graduate of North Central College, Naperville, Ill., and of Akron (Ohio) University. He spent three years on the stage in stock, dramatic presentations and musical comedies.

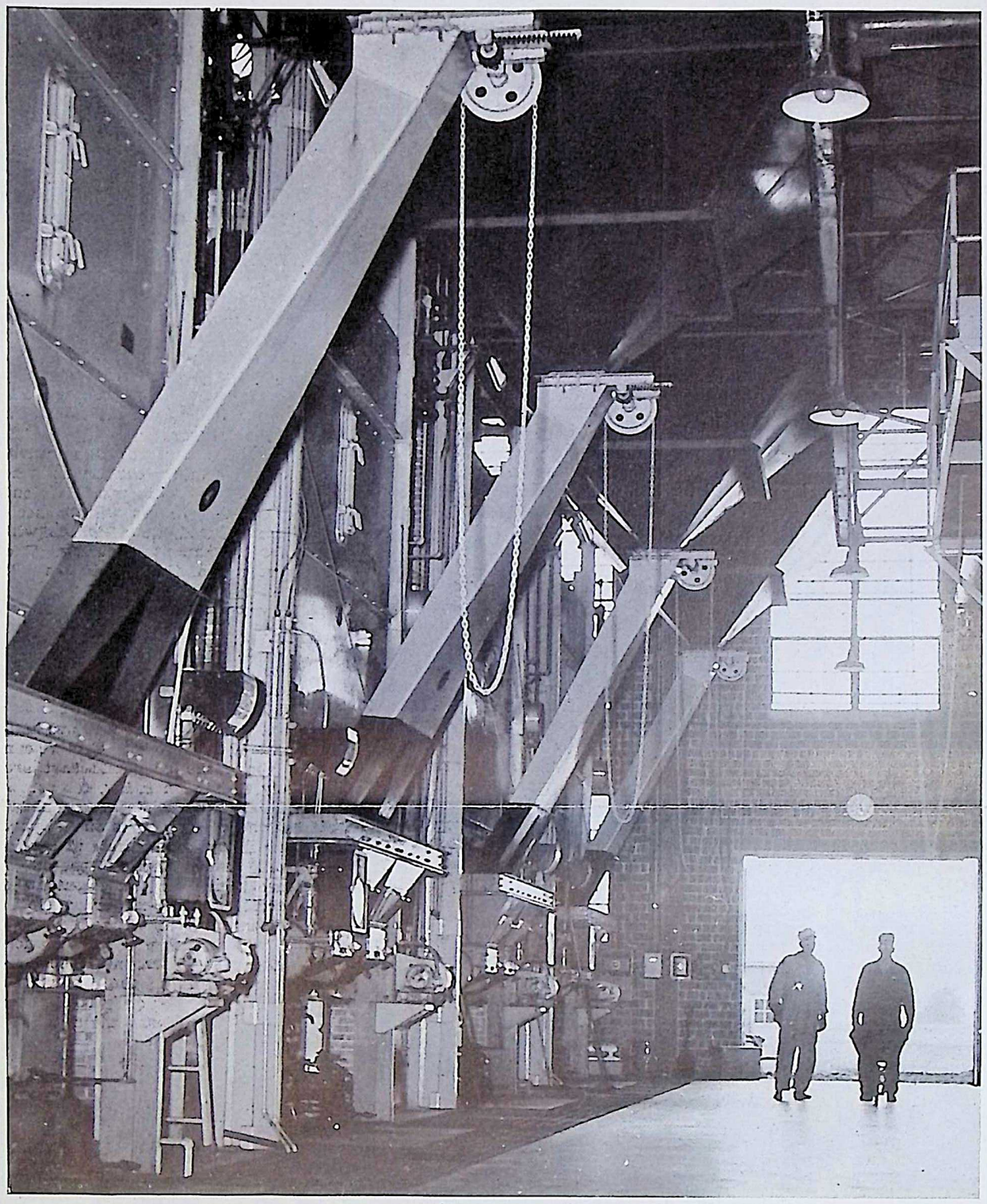
For several years, Mr. Walkup was director of recreation for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron. During that period he supervised baseball, basketball, softball, football and tennis activities, as well as dramatic, musical and choral groups. Bowling, boxing and wrestling also were features of his program for the 40,000 employees.

Following his work for Goodyear, Mr. Walkup attended the National Recreation School in New York and then entered municipal recreation work. Assignments included executive director of the War Camp Community Service, Highland Park, Ill.; recreation director at Centralia, Ill.; industrial recreation director at Waukegan, Ill.; assistant state director of leisure time activities for the State of Iowa, and supervisor of Portage Park, Chicago Park District.

Employees May Still Enter Classes

Although registration for the classes for war workers conducted this fall and winter by the University of Illinois in Joliet and other communities was scheduled for last week, those who failed to enroll may be able to make provision for study by communicating with EOP's Safety Department in the Administration Building.

The original number of classes contemplated was reduced to those in which there seemed to be greatest interest and any one interested is requested to call Line 4227 for complete details.



MECHANICAL MASSIVENESS of the steam boilers in EOP's nitrate of ammonia plant is shown in this photo by the contrast between the silhouetted figures of John T. Williams (left) and Willis Donovan and the furnace fronts.

Groups 4-5 Picnic Proceeds Go to USO

Net proceeds from the picnic of Fuze Groups 4 and 5 at Rockdale August 23, amounting to $159.43, have been turned over to the United Service Organization, it was announced by **T. M. Burns**, general superintendent of Groups 4 through 9.

In a letter to **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, asking that the check for that amount be sent to the USO. Mr. Burns said that operators in the two groups had requested such a presentation be made.

"We are very proud," said Mr. Smith in acknowledging Mr. Burns' letter, "of the spirit of co-operation uniformly shown by Elwood Ordnance Plant people and the part they play in all worthy causes. This spirit is demonstrated by Groups 4 and 5 in making this additional contribution, which less thoughtful people might have diverted to some less worthy cause. Congratulations and sincere thanks to you all."

John M. Joyce, Joliet USO chairman, said in acknowledging the contribution, "The boys who are fighting for your liberty and mine do appreciate the splendid work being done back home by such good citizens as yourselves."

Heads Women Guards

Mrs. Gladys Armstrong was appointed head of the women guards August 29. She is a former record librarian at Manteno State Hospital and came to EOP in March. She succeeds **Bernadette McNamera**, who left EOP for the west coast muttering something about romance and marriage and that wonderful man in Seattle.

1,300 Plant Workers to Learn First-Aid

Nearly 1,300 EOP employees began first-aid training in Red Cross classes conducted in adjacent communities last week.

Rollin T. Read, EOP safety supervisor, said this total was one of, if not the largest groups of industrial workers ever to enroll for Red Cross first-aid training.

Most of the classes will continue for five or six weeks. The largest single group was the 700 enrolled in Joliet. In those communities where less than 15 employees have applied for training, Mr. Read is co-operating with the respective local Red Cross leaders in obtaining a sufficient number of other citizens to make classes possible.

EOP Scenes Pictured In Firepower Magazine

Elwood Ordnance Plant received national publicity in the current issue of *Firepower*, official publication of the Ordnance Department, published in Washington, D. C., for the employees of all ordnance plants throughout the country.

Charles F. Berry, editor, and **Fred Toy**, photographer, spent three days at EOP last month and the results of their work are represented by a series of pictures in the current issue of their magazine.

Pages 4 and 5 of the publication carry photographs made in Group 3-A and in the Fuze and Booster Area. A photo on Page 7 shows an EOP woman guard "frisking" girl operators on their way to work in a primer line.

Persons pictured in the photographs may obtain additional copies of *Firepower* if they telephone the editorial offices of *The Bomb-Shell*, Line 4206.

Many complimentary comments have been made on *Firepower's* new dress, two colors and bleed pages. Mr. Berry said that other EOP photographs may be expected in an early issue.

Anniversaries Of EOP Begin In September

Contract for Plant Awarded to S & P Two Years Ago

September of 1942 marks the beginning of a series of second anniversaries of important events in the history of the Elwood Ordnance Plant.

Sanderson & Porter, designers, builders and operators of the plant for the War Department, received a communication, termed a "speed-up" letter, September 13, 1940, from the War Department asking that initial steps in getting EOP underway be rushed.

According to the New York *Herald-Tribune* of that date, the "speed-up" letters, which were approved by the National Defense Commission, were for the purpose of enabling the project operators to proceed with preliminary activities without delay while the unsettled details of the contracts were worked out.

Twelve days later, a contract for the Elwood plant was awarded to Sanderson & Porter and the New York *Times* of September 25 announced the news in this fashion:

"A $14,000,000 War Department contract went to the New York firm of Sanderson & Porter for construction of an ammunition loading plant near Wilmington, Ill., to supplement the TNT and DNT plant which will be built in the same area."

Sanderson & Porter representatives arrived at the site in October, 1940, and ground was broken a month later.

Service Committee Resumes Weekly Meets

Weekly meetings of the EOP Employees Service Committee have been resumed, following a summer adjournment. The meetings are held each Thursday at 12:30 at the cafeteria and problems affecting the employees as the result of new conditions developing from the war are considered.

Members of the committee are **John J. Cole**, comptroller, chairman; **E. A. Evans**, chief field engineer, vice chairman; **Rollin T. Read**, safety supervisor, secretary; **Vernon C. Bailey**, editor of *The Bomb-Shell*; **George F. Bent**, personnel director, and **Dr. H. L. Schultz**, medical director. By authority of his position as director of recreation, **Edward L. Walkup** will assume membership on the committee at the next meeting September 17.

Executives to Meet at Cafeteria Sept. 17

Department executives are scheduled to hold their first informal get-together at the cafeteria at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, September 17, it was announced by **A. E. Frosch** and **E. A. Evans**, the committee named to launch a series of meetings of this type for the fall and winter.

Victor M. Dagenais has been named chairman for the first meeting, with **R. T. Bassett** serving as steward. Other members of the arrangements committee for this initial session include **E. K. Cortright, John Walker, A. J. Balston, C. O. Finnegan** and **V. L. Knudson.**

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Killed in Action

Earl Morris, Utilities Department employee at the EOP Round House, was informed officially September 3 by the United States Marine Corps that his son, **Pvt. George Knox Morris,** 24 years old, had keen killed in action. It is believed that the gallant young Marine gave his life for his country in the attack which wrested the Solomon Islands from the Japs.

Others at EOP have felt the sting of death of loved ones, it is true, but Mr. Morris is the first in the EOP family to suffer the death of kin in the Nation's armed forces. He will not be the last.

Former EOP employees now in the armed forces number more than a thousand. Husbands, fathers, sons and brothers of those who work here increase this number ten-fold.

War is grim. War work is no less so. The strain is severe. Transportation, housing conditions, changes of shift, unfamiliar tasks . . . all are perplexities not conducive to ease of mind nor satisfaction. But, aren't they rather petty in the light of those words . . . *killed in action?*

Isn't it our natural reaction that with the help of God and our fellow-men we'll do a grim job as it was never done before. We can't all be soldiers, sailors or marines, but we can vow to do our particular war task better than even we ever thought it could be done.

Killed in action . . . an epitaph, yes, but likewise a challenge to you, to me, to all of us.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

To you and you and you this may sound like a commercial advertisement but at the risk of my standing in the noble clan of the Fourth Estate, I wish to announce I am going to form a club. This is going to be a real club . . . in fact it is going to be spelled with a capital "C" . . . *Club* it shall be.

For many years through the heady hypodermic of boom times and even down through the depressive but lovely 30's, that inner urge to bring together fellow men of common bent and instinct has been raging within. But alas, the vigilant eyes of Better Business Bureaus, blue sky law prosecutors, deputy sheriffs and other protectors of the common good have drawn a bead on your aspiring scribe and kept him confined to the doubtfully lucrative sphere of the written word. But now I have them where I want them.

Our new club, with a capital "C," shall be known as the "Ten Minutes To Joliet Club," still with a capital "C," comprised entirely of unapprehended outlaws whom these civil authorities would like to bag in one fell swoop.

The principal qualifications for membership is the proven ability to start at any given point at EOP and drive to the center of Joliet in an automobile in ten minutes, with the reservation, of course, that the tour shall be conducted at a time when a shift is going off or coming on duty. Adequate penalties will be provided for those who chisel their way into this lofty organization by attempting to qualify in the middle of a shift when the road is encumbered by only a handful of gravel trucks, a half dozen or so large freight vans, and two transient combination reapers moving on to the next spot of harvest.

The ultimate accomplishment of this organization will be in diametric opposition to the Life Extension Institute. This will not constitute news to that large group who are already eligible because they have for many months been doing their best to extinguish the spark of muscular activity that flickers beneath their apparently empty crania.

There is good and sound reason to believe that this numerous, but as yet unorganized group, bears a collective grudge against the guy who ventured the assertion that life begins at 40. Either that, or they think that the 40 refers to speedometers instead of birthdays.

The as yet unelected Finance Committee of our Club has very wisely promulgated the by-laws on initiation fees. They have arrived at a sliding scale expressed in terms of life insurance varying inversely as the time required for the prospective member (or should I say victim) to cover the route set forth earlier in this announcement.

The Membership Committee is well prepared to cope with that handful of specialists who will clamor for class privileges because of their ability to cover the whole route on the left hand side of the road without once ducking back into their own lane to let an innocent autoist pass in the opposite direction; it is expected that others will ask for special ratings based on suicidal but successful passing of oncoming vehicles on the extreme left shoulder of 66A without as much as scaring the nearby tethered cow or removing either hub cap from the poor victim, who in this case is most literally "in the middle." They, too, will be covered . . . with sod some day soon.

There will no doubt be many arguments against the encouragement or even the open acknowledgment of these gasoline driven nit-wits, but there are hidden advantages, my friends, which defy the naked eye of you saner forty-minute travelers. The life insurance features of our initiation fee will at least soothe the survivors of our more energetic members and will tend to materially improve the solvency of local undertakers. Also, the inevitable agitation for a club house will break out after the second or third meeting and ultimately the branch insane asylum will take form in brick and mortar. As long as they live, the members will be lavish in their support of their newly found group. The very nature of the organization will behoove each member to enjoy life to the fullest while he can. Social affairs will follow and some nice evening all the members will be gathered together to celebrate the fact that they can still celebrate. That's where I come in. I'm going to sneak up and lock all the doors and throw the d - - - - keys away.

PASSES AND REJECTS

By Vernon C. Bailey

Additional changes in *The Bomb-Shell's* reportorial family are regretfully announced this week. Yes, regret for the departure of some, but compensating pleasure with the spirit prompting successors to carry on.

One of the originals, **Lee Reynolds,** who has been correspondent for the Personnel Department since the paper was launched, was compelled to give up his assignment when he was transferred to the Administration Building to assist in the office of the Executive Secretary. Mr. Reynolds, a graduate attorney, has the best wishes of his newspaper associates in the larger field which he has entered.

Loyal, dependable **Jack Garnant,** who used to represent the High Explosives Department before his transfer to Personnel, pinch hitted for Mr. Reynolds in this issue.

Robert Pierson succeeds friendly **Dick Lowery** for the Inspection Department. Dick's plans to leave so as to return to school were speeded up by hay fever.

Comely **Cele Harte** is a welcome addition to the family, substituting for **Nicholas Belluso** in the Timekeeping Department while he is on vacation.

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Writing Club Contemplated

The Bomb-Shell is considering the organization of an EOP Club of Service Correspondents as a fall and winter activity. It may be possible to have a weekly meeting, at which a light lunch would be served on a pay-as-you-go basis, to write letters to former EOP employees now in the armed forces. Addresses would be obtained from the large list now in the files of *The Bomb-Shell.* If you are interested and would like to participate in the meeting to formulate plans, telephone Line 4206.

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Credit Where It's Due

A doff of the hat, perhaps even a low bow, is due to the loyal members of the staff of the Recreation Department who have carried on for several weeks pending the appointment of a successor to **"Tiny" Cahoon.** Any welcome to the new director, **Edward L. Walkup,** would be incomplete without calling attention to the splendid staff ready and willing to help him. Such a situation, in poker language, is like having an ace in the hole.

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Stormy Weather

Reference to recreation recalls the USO benefit bridge party of August 28 in the Recreation Building. At times, it appeared the affair was a bathing beauty contest or, at least, a wading competition. One attractive player, marooned at the telephone while calling her residence to ask that windows be lowered, calmly discarded shoes and hose and waded to a dry spot to don them again. Two others, wives of officers it is assumed because of the direction of their journey, nonchalantly strode through mud and mire barefooted. When they emerged, it seemed as though they wore the high-topped shoes of another day. When the next call for Commandoes is issued, we know a few feminine prospects to nominate.

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Correspondents Seek Help

Departmental correspondents of *The Bomb-Shell* would appreciate hearing from their group associates in the way of proposed items of news. After all, these correspondents are merely your representatives, your spokesmen, if you please. They can't know all of the interesting things you are doing unless you tell them. *Obey that impulse.* Call your reporter now.

Safe Practices Are Contributions Of Importance to U. S. War Effort

Humanitarian Reasons for Safety Now Augmented by Hard, Cold Facts of Reality

By Rollin T. Read,
Safety Supervisor

We have undertaken to assure the military victory of the Allied nations over the Axis countries, and there are matters we must everlastingly keep in mind.

First, let us review in part a recent proclamation of the President of the United States of America:

"The nation is confronted with a rapidly rising accident toll. At the present rate, the total number of deaths from accidents this year will again exceed a hundred thousand.

"By taking a heavy toll in life and property, accidents definitely hinder our National Defense effort. To insure maximum efficiency we must have maximum safety 24 hours a day—not only at work, but also on the highway, at home, everywhere.

"The troubled times in which we live must not make us callous or indifferent to human suffering. These unusual times require unusual safety efforts.

"Now, therefore, I, **Franklin D. Roosevelt,** do call upon every citizen, in public or private capacity, to enlist in this campaign and do his part in preventing the wastage of the human and material resources of the Nation through accidents."

Probably less than one-sixth of our carelessness is of an occupational nature; there is twice as much carelessness in our homes and certainly twice as much on our streets and highways. The loss of time due to a severe injury to an employee is as keenly felt, whether it happens at home, in traffic or at work.

During the next 30 minutes, somewhere in our country at least six persons will meet violent deaths—600 others will be accidently injured, 20 of whom will suffer permanent disability. The direct cost of these accidents will reach nearly a quarter of a million dollars and this occurs every half hour.

We all realize that the accidents occuring thus far have underlying causes which are rooted mostly in bad habits. We can't do anything about the accidents that have happened—but there is plently we can do about the accidents that are likely to happen today, tomorrow and next week. We are thankful that the safety efforts on the part of so many employees and supervisors have already prevented many unnecessary accidents and we call upon all of our people to think seriously about any careless habits that they may have formed in the past. These must be controlled, in fact, they must be rooted out of our daily routine as our personal contribution to the war effort.

Although in the past our safety motives have been chiefly humanitarian, today we find ourselves in a situation where we must face hard and cold facts. Yes, we want to save human life and suffering; we want to save legs, arms and eyes. But in addition to that, we want to save "our way of life,"

(*Turn to Page 12*)

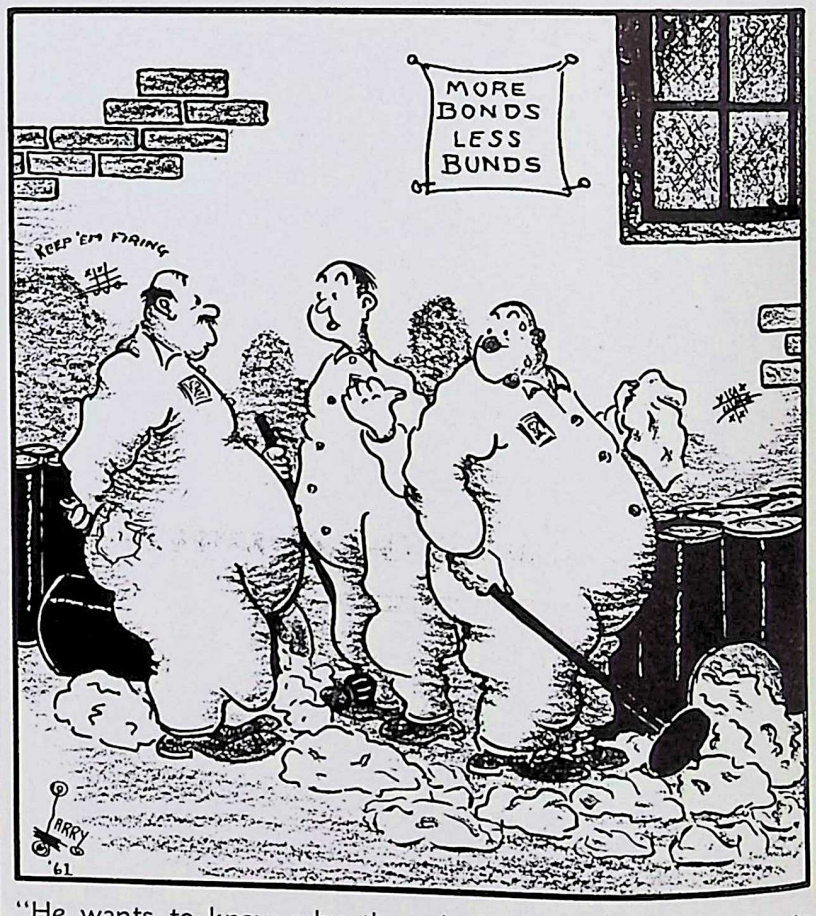
RECREATIONAL activities at EOP will be supervised by Edward L. Walkup, appointed director this week.

Chuckle in War-Time Is Worth Something

An Associated Press dispatch from Pine Bluff, Ark., August 29, which appeared in many daily newspapers throughout the country, brought a chuckle to EOP employees when it was read here. Under the headline of "Here's What Happened When Company's Name Was Misinterpreted," the AP story said:

"Sanderson and Porter, a construction company building a war plant here, has this application on its pending personnel file:

" 'Understand you is in need some Sandersons and Porters at the plant. I am a porter and like know how much you pays. Also what is a sanderson and how much does it pay?' "



"He wants to know why they don't drop chunks of Nitrate instead of bombs!"

Former EOP Employees Write from Hawaii, Alaska, South America

Soldiers Express Pleasure with News from Home; Tell How Tabloid Helps Find Friends in Camps

Letters from Hawaii, Alaska, South America and ships at sea indicate that *The Bomb-Shell* is getting world-wide distribution as the result of the policy of mailing it to all former EOP employees now in the armed forces.

The letters tell of the recipients' pleasure in getting news from home and how the paper has helped some of the service men to find former EOP associates now stationed at the same camp.

Excerpts from as many letters as possible are used in each issue of *The Bomb-Shell* and readers are invited to visit the office of the paper in the Recreation Building to see any letter in which they may be interested.

"As you probably know," wrote **Pvt. Robert L. Fitzgerald** from Hawaii, "we men who are stationed 'in the field' get very little news of our friends at home and when we do it is sometimes quite late. Now instead of writing home (how I'd love to be there) to inquire about my pals, all I have to do is read *The Bomb-Shell*. I am enclosing a snapshot taken of your's truly enjoying himself on a lazy Sunday afternoon. It's a rugged life we lead, but the experience is well worth it. Hope you continue to send your paper to me and your product to Japan."

LAZY Sunday afternoon in Hawaii with *The Bomb-Shell* is being enjoyed by Pvt. Bob Fitzgerald, according to this snapshot enclosed with his letter from the islands.

Writing from the Naval Air Base at Sitka, Alaska, **John F. Heenan** of the U. S. Marines said he receives *The Bomb-Shell* there regularly and that it is "sure good to see the pictures of guys and girls there. Sure wish we had some of those good looking girls up here."

Comments on Guards

"I was employed at the plant until January 22," added the marine. "Worked in the Electrical Department with good old **Charlie Evans, Whitey Kennington** and **John Wagner.** Also over at Building 7, Group 1. My Dad, **Emmet Heenan,** and brother, **Bun Heenan,** are employed there now. **Chief M. C. Baughman** and his boys sure have a time, don't they?"

Pvt. William P. Slattery, whose official address is in care of the Postmaster at New York, wrote that he was "proud to have made the acquaintance of many whose pictures were in one of the issues." A letter from his father, **William Slattery,** Kinsman, Ill., said that Private Slattery has been transferred from Panama to British Guiana in South America.

"I began work at the Elwood plant," said **Seaman Andrew E. Humenik,** U. S. Coast Guard Base, Charleston, S. C., "a little after the ground was first broken. I was employed as a carpenter at Group 3, Group 61 and Group 9.

"After all the form work was completed, I received steady employment in Group 1 as a first class maintenance carpenter. My foreman all the while was **Kenneth Chandler.** Then came the call to arms and I enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard and am now on observation, rescue and patrol duty on Coast Guard Cutter 70005 on our Atlantic shores off the coast of Charleston and Georgetown, South Carolina.

Sure of EOP Bombs

"Sometimes its tough sailing, but we don't mind anything for that man with a big white beard and an American flag in his hand. Just keep on making the soup and we will dish it out to the enemy. Am keeping a diary of our actions while on duty. Maybe I will be able to furnish some hair-raising stories for your wonderful paper."

"Right now," wrote **Cadet Burton C. English,** Lubbock, Tex., "I'm in my advanced training and hope to get my wings in about six weeks. At the end of that time I have hopes of getting into a bombardment squadron and maybe carry a few EOP bombs to the proper place and maybe do my small bit to help you get rid of some people whom we mutually dislike. Anyway, if I ever do carry any bombs labelled EOP I can be very sure that they will be OK and they will probably make a bigger hole than the next one. Tell the boys in Group 1 hello for me."

"I was associated with **Charles Herbig,**" related **Corp. Glenn G. Wheeler,** Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, "working under **Pat Patterson** in the Accounting Department in the tin shop. It was a pleasure to have worked for and with such a grand group of men. I shall always remember my employment there.

"I came into the service last May 13 and like Army life very well. I was sent from Chicago to Camp Grant and from there to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. I have been in the Finance Department all the time."

Referring to *The Bomb-Shell,* Corporal Wheeler said he regarded it as "a credit to the employees, as well as to Sanderson & Porter."

Paper Finds Friends

"I wish you would give my best regards to **Eddie Copp** and **Harry Mosely** and the rest of the gang I used to work with in the loading plant of Group 3," asked **Pvt. Patrick Benoit,** Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

"Please accept this delayed letter of thanks and appreciation, said **Pvt. LaVerne A. Smalt,** Fort Riley, Kansas, "for your kindness in sending me each issue of *The Bomb-Shell* which gives me, as an ex-employee of your organization, many happy memories and thoughts of dear old EOP. It gives me so many hours of pleasure. Having once been a member of **Chief M. C. Baughman's** department of plant protection I selected as my branch of service the Military Police."

"The boys read the paper and get quite a kick out of it," wrote **Sgt. James W. Milus,** Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. "Another thing that is helpful is that by the paper I have met fellows here in camp that I used to work with and might not have met them if it weren't for the paper. I'm glad to hear that everyone is doing his or her part to win the war and I want them to know that I'll try to do my best to aid my country."

SERVICE overseas is now the assignment of Pvt. Raymond P. Button. His mother's letter is published on this page.

First in Air Force

From aboard the U. S. S. Thomas Stone, somewhere in the Atlantic, **Seaman William C. Walters** wrote that "it sure makes a fellow feel good to hear what's happening back home and also to know that everyone there is working hard to beat the Axis. To everyone in Group 66-A and also throughout the plant, let's keep 'em flying."

"I was proud to see my son's name on your honor roll for men in service," said **Mrs. Raymond P. Button, Sr.,** Joliet, who added that her son, **Pvt. Raymond P. Button,** is now in foreign lands, having written that he had landed safely but without revealing his whereabouts. "Thank you for sending my son the news and hope that victory will be ours soon."

"I was the first to enlist in the Air Force from EOP," related **Corp. Louis L. Silazy,** Pendleton Field, Oregon. "I was employed in Group 1, Building 4, up to seven months ago. I know the men in that group are doing their part to help blast the Japs and Nazis to Kingdom Come. Give my regards to all the boys at EOP and also to the two dearest friends I have there, **Rose Rosynich,** Payroll Department, and **John Daley,** Building 10 or 16. I am in Motor Maintenance Aviation, attached to a Heavy Bombardment Squad."

Prepares Big Bombers

"We are fixing the big planes to carry your product that I am sure will do the trick," said **Pvt. John Dalman,** Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas, who added that he had seen the photograph of the EOP service flag in the Joliet *Herald-News.*

Pvt. Otto R. Heiden, Camp Crowder, Missouri, said he would like to see some of the old gang he worked with at Richards' Farm. "I was employed there 17½ months," he added, "working under the orders of **E. G. McAloon.** I was inducted into the Army June 3, and am in the Signal Corps."

Pvt. George Mason, Scott Field, Illinois, said he would like to hear from his former colleagues in Group 1.

"Just by looking over *The Bomb-Shell,* there must be a big improvement made at the plant since I left," declared **Crop. Peter Dinelli,** Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. "Our outfit is all packed and ready to leave at a minute's notice, where to no one knows. Our outfit has been formed into a Boat Regiment. You people are doing a fine job, so just keep it up. I'll also say as much for the employees; you make 'em and we'll shoot 'em."

Passes Tabloid Around

"I have moved from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri," said **Pvt. George B. Rockett,** "to Buckley Field, Colorado. I am going to Armorer's School here and have studied a lot about bombs and bomb fuzes, which is where you fellows come in, so please keep pushing them our way."

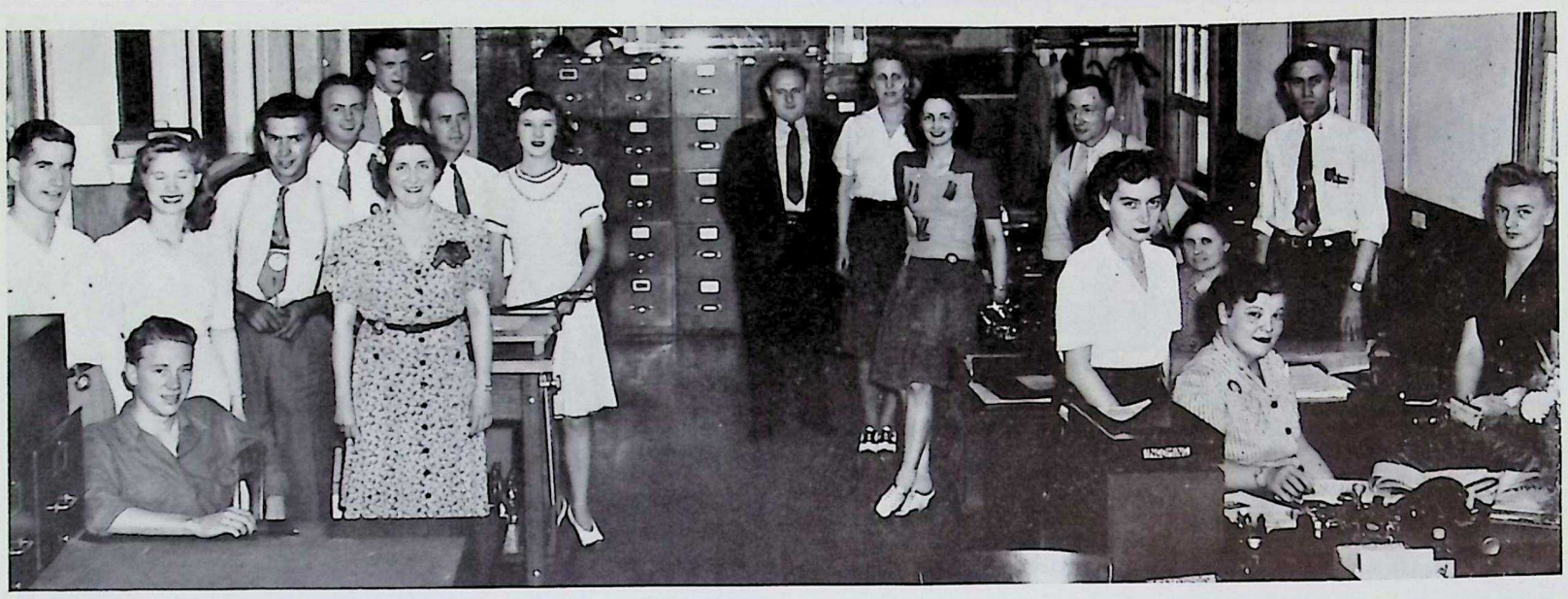
MARKING instead of keeping time is now the occupation of Pvt. Edward Thomas Henry, former EOP timekeeper, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Others from whom letters and cards were received include **Pvt. Robert O. Olson,** Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; **Pvt. Fred M. Padley,** Paterson, N. J.; **Cadet Earl G. Konrad,** Cimarron Field, Oklahoma; **Pvt. Louis Fritz,** San Bernardino, Calif.; **Sgt. E. W. Cockbill,** Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania; **Pvt. Stanley Curran,** Camp Polk, Louisiana; **Pvt. Louis W. Kirkham,** Camp Forrest, Tennessee; **Pvt. William E. Case,** Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; **Pvt. Ervin F. Born,** Scott Field, Illinois; **Pvt. Lawrence E. Ross,** Camp Callan, San Diego, Calif.; and **Corp. Walter W. Plumb,** Fort Benning, Georgia.

TABLOID DISTRIBUTION is the bi-weekly task of J. C. Catton, shown here classifying copies of the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* by the towns to which they are mailed. After the papers are addressed to the homes of employees in the Payroll Department, segregation of all those directed toward each of more than 300 communities is required.

EOP Honor Roll

Myron Babler
Andrew Berta, Jr.
Kermit Bunch
Ivan Cahoon
George Chiakulas
John Corrigan
Francis Coulthard
Joseph Coveny
Norman Crocker
Cyril Cushing
John Dolman
William Ducey
E. J. Early
John Egan
R. Frandsen
Tony Furlan
A. M. Futterer
Robel Gustafson
Clarence Hank
Johnnie Harrison
Edward Hendry
Henry Hop
James Hudson
Vance Jackovish, Sr.
Walter Jaicomo
Robert Jones
William Kavanaugh
Francis Kelly
Leo Krug
John Lamuth
LaVerne Lindstrom
Wilbur Martin
Arthur Menning
Robert Meyering
Joseph Michaels
Wayne Michaels
James P. Murphy
Raymond McGuire
William McKanna
Arthur Nelson
Robert O. Olson
Fred Padley
Alice Pichon
William Ravagnie
Joseph Residori
Frank Rifel
Bruce Robinson
Verne Sanders
Ray Schultheis
Walter Simpson
Stanley Sporar
Joseph Waldvogel
George Walker
James Walsh
Frank Waters



IN NEW QUARTERS in the west wing of the Administration Building, the office staff of the Army Inspection Department is shown here. Pictured are Bernard Kapsch, Helen Boula, Dale Lorentzen, Ralph Weiss, Kermitt Long, Carl Anker, Geraldine Ward, Paul Smith, Bernice Shroba, Stanley Eisler, Clara Wehner, chief clerk; Ethel Dirker, Roy Scherer, Delores Dagon, Linnetta Parry, Catherine Tomlianovich, Warren Weithofer and Esther Noffke. Not present were Clara Brennan, Ernestine Thompson, Herry Shirtino, Max Krup and Robert Cryder. Laboratories and testing quarters are in adjoining rooms.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Hear ye! Hear ye! All fashion editors—the latest apparel for men while playing baseball is brown shorts and blue shirts. **J. P. Filips** of Stores & Transportation modeled it at the last game . . . right pert, too. All the gals in the bleachers were envious of his good looking legs . . . too bad Ziegfeld is gone.

Ask **Lois Dix** where she was the night of the blackout . . . everyone else talks about it . . . but it sure is a dark secret with her.

Clayton Craig, the poor guy, was so enthusiastic during the baseball game with Sanderson & Porter that he broke his right hand . . . so sorry.

When duty calls, the Stores & Transportation gang really pitches in . . . they all had dark circles under their eyes during the night shift . . . yeah . . . no foolin' . . . the report for Washington went out on time though.

Good-byes will soon be in order for **Rosemarie Lewis** . . . she leaves to join Cook County Hospital pill dispensers September 20. Bet there'll be a lot get sick when they get a gander at Rosemarie in starched linen . . . she'll make a good looking Florence Nightingale.

Evelyn Dix's second lieutenant was home on furlough from Oklahoma for five days . . . no wonder she went around the office singing.

Lt. W. J. Durrengurger's smile is surely missed now that he has gone to Aberdeen, Md. . . . troop duty in store for him.

Calling all detectives . . . Find out why **Lt. M. G. Brandon** came to work the other a. m. with a gal's hat in his hand . . . with a little help maybe the code could be deciphered.

That good looking messenger boy, **Donald Butts,** seems to think that the gals in Braidwood are the "fairer" sex. . . . Who's photo were you displaying?

Geneive Nemanich *is* the new gal in Personnel . . . she is taking **Kay Deering's** place.

Why does **Gerry Kestel** get so red about the ears when three knocks are tapped out on a desk? It has been a puzzle in these here parts for quite awhile . . . Gerry should give out.

Rumors have it that the beautecus gals in Payroll are practicing for their baseball game with the officers. With that gang at bat . . . lots of bets on 'em . . . what chance would the officers have?

Maj. A. C. Johnston was missed while he was away for a rest . . . glad he's back in harness again.

Tommy Machetti sure has a good time in that Ford of his . . . always laughing and carrying on.

From the Timekeepers

Back from their vacations and looking in the "pink" are **Frank Bravato, Chester Tomes** and **Ed Reichert.** Frank and Chester spent time in Farmer City, Ill., eating fried chicken and watermelon . . . Ed says he spent considerable time at the Brookfield Zoo studying rare species of animals. . . . (Could it have been wolves?). . . . **Bob McEvoy** and **Bill Henderson** have gone fishing in Wisconsin . . . get your ears ready for some big ones? . . . Hope they have better luck than **Lyle Ingraham** and **"Torchy" Peebles** did.

Flash . . . **Bert Folk,** Group 2, and **Tom Wharrie,** Group 3, are preparing for their duel . . . time and place will be announced later. **Louie Schuck's** new title . . . "chief expeditor of missing numbers." . . . Did you know that **George Margetts,** Group 1, and **Dave Horwich** have sons in the armed forces? Good news . . . **John "Hugo" Green's** wife is on the mend after spending some time in the hospital.

Have you ever noticed **Mary Christensen** . . . how can she be so thin and eat so much?

Hot Flash Items

The Personnel Office has been invaded by that cute guy, Cupid, again. . . . **Edna Millweard** is now **Mrs. Robert Eaton** . . . since Sunday, August 30.

Also heard is the jingle jangle of wedding bells along the Adjutant's Office. . . . **Hazel O'Connor** and **Art Kossack** have decided to try double harness . . . **Sy Kurantman** has returned from a western trip . . . looks chipper and reports having a good time . . . took in all the sights including some of the better known nite spots of the glamour town of Hollywood.

Who Has the Flit?

Emma Shea spent a week touring the suburbs . . . Aurora, Joliet and all points West. . . . Personnel welcomes her back . . . also **Flossie Babecke** of the same department . . . she had a few days off before her boy friend took off with the Army. . . . **Lorraine Hilling** has been absent for quite a while . . . seems as though that demon hay fever has her down.

Helen Harmon of Payroll spent some time with her "Mom" in the southern part of the state. . . . **Marge Jesberger** had a short vacation, but claims she enjoyed all of it. . . . Most of the guys on vacation have gone sightseein', therefore not much of that "oh, hear ye, of the big one that got away" stuff.

The following guys have donned the uniform of Uncle Sam: **Bill Poole** from Ole's Gang . . . **John Hlavajcik** from Inspection . . . also **Edward Mitchell** and **William Watson, Jr.** . . . Good luck, kids, and don't forget them there pitchers.

Ann Gubbins of the Auditing Aristocrats returned from her vacation with a peach of a sunburn. . . . Don't tell how much trouble it is trying to get a Florida tan in seven days . . . didn't I almost kill myself?

We wonder why . . . **Betty Jane Jensen** frowns when the song "Three Little Sisters" is played . . . **Frank Levanduski** can always pick the winners of the "bangtails" . . . **Ken Chapman** is so vague about where he spends his evenings . . . **Betty Lou Page** is always "dog gonned"?

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN
WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Noon-day chatter out in the buildings has brought little to write about. Nicknames of the pushers at North Inert were learned however. They are: **Chester "Slim" Moberly, Milton "Milt" Korach, Harvey "Muscle Bound" Mall, Ray "Ra" Hess, John "Jolly" French, Leonard "The Goon" Spooner, Winfield "Muck" Arthur, William "Willie" Denver, Frank "Zup" Zupancic, George "War Horse" Newton, Charles "The Man" Mann, Richard "Dick" Ashworth, Charles "Taxes" Wardell** and **Charles "Horses" Gorham.**

The steak-fry club is anxious for another outing . . . in all probability there will be many before the season is over.

The Department is proud of these men who have entered the service of Uncle Sam . . . **Richard "Tennessee" Stanley, Lawrence Purkiser, Clarence Rexroth** and **Thomas L. Gineris.**

Thomas Thomaszewski, timekeeper, who has a pet saying something like this, "Of late you are early . . . you used to be behind before . . . but now you are first at last." Thomas is leaving to be with Uncle Sam in the Air Corps . . . rather thinks he will be a bombardier.

Phil Anderson has his knapsack all packed and is ready to go to serve (his country) . . . he is 50 years of age and the only draft for him is beer.

Charles Wardell broke his suspenders while putting up a picket fence at North . . . he looked around and said, "Why isn't this a high board fence?"

When **Supt. A. P. Balston** welcomed **Richard Ashworth** back to his desk and all was about to run smoothly, **Charles Gorham** upset the happy family by declaring he was vacationing next . . . he really needs it . . . tells the flies to get off the phone.

What happened to the Garden Club at South . . . the weeds are getting higher and not a bloom in sight.

Third Baseman William Kokal will be absent for a few weeks . . . the sick list claimed him with appendicitis.

Charles Mann, the groom to be, is about to appoint a personal secretary to care for all the questions popped at him about the September wedding — the official date is the 19th—the happy girl is **Margaret Hayden** of the Traffic Department.

Edward Zarley is welcomed backed to his duties . . . sick list claimed him for a few days.

Group 2 fell victims to the Inert Storage ball club. The inerts rolled up 11 runs while Group 2 scored only 4. They claim their better players were absent. That's the best excuse they could offer and they are stickin' to it.

Group 1 also ran into a surprise when Inert Storage piled up 9 runs and allowed them only 1. The game with Group 66, scheduled for September 1st, was cancelled. Inert Storage is now tied with Group 70 for first place in the Second Round . . . each having won 3 games and no losses.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Lt. A. G. Resch and **W. F. Douville** returned recently from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

While stationed at EOP, **Lt. F. J. Weis** made many friends and many regretted to bid him farewell when he left for his new assignment at the Sun Flower Ordnance Works, Lawrence, Kan.

Dolores Dagon has joined the office staff.

From all indications, **Robert Irwin,** inspector in Groups 64-66, is the possessor of a four-leaf clover. On August 15 he shared the War Bond by tying with **Stanley Eisler.** This pay period he was again fortunate in holding the pay check containing the highest poker numerals and was therefore awarded the bond.

Clara Wehner, chief clerk, celebrated her birthday anniversary August 29. Her co-workers remembered her with flowers, candy and gifts.

Paul Smith, divisional inspector, Operations, Division 1, is remaining close to the telephone in his office these days awaiting to hear information concerning a *future* President of the U. S. A.

Arthur Kossak, a former employee in **L. E. Meyers'** office and a recent transfer as clerk to South Inert Storage, has joined the ranks of benedicts. **Hazel O'Conner** of the Adjutant's Office and Mr. Kossak exchanged marriage vows at the residence of Miss O'Connor, Kansas City, Mo., September 3. Their honeymoon was spent in St. Louis and enroute to their residence in Joliet, the newly-weds visited in Mr. Kossak's home at Sesser, Ill.

On Friday, August 28 (during their lunch period), **Geraldine Ward** and **Bernice Shroba** entertained in the Recreation Building at a pot-luck dinner for **Veronica "Rennie" Ryan,** secretary of the Recreational Department, who resigned to resume her teaching in the Joliet schools. In addition to the hostesses the following girls were present: **Ethel Dirker, Jane McVay, Lois Ressler, Helen Bowling, Janet Chapman, Linetta Parry, Betty Wallace** and **Catherine Noonan.** Miss Ryan was presented with a gift from the group.

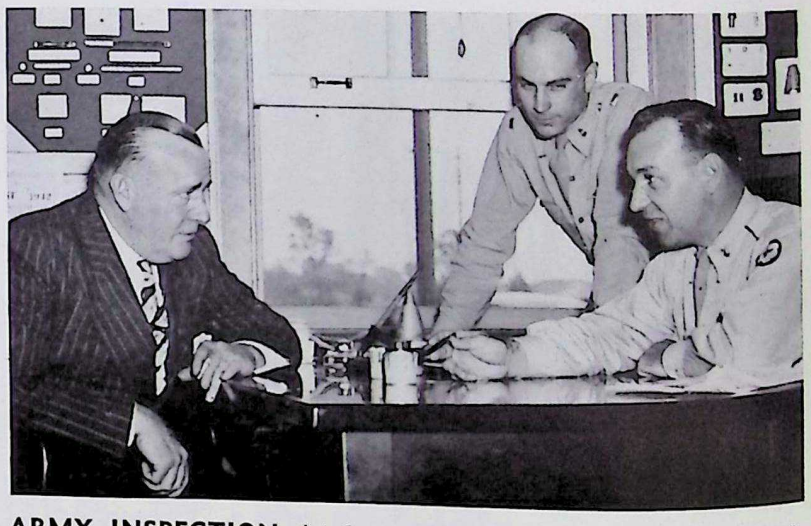
Iva Wellman, Helen Onderisin, Lorraine Luttrell and **Bernice Ksiazak,** Group 5 staff, have formed a quartet specializing in the singing of "I GOT THOSE LONESOME BLUES." Their fiancees were all inducted into the Army at the same time.

Elinor "Naturalist" Gudath collects all species of animal life. Last week Elinor left for home with two frogs and one toad captured in the wilds of Group 5. Enroute home, she stopped in with a friend at a neighborhood greenhouse and was quite impressed by the coolness and beauty of her surroundings. While her friend kept the proprietor occupied, Miss Gudath, a staunch believer in kindness to animals, calmly released the frogs and the toad near the florist's special attraction, a lily pond. Now Elinor avoids a cerstreet near her home.

Bob Cretcher, assistant chief at Group 7, has always shown some indications of being a Beau Brummel, but no one suspected that beneath that sleek exterior there beat the heart of a Lothario until recently when he grabbed hold of a "Love Capacity Tester" in Chicago. In practically no time at all, he generated enough steam to take the Queen Mary to Europe and back, cook enough toast for a six-course breakfast, and if the overworked machine hadn't finally blown a fuse, you might now be reading of the second great Chicago fire with Cretcher in the role of the asinine arsonist. Bob, however, wasn't the only one who had his attitude revealed; previous to this, **Audrey Waldvogel** registered such a low capacity that other guests donned overcoats, and she was promptly offered a job by the management as an auxiliary refrigerating plant.

The engagement of **Georgia Bayrd** to **Park D. Paxton,** Group 8 inspector, was announced August 16 by **Mr. and Mrs. George O. Bayrd.** The announcement came as a climax to a delightful weekend house party at the Bayrd's summer home at Lake Catherine, Ill. **Ronald Sachs, Carl Anker** and **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson** were among the guests.

Ronald Sachs, former assistant leader at Group 8, flew to St. Louis to begin training in radio communications at Scott Field. After preliminary training he will be rated as an aviation cadet. On August 26, the Government inspectors of Group 8, shift 3, attended a farewell dinner given in his honor. His fellow workers presented him with a gift.



ARMY INSPECTION chiefs are shown here in conference. Left to right are pictured W. F. Douville, head of the Ordnance Department's civilian staff of inspectors; Lt. D. A. Yeoman, assistant to Army inspector of ordnance, and Lt. A. G. Resch, Army inspector of ordnance.

Group 1 Picnic Called Success By Thousands

Boxing, Wrestling, Ball Games, Rides Feature Big Affair

By Jack Barry

August 30 has come and gone but, to paraphrase the song, the memory lingers on and will for long. It all comes about because on that date Group 1 put on its first annual picnic and you may take the word of any one of the several thousand persons who were there that it was not only stupendous, but even colossal. It was held at Sunset Park, just six miles north of Lockport, and the facilities there were found to be all that could be desired. No expense was spared to provide the means required to make the day an enjoyable one.

There were a ferris wheel, merry-go-round, and a roller ride and not even the oldest inhabitant remembers having seen such as these at a private picnic heretofore. There were games of skill, bingo, and even a game or two involving a small element of chance. There was a safety station in charge of **George Long**, Safety Department, which handled that angle of the situation admirably. Free balloons were passed out at this station for all the little boys and girls. For their further edification, there was a real live clown in the person of **"Shorty" Bowman.**

The first-aid station, sponsored by the EOP chapter of the Red Cross, directed by **Mrs. D. M. Hoffman**, had a very busy afternoon. There were cut hands and numerous bruises as well as many a little tummy which ached and ached on account of too much stuffing with hot dogs, ice cream and pop.

Several of the children failed to qualify for the Air Corps. They just couldn't take it when the ferris wheel took them to the top and they required emergency treatment so they could fill up all over again. Mrs. Hoffman's aides at the booth were **Mrs. John J. Cole, Mrs. John Walker, Mrs. C. W. Wade** and **Mrs. C. P. Bohannon.**

There was a dance with big-time music provided by the group's own "Bursting Howitzers." There was a pop and ice cream stand which did a land-office business There was a bar complete with bartenders who knew their way around and a kitchen that was a delight to the eye and a source of genuine satisfaction to the inner man.

We could go on and on with "there was" and still not tell the whole story, but there was fun. Group 1 triumphed in both of the softball games. The Howitzerettes, eye-filling in new red uniforms, trampled the Fuze and Booster girls into the dust, 10 to 2 in seven stanzas. Batteries for our side were **Betty Ford** and **Lola Harnack.** Our men's team, the Howitzer Boys, defeated a really fine team representing Group 3 by the count of 7 to 3 in seven innings. Batteries for we folks were **James Hilt** and **Mike Kelly.**

The high point of the whole show was in the afternoon when a first-class athletic show was presented. This consisted of four good boxing matches and a hair-pulling wrestling match, arranged by **Davey Rosen.** However, before the bouts were put on, **Dr. F. Binzer,** as able an announcer as you would care to hear, introduced the various dignitaries, functionaries and brass hats.

These included **Edward J. Walsh,** honorary chairman of the picnic committee and general superintendent of EOP loading lines; **John J. Cole,** comptroller; **Joseph E. Salmon,** general chairman of the picnic committee and superintendent of Group 1; **George Gibson,** chairman of the grounds committee and assistant superintendent of the group; **Mark Davis,** chairman of the advertising and ticket committee and assistant superintendent of the group; **Robert Kelly,** chairman of the entertainment committee and also an assistant superintendent of the group; and **Henry D. Dougherty,** superintendent of Group 3.

Each of the boxing bouts was for three rounds and in accordance with the requirements of the amateur rules, each was declared a draw. The first bout was between **Harry Stukel** and **Bobby Winchell** at 126 pounds. The referee was **Maurice Flynn** and timekeeper, **Emmett McGuire.** This turned out, as most exhibitions do, to be a real fight as there had been some difference of opinion between the two boys as to which was the 126 pound champ of EOP. It was as good a fight as any one ever paid real money to see and in our opinion the nod goes to Harry. Then came two little fellows, **Donald Aussec** and **Albert Delrose.** They were introduced as paperweights, but one must have been tissue or the other one cardboard for there was considerable difference in size. The little feller made up for lack of size by his willingness to mix it up and it turned out to be a good draw.

The next bout, between **Jack Whittinghill** of the group and **Charley Persisity** of Joliet at 165 pounds was the best of the afternoon. These fellows were sluggers and they knew their way around inside of a squared circle. It was a rough fight but a clean one and we hand the duke to Jack, although the margin was not great. Toward the end of the third round they put their heads together in a clinch and when Referee Rosen attempted to separate them they joined forces and the two of them chased Davey around the ring. However, he was quite a boxer himself in former days, and managed to ward off their good-natured blows.

The final bout was between **Gene Eevels** of Building 10 and, believe it or not, the same **Jack Whittinghill,** who is a glutton for Sunday work. It was a good, fast fight and Jack won again because of his expert ring knowledge and because of the fact that he floored Gene for a short count with a solar-plexus punch that is ordinarily good for a knockout.

The wrestling match between **Frederick Phelps** of Joliet and **Wally Mayo** of the group was much better than the usual grunt and groan affair. It was a combination of assault and battery, mayhem, sabotage, and attempt to kill. Mayo was badly outweighed, but he stayed right in there throwing everything but the kitchen stove and **Marty Gleason,** the referee, was forced to declare the match a draw since neither man won a fall within the time limit.

Among the guests invited were: **Harrison Smith, W. E. Canniff, R. T. Bassett, W. A. Buck, E. C. Carlson, H. H. Clark, A. M. Lockwood, C. J. Coburn, Mr. Cole, E. K. Cortright, E. S. Craik, Vic Dagenais, J. F. Dolan, A. E. Frosch, Roy Healey, E. O. Huey, I. E. Jackson, G. R. Kintzel, V. L. Knudson, W. F. Luehrs, Dagmar Peterson, G. B. Pumphrey, R. T. Read, Charles Reilly, J. C. Schmeh, J. F. Smid, St. Clair Smith, Mr. Walsh, John Ryan, William Riordan, Thomas Singer, Roy Wilhelmi, William Ryan, George Mowitt, E. A. Evans, Dr. H. L. Schultz, Joseph L. James, Claude Sayre, Elmore McAloon, Joseph H. Henderson, Clarence J. Taylor, Orville Evans, Clyde L. Utley, A. J. MacLellan, James J. Murphy, John J. Fitzpatrick, Thomas M. Burns, Charles Herbig, Joseph Stark, George F. Bent, Chief R. W. Mortenson, Chief M. C. Baughman, Robert A. Brown, J. A. Cocker, G. M. Morrison, John Walker, P. L. Deylitz, Irving Harbour, William D. Whaley, Jr., Robert J. Partridge, E. J. Egan, Frank Werhli, Mr. Dougherty, A. P. Lombardi, Joseph P. Zagade, Seymour Kurantman, W. F. Douville, Harold Bowler, John Olson, J. P. Filips, Cecil D. Wheeler, Bess Moore, Josephine Kush** and **Helen Harmon.**

Army officers at EOP and their wives were also on the invitation list, including, **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, Maj. A. C. Johnston, Capt. D. P. Tunstall, Capt. G. A. Grant, Capt. J. I. Bach, Capt. J. A. Hardy, Lt. A. G. Resch, Lt. C. E. Beilharz, Jr., Lt. R. E. Pinnick, Lt. F. G. Kuether, Lt. W. J. Durrenberger, Lt. M. G. Brandon, Lt. Sol Jacobs, Lt. C. P. Bohannon, Lt. C. R. Crandell, Lt. D. A. Yeoman, Lt. F. J. Weiss, Lt. R. T. Johnson** and **Lt. John H. Lucas.**

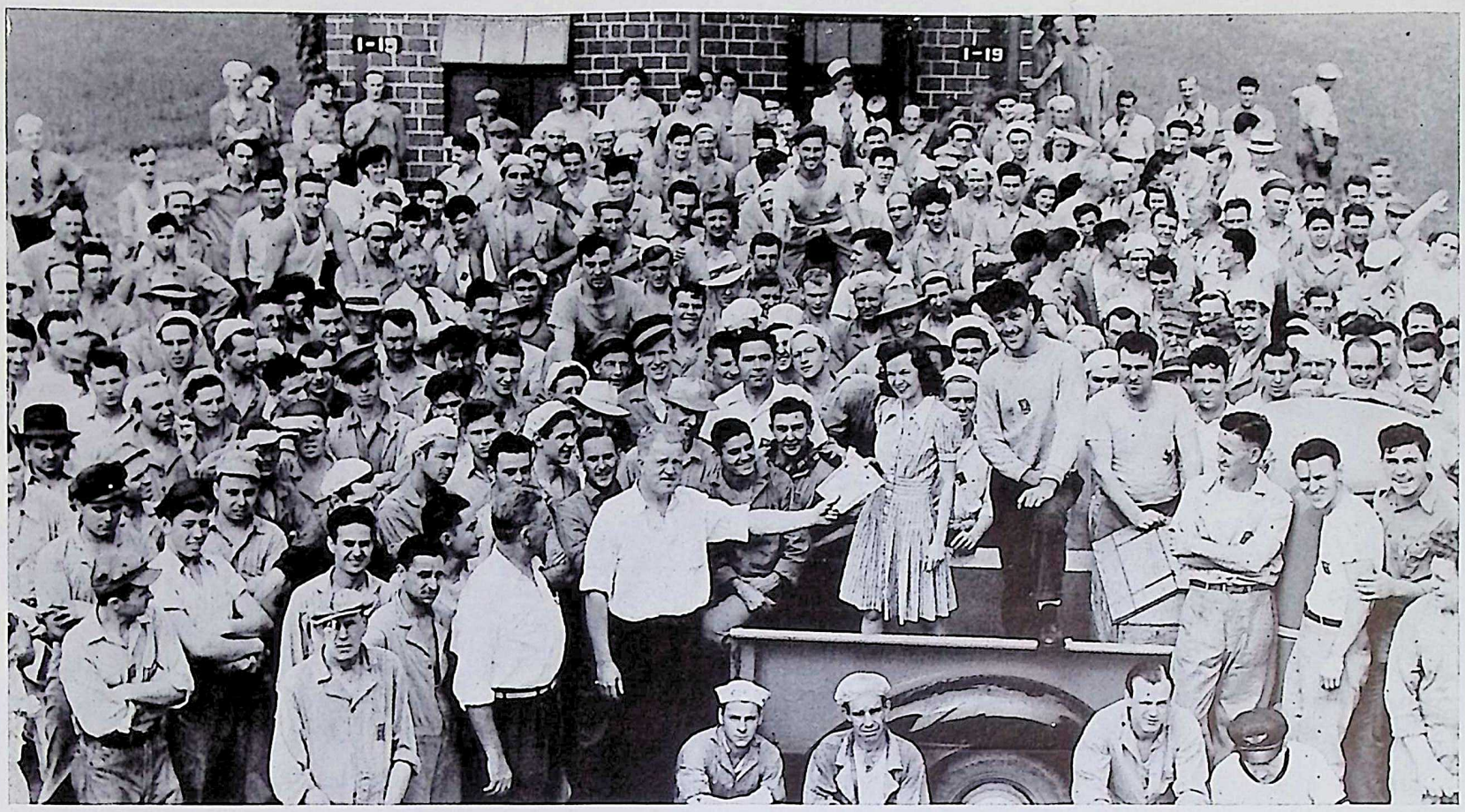
A $25 War Bond was given away as a gate prize. The lucky winner was **Cynthia Camp** of Building 14 and the presentation was made by Mr. Salmon September 2.

At about 8 o'clock the main transformer at the park went haywire and from then until about 10:30 it was as dark out there as the axis prospects. A good part of the crowd remained to enjoy themselves during the black-out and after the lights came on again they carried on from there.

Great credit is due to every member of the committee and to every willing worker who gave of his or her time to help out at the various booths and concessions. It was a red letter day for the plant itself and for Group 1 particularly and a grand time was had by all.

The following committees did all of the planning and most of the work:

Advertising and tickets: **Mr. Davis,** chairman; **Ralph Emerson, Howard Fread, George Galvin, Robert Bryant, Walter Sorley, Clarence Beck, Midland Slack, Snap Ahrens, Jack Barry** and **Fred Harris;** grounds: **Mr. Gibson,** chairman; **Edward Kien, Joseph D'Andrea, Arthur Salvatore, Bernard Fornango, Dominic Pastori, Harold Mannell, Ken Chandler, Rudolph Mandat, Owen Gaddey, Russell Girot, John Kinsella, Robert Nielson, Albert Ehringer, Wm. McRoberts, Charles Connors, Robert Hartley, Joseph Smadj, John Mackender** and **Robert T. Kelly;** entertainment: **Mr. Kelly,** chairman; **Joseph Shepley, Franklin Lewis, A. P. Lombardi, Mary Taylor, Manley Brayton, Jack Burdette, Michael Kelly, Charles Anders, David Gianuzzi, Matthew Wykoff, Lee Redell, Thomas Shay** and **Mr. Rosen.**



GLEEFUL AFTERMATH to the Group 1 picnic was observed when Supt. Joseph E. Salmon presented Cynthia Camp, Building 14, with a $25 War Bond awarded as a gate prize at the picnic. The presentation shown here was observed by a majority of Group 1 employees assembled at shift change time just after a fire drill had cleared the buildings.

HOWITZERETTES is the appropriate name of the Group 1 girls' softball team shown here. Pictured left to right are: Back row, Lola Harnack, June Kemp, John Burdette, manager, Helen Jubera and Jo Anbach; middle row, Helen Maher, Mary Klen, Frances Kren, Eilene Fettz and Cecelia Beby; front row, Jeanette Salzman, Betty Ford, Mary Gerka and Mary Dresser.

Field Engineers

C. O. FINNEGAN
Correspondent

This department's most prolific teller of tall tales, **Murray Jordan,** wins all with the following fish story:

"We were fishing in the St. Lawrence River and after a fair catch were ready to drag in the nets. Some time elapsed, however, before we started the haul. The difficulty encountered in pulling up the nets indicated the presence of something other than wet nets. When the haul was nearly complete the *"big one"* could be seen entangled in the net. Landing him was a fight, but when he was ready for the tape and scale we found him to be 11 feet, head to tail, and to weigh 600 pounds."

This may sound fishy but it's a fact. Your reporter has seen the picture and the foregoing is authentic. The fish, oh yes, it was a Sturgeon.

After several successful seasons as coach and teacher at the Wilmington High School, and working the past summer in this department, during which time he played with the EOP baseball team, **Jack Horenberger** has taken up his new position as basketball and baseball coach at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The Field Engineering Department has received a vacation postal from **George E. Mowitt.** Mr. and Mrs. Mowitt are enjoying a trip to their home in upper New York state, where they will visit daughter, **Barbara,** and their many friends.

Euart B. "Lucky" Colby surely *nose* his business.

Marion Ring didn't give up fishing after his many threats and as a result was finally rewarded. Last week-end he caught a 36-pound catfish. Wow! Sure, his story is believed.

Richard Shambo returns to the University of Indiana this month to resume his studies. **Laverne Foran** and **Myron Benham** are returning to the University of Illinois.

EOP'S FINEST are exemplified by those guards stationed at the Administration Building. Shown here at the main entrance, left to right, are Corp. Clare J. Cosgrove, Charles S. Griffin, Harry A. Larsen, Elmer G. Martinson, Edmond H. VanWinkle and Benjamin R. Buchar. Guards Griffin and VanWinkle preside at the pass desk.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Andy Perino, Group 68 foreman, has returned from his whirlwind vacation of seeing baseball games, waiting for that certain horse to come in at the races, golfing and other interesting sports.

Frank Perino really takes his baseball seriously—he was so engrossed in that well known sport that he became entangled with himself—probably after a fly—result—he's recuperating from injuries suffered.

Jim Orr, Group 68, was the recipient of a farewell gift from his co-workers—he leaves soon for the Navy.

Word has been received from **Charles Talty,** who is honoring the state of Wisconsin with his presence, that he's having the time of his life.

Williams Bay, Wis., was the main "resting place" during **Bea Bovee's** much needed and well earned vacation.

Fishing was the main diversion during **Joe Studyvin's** (Group 65 foreman) recent vacation.

"Petey" the mascot in Group 63 just loves to roam the reservation — even a good part of **Johnny Zopf's** lunch wouldn't induce him to stay home. But "Petey" is a changed pup now—some fellows do have a way with dogs—just as **Ed Dites,** the old dog tamer; he really knows how.

Roby Johnson resigned as material checker to resume his former duties as teacher of commercial art in one of Chicago's public schools.

Leigh Tarbell, Material Department, is vacationing for two weeks with his parents in Spokane, Wash.

Russell Keys, truck driver, is doing a swell job "subbing" for the burning pit foreman.

Tommy Hall, helper on an explosive truck, will have to wear glasses (probably colored) or Group 1 will have to build wider doorways.) Certain attractions in that group cause Tommy to mistake the walls for doors.

Robert Crow has left Group 63 to join the armed forces.

Hugh Connolly returns soon to the University of Illinois where he will enter his sophomore year in civil engineering.

Joseph J. "Whitey" Znidarsic is leaving 63 to enter Joliet Township High School.

High Explosives Laboratory

It's a hot, sultry September, and it doesn't seem possible that it's less than a hundred shopping days till Christmas, but blue **Marcia Mitchell** is already counting the minutes till that gala day because hubby, **Pvt. Jim Mitchell,** has promised to be home at that time to help her move the furniture around so they will have room for their Christmas tree.

Papa Dick Orndorff and **Mama Mary Orndorff** and **Richard Jr.,** are about to make Kankakee their home, sweet home. Dick is already lounging around in his palace, and Mary and baby will be there soon to add the homey touch.

Marjorie Kinser is her name—and she's one alright gal — and she's also the Lab's newest acquisition.

Ronald "Clark Gable" Beck is in a harried state trying to decide which air service he'll enter. There are going to be some happy angels if Ronald gets in those clouds!

Versatility is definitely *not* a virtue when it comes to **Herb Hafele's** "ability" to render sweet notes on his violin — (ask the neighbors). They (the neighbors, and **Eleanor,** his wife) will bear up under the strain till Herb tries to out-Crosby Crosby.

For a young fellow, **Rayford Winters,** the beaker boy, has a lot of "ambish." He is attending NYA school and rumor has it he is one expert welder.

New government chemist at the Lab is **Alexander Bernard Becker,** who commutes all the way from Berwyn in one or the other of his trusty cars.

Nelson Tippett and **Palmer Overholt** are going to move to Kankakee, maybe. Their departure from Joliet would probably bring profound relief to their landlady, who is bewildered by their behavior and is frightened of that 250-pound bar bell that Tippett has tucked under his bed.

Charles Clifford is involved in litigation over an inheritance, the lucky fellow.

GROUP 3

WILLIAM BERINGER
Correspondent

All are rather proud of the fact that the Group 3 booth took first prize (for the amount of tickets taken in) at the recent carnival dance. Just goes to prove the old adage "class will tell." The prize money came in handy, too, as it will augment the athletic fund, and be used to buy additional equipment for that prize-winning Group 3 ball team. Pardon is asked while all take another bow.

Donald Mancini, formerly foreman of Building 16, is the new assistant superintendent. He takes over the midnight shift and the well wishes of the entire group.

Assistant Superintendent Steve Colfer, who has had the graveyard shift for many months, is now becoming accustomed to daylight. He now rides his bike on the afternoon trick.

Henry (Brisk) Risk, electrician foreman, has some versatile material. **Tom Maher,** the Hollywood technician, is one. The other is **Donald Riley** who recently returned from building airports in Africa. Riley tells this story of the natives who helped on construction:

"One day we had some cement to haul. I showed the natives how to fill the wheelbarrow, then wheeled it to the forms, unloaded it and brought it back. Think you can do it now, I asked them. They nodded vigorously, loaded the wheelbarrow again, picked it up, and set it upon the head of one of the men who walked to the forms with it!"

Riley added, in spite of the few cents a day paid to natives, the cost of concrete construction was higher than that done by white laborers making a dollar an hour.

Bill Sheets, Building 4, says he's really come up in the world—he made it from first to third floor in a hurry.

Al Holhich, mechanic, is an old duck hunter—perhaps orders for fall delivery are timely.

What electrician had *daily trouble* and a taxi cab ride to work?

One worry is, when will smiling **Henry "Little Boy Blue" Risk** have his house painting job finished?

The Gun and Rod Clan are busy again, **Vernon Worden, Al Pohl, Harl Son** and **Willard Reed,** assistant superintendent, ironed out the whys and wherefores, so . . . there will be food this winter.

Thanks are due Mr. Son for those dandy walks through the ramps, though they did take a week longer than his estimate.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Harry Leclaire of the box car gang was married August 29. . . . **"Losing" Louie Peters** lost a small brace on the job one day and worried himself sick; he was that anxious to get back to work. . . . **Frank Gray** of Building 16 is authority for the statement that 16 had 100 per cent attendance at the Group 1 picnic but that 10 was far short of that mark . . . and **Harry Bierman,** just to make it unanimous, asservates that the pourers of the same building were there in toto. . . . Harry also says that although **Harry Lieth** boasted that he would attend, he was far, far away and, *here's your reporter's nickel's worth,* this Lieth guy is the young fellow who told a chap by the name of Barry what a dumb reporter Group 1 has.

Mary Taylor, assistant to the foreman in Building 14, worked hard to put the picnic over successfully, just as did **Al Lisy,** the chef, who worked hard and long to feed the hungry throng. . . . What kind of a gag was **Joe Stock** from Morris pulling by walking around all day with an empty beer can. . . . When **Mrs. John Thill** was asked what sort of a home fellow John was she said, "He's been swell for many years but today he's swelled with too many beers."

Jerry Knowles, who suffered a broken ankle while returning from work on June 6, will be back on the job ere this item reaches the public. . . . Just to add a spectacular finishing touch to the picnic, **Walter Leichert,** maintenance man in Building 10, tangled with an automobile on the highway and came off second best, suffering bruised legs.

Davey Gianuzzi, formerly chief clerk in the Production Planning Department, has went and done it. He went away to the army and all his friends wish him well. . . . **Larry Reedy** of the warehouse gang was married August 29 and brought around a box of 15-cent cigars so the lads could help him celebrate. . . . **William McRoberts** reports that he and the Mrs. were presented with a fine daughter August 9. . . . **Alice Busby** underwent an operation August 29, which is one of the odd ways to start a week-end.

Leonard Maynard Standley of Building 14 left August 30 to join the Coast Guard. . . . Young **Joe Shepley,** nephew of **Joe Shepley,** general foreman of the group, has gone away to resume his studies at University of Illinois and **Inspector William Floyd** has left for University of Kentucky to take up a course along military lines.

Inspection

ROBERT PIERSON
Correspondent

Auspicious by their absence from this column are the beaming countenance and by-line of the former correspondent, **Richard Lowery.** Dick, it seems, was obliged to leave weeks in advance of the day he had set, a severe touch of hay fever being the determining factor. Dick is now enjoying a vacation in the more favorable clime of northern Wisconsin, following which he will enroll in Joliet Junior College.

Miracle of miracles happened just last week here in the office . . . believe it or not, but **Harold Troupe,** gage technician, finally "popped for cokes."

Back from a ten-day vacation and looking "fit as a fiddle" is the scale superintendent, **William Kirban.** Bridgeport, Conn. (his old home town) was "Bill's" port of call, and he reports things pretty much the same as when last he left, the only exception being the predominance of black-outs, dim-outs, air raid precautions, etc.

Also back from a week's "furlough" is **Stella Jaworski,** secretary to **Superintendent A. J. MacLellan.** Stella reports the rest helpful . . . and, oh yes . . . her tires, patches and all, are doing fine, thank you.

And have you seen **Robert C. Wilhelmi,** assistant chief inspector, of late? Bob's a mere shadow of his former self, having been limited to a diet of canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, canned . . . yes, you've guessed it . . . "the little woman" took herself a bit of a vacation, visiting parents and relatives in New York, and as a result, Bob's become most proficient in the wielding of that handy gadget called a can opener. All's well now, however, as Bob's wife has once again resumed her duties as chief cook and bottle washer of the Wilhelmi residence. It goes without saying, however, that she has a job ahead of her if she is to get Bob's waistline back to the point where he can discard those two big horse-pins he's been sportin' of late.

Congratulations to **Ralph Pratt,** senior inspector of Group 8, on his marriage to **Lucille Kosick** of Joliet August 8.

Congratulations are also in order for **Nora Lee Smith,** Group 8 inspector, and **Jerry Manning,** also of Group 8. Yes, that's right, the knot has been tied.

Heard a good one on **Florence Stoltz,** Group 8 inspector the other day. Seems as though the little lady was in such a big hurry to get home from work last week that in the excitement she boarded the wrong bus. Why the rush, you ask? **Pvt. Sterling Stoltz,** "the boss man," was home on a furlough from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Lorraine Ostrem, secretary to **Bud Brown,** has quite a system when it comes to judging prospective "dates." Her selection, it is rumored, is based largely upon the number of courses in the dinner that goes with the date. Lorraine can be found most any night of the week dining at any one of the better spots in Joliet.

The steak fry planned by the Fuze and Booster inspectors has been temporarily postponed, but *not* because of inclement weather. Seems as though **Jim Tyler's** (senior inspector, Groups 4 and 5), uppers and lowers are on the fritz, and who wants to sip soup on a steak fry.

Seems as though **Bryant Brown,** office manager, ran into nothing but bad luck on his recent visit to the Windy City. "Bud" was a full hour late in keeping a dinner date with the little woman, was almost run down trying to hail one of the few cabs available for the All-Star football game, sat through three quarters of the same game and saw absolutely nothing (due to the heavy fog that settled over Soldiers' Field at game time, *so he says,* and to top it all off, was denied admittance to a few of Chicago's brighter spots because he *"left his draft card at home."*

Harold Rouff, Group 61 senior inspector, has acquired a nickname since moving into his new place of abode, the Foreman's Quarters. "Babe" is the affectionate handle tendered him by the boys . . . "Babe" Rouff . . . get it?

Believe it or not, but **William Hartman,** Fuze and Booster senior inspector, is one of those real dyed in the wool hep cats. Bill's collection of recordings made by name bands is one of the largest your correspondent has ever seen. And what's more, Bill can give you the name of the ride man on each and every recording.

SOS Call Issued by EOP Singers

The SOS flag . . . *meaning step out singers* . . . is waving frantically over the Recreation Building.

For several weeks, a very enthusiastic group of young musicians has been working faithfully on the score of a popular comic opera, but the group is too few in numbers to make a complete cast for the show. Undaunted by numerical strength, the members of the group have displayed unusual pep and enthusiasm at their Thursday night rehearsals.

However, it takes a required number of voices to present a comic opera and a plea has been issued for twenty more singers, ten men and ten women, who can read music fairly well and who have good voices. Participants are promised a lot of genuine fun and association with an enthusiastic group.

Those who consider themselves eligible and are inclined to heed the call for help are asked to call the Recreation Department, Line 4109, at once.

TENSE MOMENTS were frequent in the softball game between the girls of Groups 4 and 5 and Group 8. The photographer caught the girls shown here during one of them. Pictured left to right are Barbara Vilt, Group 4; Marilouise Lambert, Group 4; Julie Polich, Group 4; Helen Fritz, Group 4; Virginia Hientz, Group 4; Laverne Halverson and Georgia M. Hulse, Group 5.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Don't forget to sign up for the intra-Group bowling league. Games are to be played at the Recreation Building. It is hoped that each building will have a team for each shift. Sign up so you can take part in some real competition.

It's been heard that **Orbie Lauderdale**, engineer, hails from the mountainous South and, while enroute to this section of the country, stopped in Peoria and traded a squirrel gun for his first pair of shoes. This, of course, explains why Orbie's shoes look like sandals when he gets them shaped to fit.

The boys from building 10 are wondering what Lee Holland has under the hood of his Ford. Every morning he is seen pouring half a gallon of oil into it. Could it be a Diesel?

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Hall celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary September 5.

Everyone is looking forward to that big "Bocci Ball" contest near Wilmington. **Joe Serena** has been advised to look out for those women umpires.

Why is a certain guard in this Group called **butterfly?**

Howard Gueller is back on the job after spending a vacation with his family visiting his folks in Wisconsin.

Kenneth DeBehnke and **John E. Rossi** have resigned to give their services to Uncle Sam.

It has been heard that a second "Thurston" is working in the 3-A lines. **Richard Martin** and **Cecil Heck** are supposed to be in the know.

Otis Wasson is enjoying a vacation eating fried chicken and watermelon.

Phillip Bedore, George Hausser and **William McCall** left by plane for a hunting trip in Wisconsin.

Officer Olson, the boy with the shiney shoes, left September 6 for a two-weeks' vacation in Colorado.

Cecil Sticklund is the proud father of a daughter, **Darlene.**

Francis Rathje left for the Army and entertained several friends at a farewell party, August 28.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Latest contributions to the armed forces from the Guards are **John Krogstad** and **Arthur Metz.**

A very interesting letter was received recently from former **Dispatcher Louis Dante.** Lou has just completed his training course at the Radio School at Scott Field and has been told how EOP is working diligently to keep the boys supplied with ammunition.

The Guard Department received six new squad cars to replace those old veteran cars that blazed the dirt trail when the plant was in its infancy. **Corp. Earl Goodknecht,** who has charge of the squad cars, was so attached to those old ones that he personally kissed each one good-bye.

Great interest is manifested in the Pistol Range. As soon as each qualifying list is posted, the boys are crowded around it. This is a good incentive for the rest of the boys as there are some very good scores posted.

Norman "Muggsy" Morgan, Guardhouse custodian, who recently returned from his vacation, had some very interesting stories to relate. However, what attracted him most were the large dime pies they serve in Peoria.

Some very famous names are represented on the Guards' roster. For fistic lovers, there are **Sgt. John L. Sullivan** and **Gunnar "Battling" Nelson.** For baseball fans, there are **Dispatcher David "Home Run" Baker; Roy "Single X" Fox; Floyd "Flash" Gordon; Donald "At the Bat" Casey; Donald "Connie" Mack; Philip "Goose" Goslin; Arthur "Ted" Lyons; George "Buck" Ewing; Roy "Dizzy" Dean** and **Joseph "Eddie" Collins.**

Also there are: **Joseph "Rip" VanWinkle; George "Ma" Perkins; Walter "Ralph Waldo" Emmerson; Wayne "Nancy" Garner; Harlan "Fats" Waller; Robert "Ben" Franklin; Byron "Soup" Campbell; Eugene "Moon" Mullins; George "Frank" Buck; Clifford "Bing" Crosby; Rushen "Saint" Nicholas; Samuel "Wayne" King; Patrick "Wrong Way" Corrigan** and **Raymond "Walter" O'Keefe.**

It is understood, via the grapevine, that there is a quartet of Guards who sound like they are direct from Old Heidelburg. Namely: **Krueger, Mueller, Eickelkraut,** and **Wetterhahn.** Personally known as **Sergeant Matt, Sergeant William, Kenneth** and **Jack** respectively.

Not to be over-shadowed by the foregoing, the Swedish trio is controlled by **Martinson, Hansen** and **Christofferson** . . . correctly known as **Elmer, Arthur** and **Hilmer,** respectively.

Dispatcher Casimir "Spike" Klafta spent a very successful afternoon at the races recently. The bang-tails evidently were running true to form.

With the Women

Sympathy is extended to **Helen Harbison** whose mother died August 29, at Harrodsburg, Ky.

All were sorry to see charming **Chief Bernadette McNamara** leave to accept another position out West.

Congratulations are extended to the new **Chief, Gladys Armstrong,** who has an equally charming personality.

The Police Women have added four more new members to their force . . . **Beatrice Bodah, Eileen Harris, Fay Melville** and **Marion Hubert.**

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Paul D. Newey, shift inspector captain, has moved to Detroit where he accepted a position with the Treasury Department's Bureau of Narcotics. His friendly personality and capable leadership are exceeded only by his prowess in feminine relationships.

Frank Webber and **Robert Brumbach** have been ill.

Attention, Wilmington! **Tony Ganz's** farm was flooded with nine feet of water—and it isn't polluted.

Gene Hambleton and the former **Gwendolyn Flessner** were married in St. Louis August 18.

Don Godich has joined the Marines.

William Dooley won the fat man race in Rockdale, beating **Clifford Kidney** by a belt buckle. The prize was $10.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leadingham are proud parents of a new daughter.

Willis Lee is back working after four days' leave.

Gene Eichbichler really believes in crashing the gates. Nothing like using a box car to do the job!

William Johnston suffered an injury to his leg.

Lee Dordan is settling affairs before enlisting.

It seems as though **Melvin "Blondie" Moore** is having motor trouble on Pay Day—something about a "miss."

Oiler James West will be examined any day now. You know the rest.

Ed Rashid enjoyed his trip to Michigan last week. Ed likes to be taken for a ride.

This is news! **Bob Karges** squeezed two tires out of the rationing board.

Dick "Clumsy" Unmisig fell out of a boat while fishing at Flint Lake, Ind.

Bob Plese has been called to join Uncle Sam's boys.

It would be nice if: **Marion Carter** drove cautiously through Joliet . . . we could hold 800 kings, like **Henry Kiep,** in a pinochle game. . . . **Ed Hasse** went boat riding over the week-ends instead of Thursdays . . . more could enjoy floor shows at the Hob Nob — **Loren Horrie** can. . . . **Lorraine Nelson** took to modeling . . . we had a hat like **Harvey Steffes.** . . . "thin man" **William Brown** would tell us how he gained twelve pounds . . . when driving the bus. . . . **John Strufe** wouldn't hit the only bump in the road . . . you knew that **James Halpin** is fishing in Wisconsin. . . . **LeRoy Abell** didn't eat so much . . . we knew why **Edgar "Pretty Boy" Bartlett** doesn't visit "Mikes" anymore. . . . **Ed Schellhorn** would dial the telephone instead of the cigar lighter. . . . I could sell my canary for thirteen bucks—hoping **John Smith** might be interested . . . more knew why **John McElvain** is studying pathology . . . you heard that **Ed Agnich** is cornering the pork market by purchasing two squealers. . . . **John Giacomi** could clock in and out of the hospital . . . you knew that **Steve Juricic** enjoys his days off at Oswald's Grove and **Hugh "Hopalong" Pemberton** is walking without crutches. . . . **Walt Boughton** had more riders and **Don Coldwater** could whistle with his new teeth . . . we knew why **Ed Schellhorn** has to have a stooge. . . . **William Smith** enjoys his transfer to Fuze and Booster.

CONCENTRATED OBLIVION to the downpour outside marked the play of the more than 300 women who attended the USO benefit bridge party at the Recreation Building August 28. A section of the 80 tables which filled the auditorium floor is shown here.

SUCCESS SMILED on the efforts of this committee which arranged the USO benefit bridge party for the women residing in the EOP area and their friends at the Recreation Building August 28. More than $250 was raised for the United Service Organization of Will County. Pictured left to right are Mrs. A. C. Johnston, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. John J. Cole, chairman, and Mrs. Paul L. Deylitz.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Neifing are back from a vacation well spent. Karl says Niagara Falls is worth seeing any time of the year. He promised his wife before they were married that he would take her to the Falls in the Spring and he would take her to the Springs in the Fall.

Thomas Costello spent his vacation signing up with Uncle Sam. He is now listed as a Naval Aviation Cadet and is waiting a call to active service. The Material Warehouse employees wish him good luck and ask him not to forget to write and let them know how he is getting along.

Donald De-Witt left for the Army last week.

The boys in the warehouse have all promised to help elect **Louis Piano** who is a candidate for public office in his home district. Piano said he is having a little trouble collecting votes and here are some of the reasons why: One old woman said she wouldn't vote for a Piano because she couldn't play one anyway. Another old fellow said he wouldn't vote for a Piano because he didn't like music. Another one said Piano was out of tune. One woman said she would vote for Piano providing he promised to be *upright.* Another one said she would vote for Piano if he promised to be *grand.*

Piano promised if elected that he would not touch one penny of the taxpayers' money, as long as the taxpayer kept the money in his own pocket. He also promised an Old Deal for some, a Square Deal for none, and a Raw Deal for all. "Let's all get in the orchestra with Piano," was the concensus.

When **"Pop" Chester Melville** was on the police force, he spotted a motorist one night speeding through Peotone and immediately gave chase in his squad car. He finally caught the speeder and commanded him to pull over to the road side. "Pop" got out of the squad car and was about to give him an arrest slip when the speeder said, "I'll bet you $5 I'm pinched." "Pop" thought a moment and said, "I'll bet you $5 you're not." "You win," said the speeder, paid the bet and drove away, or so it is alleged by "Pops" co-workers.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

That little stranger who had **Donald Foutch** and every one jittery finally arrived, an 8¾ pound boy. Don has fully recovered. Mother and baby are doing well.

Bob Milus is in Baltimore, Md., visiting his brother, who is in the service.

Presley Hankins has just returned from a visit to Altamont, Ill.

Henry O'Reilly says a pedestrian should be seen and not hit.

Albin Smrekar believes one thing America has more than the rest of the world is future.

Art Voss says he went into a Joliet restaurant and saw a sign which read, "use less sugar and stir like h—— . . . we don't mind the noise."

Harlan Kadow is becoming the Beau Brummel of the department. If **Scotty Soper** ever succeeds in getting a tie on him, the job will be complete.

Hugh S. Robb, Superintendent, remarked that engineers are prone to talk of the efficiency of modern machines. But no machine has ever been constructed that is so efficient as man himself. If the boss treats the human heart right it stays on the job for more than 600,000 hours, pumping 15 gallons an hour. No radio so efficient as the voice and the ear, no camera as perfect as the human eye. The nose, lungs and skin are a perfect ventilating plant. Such a marvelous mechanism is worthy of the highest respect and the best care.

Elmer Glenn likes engine 144 much better than engine 37 because he can blow its whistle much louder.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

David Gianuzzi left for the Army Air Corps August 27. Until then he was in charge of the progress clerks at Group 1. His successor has not been appointed.

Rowena Roberts and **Irene Blotnick** are taxing **Paul Pickens** and **Argyle Dalziel** for the pencils which have been disappearing nightly.

A letter from **Tommy Burns,** formerly of the department, tells he is still enjoying his training period at Great Lakes Naval Training Station very much. He expects to be back on a visit again soon.

Frank Falwell and Hearse Inc. was caught filling the radiator with bottles and cans and what nots, one night this week, and it sure was quite a bucket brigade.

Through error it was reported in the last issue that **Rowena Roberts** had undergone surgery. It was Rowena's mother, who is recovering rapidly. Rowena left for a vacation September 7.

Mrs. Irene Blotnick is very happy to learn the destination of her husband, who is in the army.

Leonard Gilmore is leaving for the armed service.

Gertrude Finnegan was entertained at a farewell luncheon given by the members of the Planning Department. Miss Finnegan left to resume teaching in a nearby town. Farewells also are extended to **Mrs. Catherine Ray** who left August 22.

Agnes Freuhauf is vacationing and the office misses her friendly spirits.

Elva Thomas has created a mystery as the result of her receipt of daily bouquets.

Group 62 Leads Softball League

Group 62 leads the Load Line and Igloos Softball League at the end of the second round of games. Spectators reported fast and exciting contests. Due to bad weather a few games were postponed and will be played later.

Standings

Group	Won	Lost	Managers
62	7	1	Charles Mann
70	7	2	Paul Becker
63	4	2	Charles Talty
66	4	2	Edward Berens
3	3	4	Don Warren
2	3	5	William Galbraith
3-A	2	3	Colby Erickson
61	4	6	Harvey Steffes
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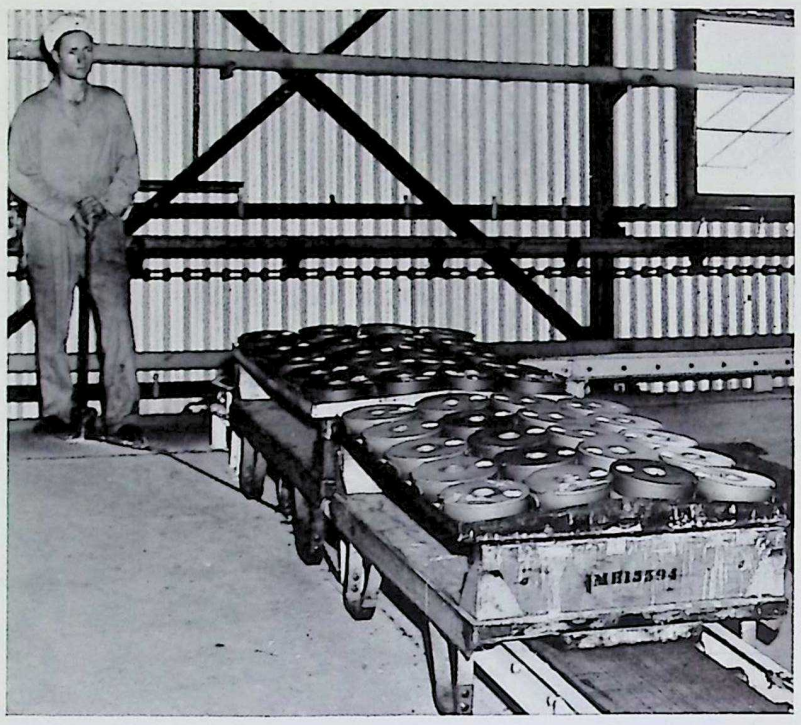


ANTI-TANK MINES are halted momentarily as they reach the end of the loading line in Group 2 before they are prepared for shipment. Roy Barker is shown at the conveyor control.

Girls Must Know Numbers as Well as Dates to Be Efficient Timekeepers

25 Women Now Employed on EOP Time Staff Replacing Men Called to Armed Forces

Girls have to add acquired domination of time and mixed numbers to their instinctive mastery of fates and dates to be successful timekeepers, according to **John O'Connell**, chief EOP timekeeper.

And they are the ones who can do it, Mr. O'Connell testifies after six months experimenting with feminine replacements for male timekeepers called to the armed forces.

Mr. O'Connell says his experience shows that the old sayings about the woman is always late, the sweet young thing can't tell the difference between a 3 triple A and an 8 C, and the wife never knows what size shirt her husband wears must be forgotten.

Time cards, master time sheets, cost accounting records and long rows of fractions passed into feminine hands last March for the first time in EOP's history when **Veronica McHugh** and **Agnes Crownover** were the first women timekeepers employed. Now there are 25 women timekeepers and nine women clerks filling jobs formerly held by men.

A high school education is the minimum educational requirement and each applicant is submitted to a mixed numbers test. Although Mr. O'Connell tries to make the applicant feel at ease during the interview and eliminates any time element from the test, four out of ten girls fail when faced with a practical timekeeping problem.

The fundamental purpose of a timekeeper is to prepare an accurate determination of an employee's wages for the Payroll Department. Accuracy is their highest law and they all agree that it is the most difficult quality to maintain while figuring overtime.

Besides the detailed process of figuring time cards and other duties, the twice daily field trips are another major factor of the timekeepers' jobs. The field trips are to make a physical check of the employee and to make a cost accounting record so that the actual cost of output can be computed.

Although the women work nine hours a day, five days a week and alternate as part of a time card proofreading crew on Sundays, they lead lives of varied interests. The fractions on the EOP time cards are no mystery to Mrs. McHugh, Group 4, because of her experience in the payroll department of the Rock Island Railroad and 16 years in the assessor's office in Joliet. Single-handedly she is an efficient timekeeper, manages a home and is rearing a family of six children.

Eva Lien, also of Group 4, has been a successful business woman for years and even now finds time to be a silver counselor in addition to her timekeeping job. One of her five children is serving with the armed forces and Mrs. Lien feels that because of her background timekeeping is the best way she can contribute to the war effort.

Miss Crownover of Group 8 has trained eight women since her employment and admits that she was terribly nervous her first day. She is a former Northwestern University music student and dashes to Chicago on her day off to play a Hammond electric organ at a loop music shop and expects shortly, priorities permitting, to be the owner of one.

Zona Bond, also of Group 8, is a graduate of Normal University and was an outstanding timekeeping trainee and **Doris Tatro** of Group 9, which houses the largest number of employees in the Fuze and Booster area, can fly a plane as well as she can add fractions. **Peggy Ward** of Group 5 is the all American outdoor girl and can play football.

Weekly meetings are held to instruct the women in the various methods of timekeeping and cost accounting, ways to improve their own methods and the relationship of timekeeping to the organization.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Radio Communications

Lt. Ed Matteson of the Air Corps was home on furlough for a short time and didn't forget to visit the Radio Communications Department where he was employed prior to his enlistment. Ed took up radio communications at Scott Field where he has finished training and will now be stationed with the 4th Air Force at San Francisco, Calif.

Another welcome visitor was **Johnny Handel**, petty officer of the Navy who is stationed at Oakland, Calif. Everyone was happy to see both boys and wish them the best.

Kenneth Storch came to work last week with a big patch over his eye. He still says he walked into a door.

Transportation Department

Margaret Hayden, secretary, and **Charles H. Mann**, assistant superintendent, Inert Storage Department, will be united in marriage Saturday morning, September 19, at St. Rose's Church in Wilmington. EOP chalks up another romance! Their many friends wish them lots of luck.

Ernest Raunser has returned from a week's vacation with his parents, **Com. E. V. Raunser** and **Mrs. Raunser**, Woodmere, Long Island, N. Y.

Robert Peterson has been golfing his vacation away, rumor says.

Alberta Delaney of Joliet has recently started to work here. She replaced **Mrs. Philomena McCraley.**

E. J. Egan, superintendent of transportation, and **W. A. Walters** are still in a fog after witnessing the All Stars-Bears football game August 28.

Despite heavy rain Sunday, August 30, the Railroad Maintenance Department did a fine job installing new track switches.

"Bunny" Arthur, the Coal City boy, is making elaborate plans for a two days' vacation.

M. M. Dugan, Army Inspectors' Office, was a welcome visitor last week.

Telephone Tid-Bits

Leata Williams, telephone operator from the Personnel Building, is welcomed as pinch hitter for the regular construction board operators now vacationing. **Pauline Vismara**, operator at the construction board, has returned from a vacation.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Company and **W. A. Buck**, superintendent of EOP telephone communications, are continually checking all long distance calls for perfect transmission.

The National Construction Engineering Company has started to install the new 200-line extension. **Foreman M. J. Abt** is collaborating with Mr. Buck.

Laundry Letters

Among those soon to be missing will be **Evelyn Spars** and **June Million** who are leaving to resume their studies at Normal; **Lucille Thruman** who is to be married to her soldier fiancee in Mississippi; **Doris Taylor**, who is to join her school teacher husband in Arizona, and **Mae Ida Babbitt.** The Laundry Department gave a farewell party August 29 for them.

The Laundry "Bags" welcome to their group **Eleanor Brouilette, Irma McCormick, Kathryn Pierce** and **Ruby Pinkstaff.**

Violet Parks is sporting a diamond on that third finger left hand.

Pipe Shop

You would hardly recognize the Pipe Shop these days since **Pop Leahy** took over the job as safety man and tidied things up.

W. M. "Buck" Dale is still considered the coolest man and also the busiest.

Eddie Paulsen has earned quite a reputation as a second-hand car dealer and **Red Abbott** is running a close second.

Sympathy is extended to **Charles Shlander** and family in the death of his father after an illness of nearly five years.

Ed Kilbride claims they had a perfect blackout in his home town of Essex—population about six!

Service Garage

Bill Barr is now soundly entrenched in the parts room since **E. P. Sans** enlisted in the Army.

It is rumored that several of the Service Garage boys were in attendance at the All-Stars - Bears football game, but due to the heavy fog they could not be identified.

Bill Briddick often wonders where all the pick-ups are coming from. Says that by the looks of the vehicles coming in for repairs, there must be more pick-ups than sedans. Well, that's almost right —the "score" is 110 to 93.

The body men never seem to run out of work. **Glen Bitterman, Bud Wood** and **Buck Rogers** are the boys that try to keep up with all body and fender *deficiencies.*

Here and There

George Gowns, Roundhouse, has left for a fishing trip in Northern Michigan. He says he will bring back some of the fish he is always bragging about. It is hoped he brings back more than did the assistant Roundhouse foreman, **Don Lehndorf.**

Special thanks are sent to **James F. Moore** who planted the flowers at Richards' Farm. He really did a good job.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Early in August the Hospital was paid a visit by **Col. Louis Schwartz**, from the United States Public Health Service, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md. He came to pave the way for one of his assistants, **Dr. Norman R. Goldsmith**, who arrived and stayed from August 17 to 22. He was not a patient, but he saw a good number of them; perhaps some of EOP employees from the groups recall him. If not, perhaps the dainty adhesive patches which he put on only to pull off in 24 hours will remind you of him. Dr. Goldsmith, who represented the dermatosis investigating division, conducted a series of six patch tests, using six different ointments, five of which were advertised products supposedly effective against tetryl, and one which his department had compounded.

Dr. Goldsmith was very pleased with the results of the tests and perhaps a new cream formula will follow completion of his experiments.

Dr. C. L. Garris, medical director at the Sangamon Ordnance Plant, also visited the Hospital in August. His mission was to observe hospital management and equipment for his plant.

Talking about adding up the years, getting old and chalking down another number—in simple words three members of the hospital staff had birthdays last month. August 18 saw **John Fisher** adding to his score a year; but his fiancee added a lovely maroon and gold fountain pen and pencil set to his pocket. No fooling, it was nice. **Margaret Gregovich** and **Evelyn Richards** celebrated their birthday August 21 and August 10 respectively. All three indulged in a box of candy (old fashioned chocolates given to Margaret).

New badge number 22082 has been acquired by the hospital staff in the person of cute, dark-haired, dark-eyed **Lorene Motta.** Leaving the First National Bank in Joliet, she started her services for EOP August 24, as secretary to **Dr. H. L. Schultz.** She resides at 400 Cornelia St., Joliet, and is a graduate of Joliet Township High School. She also attended Southern Seminary, a girls' boarding school in Buena Vista, Va. Before coming to EOP she spent two weeks in Tucson, Ariz., where oil wells are spurting and cactus grows and the temperature climbs to 122°. While there she made acquaintances with two good-looking sergeants and is corresponding with them now.

Most have heard of the House of Magic and have seen the magic carpet in the movies, but those were things that were pleasant and entertaining. Polished and waxed floors will give you the same floating feeling as did the magic carpet; however, **Lucille M. Nahas**, nurse at Group 3, doesn't think they are entertaining. Her carpet slipped from underfoot and now she is nursing a broken leg.

Sweet peas and poppies grown at the hospital furnished lovely bouquets for **Dr. George Luke's** convalescing wife, who is home in Morris.

John Fisher, ambulance driver, left EOP to drive a bus from Plainfield to the plant here. The bus line started August 30 from Electric Park over Route 66 to EOP, and goes to Fuze & Booster and Loading groups each eight-hour shift.

Surprise! Surprise! **Mrs. Joseph Gergovich**, recent bride, was honored at a surprise party Friday evening, August 28, at the home of her youngest sister, **Mrs. Alfred Kinzler**, 813 Woods Street, Joliet. **Elsie Baer** and **Mrs. Dorothy Schoop** were the hostesses. Mixed bouquets of garden flowers were used for decorations throughout the house. Table appointments included a lovely bouquet of mixed flowers, flanked by pink and blue tapers in crystal holders. Crash bunco was the entertainment, with first prize going to **Evelyn Richards. Gene Hurley** walked away with the consolation prize. Mrs. Gregovich was presented a guest prize. A gift was presented to her by her co-workers at the hospital. Among those present were Mrs. Gregovich, **Mrs. Harry Bolan** (the bride's mother), Mrs. Kinzler, **Evelyn Doran, Lucy Harkness, Thelma Talbott**, Miss Hurley, **Esther Anderson**, Miss Baer, Miss Schoop, Mrs. Richards, **Dr. B. G Geil, Joe Chizmark** and **Roy Healy.**

Cecil Cullick, Paint Shop, is recuperating from an operation.

E. G. McAloon is back at his duties at EOP after a business trip to Washington, D. C., and Newburn, N. C.

Luscious chicken in the McAloon fashion was enjoyed by members of the Utilities Department August 31, at the Group 1 picnic. Taking advantage of the invitation extended by **Joseph E. Salmon**, superintendent of Group 1, **Mr.** and **Mrs. A. M. Lockwood, E. J. Walsh, Mr.** and **Mrs. Claude Sayre, Mr.** and **Mrs. McAloon, Mr.** and **Mrs. C. W. Wade, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. Celia Kretz** and daughter, **Jeanie, Nancy Eherwood** and **Helen Shimek** journied to Sunset Park for the occasion.

C. L. Utley, electrical superintendent, has in his office a sample of a new type of cable lately developed to be used during blackouts. Instead of colored insulations, each conductor has different flavors, such as strawberry, chocolate, etc. He hesitates to use this cable, however, because Mr. Buck, wire chief, long ago lost his sense of taste.

Albert Nelson, engineer at the powerhouse of Group 6, thanks his friends for flowers and cards received during his recent illness.

Sheet Metal Shop

The Sheet Metal Shop has lost another of its men to Uncle Sam. **Joe Macconi**, who enlisted in the Naval Reserve some time ago, was called last week.

Charles Boudreau is at Mayo Brothers Clinic for a check-up.

Charles Lytle and **Jess Thomas** are anxiously awaiting a frost to relieve them from hay fever.

STUDYING HARD are the girls shown here who make up a class in timekeeping procedures taught by John O'Connell, chief timekeeper. Pictured left to right they are: First row, Alma Salzman, Eva Lien, Helen Kelly and Helen Buck; second row, Helen Otis, Gladys Schofield, Marian Stewart, Ethel Lawrence and Mr. O'Connell; third row, Shirley Van Duyne, Agnes Rivard and Ruth Stites; rear, Doris Tatro.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

You see some odd things when you stay around the administration area after 5 p.m. some evenings. One such was Tuesday, August 25. If by chance you walked by the softball playing field that evening you would have seen some very queer activity. On looking a little closer you would have discovered that it was supposed to be a softball game between the Elwood Officers' Club and a picked team of civilian All-Stars from the War Department.

The outstanding star for the War Department was an unheralded young man named **J. F. Welch.** He clouted a home run the first time at bat and for a while the manager, **"Cy" Faupel,** thought that he would have to use a substitute to play his position. But after they let him stretch out on the bleachers for ten minutes he came around in time.

The umpiring was really bad, as they had **William "Smoked Glasses" Dronsfield** calling them and it was through his cooperation that saved the All-Stars from receiving a sound beating. The final score was very close: Officers' Club 14—All-Stars 3.

Girls of the Purchasing and Expediting Divisions had a miscellaneous shower Thursday evening, September 3, for **Emalie Mueller** who is to take that big step. The McCulloch Tea Room was the gathering place and **Ruthe Myers, Veranice Quade, June Kaehlert** and **Rita Dwyer** were the sponsors of the affair. Games of various kinds were played and delicious eats served to the gang. Emalie was showered with many beautiful gifts.

Now it's "Katie Coed," but it was **Katie Gorey,** Mailing Department, until September 4, when she left to start studies at Miami University in Oxford, O. She will be a Junior in the School of Liberai Arts. The Sunday before she left, her aunt, **Mae Gorey,** entertained at a tea. Many girls from the Administration Building were present, along with a large number of Katie's other friends.

John J. Cole, comptroller, has made the necessary arrangements to have bonds delivered directly from this office so as to speed up delivery of the bonds to each and every one.

Isabelle Plummer is a newcomer. Her hangout is at the Tabulating Department as a key punch operator.

Angeline Mancuso has been transferred to the Tabulating Department.

Lucilie Ambrose, comptroller's office, had better stick to the bicycle or give up, none of this falling off stuff permitted any more.

Corp. Clare Cosgrove must have put somebody to work—his Sam Brown belt is all polished up.

Harry MacRae went to New York to visit his parents.

Audie Allison believes in thrift. He reads the newspapers on the stand and puts the money saved into War Bonds.

Herbert Burch is giving a lot of attention to his tomato plants in Coal City. He is also designing a streamlined outdoor storage bin for storing his victory garden products.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewison went to visit Don's folks in Des Moines to present her to them.

E. Washburn went to Wisconsin on a fishing trip with an elaborate assortment of artificial bait.

The Engineering Department has been watching **Jim Cortright** to see how the beauty treatments react.

Leroy Anderson is the only unattached young man who is girl-proof.

John Nicholson and **Mary Hidlebrauch** are going to be one in the next few weeks.

Walter Krohn takes a walk completely around the oval road in the Administration Area every day.

Bill Lanterman has a lot of colored jars on the shelf above his desk. Looks like he has canned jelly.

George Karas has been made an air raid warden.

Veranice Quade, Purchasing Department, spent Labor Day at her home in Spring Valley, Minn.

Mildred Rub, secretary to **G. R. Kintzel,** equipment manager, did a little traveling on her "two weeks." Took in the Smoky Mountains and that region. Mildred was just about taken off her seat while riding around the N. C. mountains to see a bus coming along with its destination marker showing Joliet, Route 4A.

Some folks would like to know where **R. L. Voss** has his dugout.

Vic Dagenais and **Mrs. Dagenais** are enjoying a vacation back home, New York they call it.

Al Scheer, Electrical Department, came down to work last week well scarred up on hands, face and chest. He says he fell off a bicycle.

Fred Poplausky and **Joe Luzbetak** went to Starved Rock August 23. The bus driver got lost and it took three and one-half hours instead of one and one-half. They took pictures of scenes and each other and when developed Joe had no head.

O. K. Madsen had a visit from his nephew, **Viels Visnek,** whose home is in Denmark. His ship was interned in Canada. He joined up at once in the Canadian Army. He is attached to the Canadian Royal Rifles Commandos. Mr. Madsen also went up to Pike Lake, Wis., and caught a 32-pound muskie.

What are those pink capsules **Joe Fredricks** seems to choke down every so many hours. Are they keeper-uppers?

Mary Downs, labor distribution, has been transferred to Timekeeping Department.

Ira E. Jackson, chief clerk, Engineering Department, and **Mrs. Jackson** are vacationing around New York, Canada, etc.

The East coast beckoned to **Marion Hyland,** secretary to **E. J. Walsh,** and she weakened. Marion claims she had a wonderful trip in the New England states.

E. V. Sperling, Engineering Department, and family had quite a trip on his time off. Managed to get into Canada and, of all things, out again.

Charles Coburn, auditor, is very happy these days. He says he is losing a few pounds.

Ralph Piper, Auditing Department, and **Mrs. Piper** started out for a grand vacation down South. However, they got as far as St. Louis and decided it best to return north. There was only standing room left on the train to take them further along.

Irene Keenan, secretary to **Harrison Smith,** was going shopping one day (while on her vacation) but decided to take in a race or so first. She got taken—so the story goes—so just figure out if there was any shopping done. It is said there wasn't.

"Tiny" Walter Peterson lost a pound in weight the other week, and is he gloating!

Ralph Turner has proposed to **Theresa Rager,** forelady in Group 8, every Sunday for 3 months, so he says.

Anna Mae Thompson has just added another year—don't get so worried over it, Tommy — lots more to come.

Dorothea Beverly, Accounting Department, keeps a certain party in the Air Corps flying with mail.

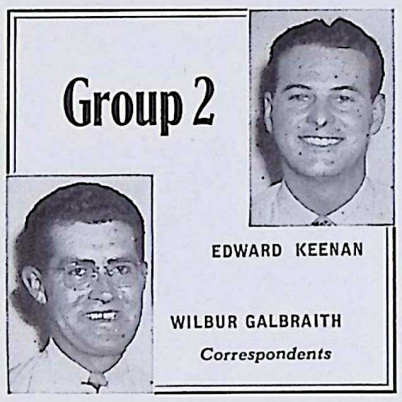
Bruno Sismondi is thinking of leaving to join the Canadian Air Force so that he might be able to make a hit with a certain little blond in Stores and Transportation Department, who has just returned from a trip through Canada.

It is understood that **J. F. Dolan,** paymaster, must have what it takes. In spite of all kinds of priorities on adding machines it seems he is able to obtain such a machine of the very latest design. How is it done? (Hey, folks—ask to see it.) It's very compact, four by eight inches, painted a very brilliant red and has figures of the clearest type. What's the hammer for?

The Purchasing Department's softball team, under the management of **E. C. Carlson,** lost to the Officers' Club 16 to 4.

FIRST WORKMAN employed under E. A. Evans for construction of the EOP plant was Roy Anderson, shown here at a time clock. He was given badge No. 51, the badges of the office staff being numbered from 1 to 50. Mr. Anderson is now employed in the Water Department under Supt. J. W. Stark.

Group 2



EDWARD KEENAN
WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

It was with regret that the boys said good-bye to one of the most capable men ever to work in Group 2, **"Jimmie" Clennon.** Jim first set foot in the Group August 22, 1941, and, like every one else, started as a fourth class laborer. It wasn't long before his fine spirit of leadership and versatile ability was recognized and he was made an assistant foreman. He still maintained his all-round efficiency and was progressing so rapidly that he was being seriously considered for a building foreman's job when he received an urgent call to return to his home town at once. Three days after this call Jim returned to notify **Supt. James J. Murphy** and **John Johnson, Jr.,** that he would be unable to remain here and would have to leave as soon as possible. All wish him the best of luck and hope he hurries back.

After talking to **Bob Schmitz,** group inspector, and **Tom Todd,** his right-hand man, it was learned that Group 2 has been assigned the following inspectors: **Julius Blanke, William Dwyer, Robert Mobus, Vassar Smith, August Deckness, James McCollum, Lester Green, Robert Bailey, Hans Christesen, Andrew Veronda, Wayne Pegau, Herbert Gluth, Michael Moran** and **Oliver Ehrsam.**

Congratulation to **"Ode" Golden** who has been placed in charge of one of the shifts of inspectors.

The Real Lowdown

John Johnson, Jr. is telling the boys that as a shampoo those liquid amber hops is unparallelled.

"Pete" Kelder, native of Crystal Lake, Ill., was the guest of honor at a stag party held at the American Legion Hall in Braidwood August 28. By the time this copy reaches the editorial desk Pete will be a married man. Congratulations and wishes for lots of good luck and happiness are extended.

"Tiny" Conroy, inspector, has shown remarkable improvement in his hairline since using a special hair tonic recommended by Sam **"Barbasol Man" Hoffman.**

Charles Pierce accused his wife of slipping a paving brick in his lunch bucket last week. Anyway, "Chuck" said she called it cake.

William "Jersey" Klegman has returned from a very pleasant vacation.

They say **Joe "Yockie" Connors** has a new girl friend in Elwood. Anyway, he and Bill visited the Elwood homecoming last Saturday and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Rumor has it that **Gene Hunt** is in line for the Fire Chief's job in New Lenox.

Things Heard Here

That **Morris Banks** is the owner of a thriving fish business in Chicago. . . .

Archie Le Borence is thinking of going on the water wagon. . . .

Joe Petrosko will probably middle-aisle it with his blonde girl friend real soon. . . .

George Zobel, Larry McKeon, and **Mickey McGuire** are becoming Seven-up fans. . . .

George Harms is putting away his straw "katie" until next season. . . .

"Ziggy" Zier is thinking of buying a tailor-made suit of clothes. . . .

Bob Burke is very proud of his curly hair. . . .

John Kelahan has a very good singing voice. . . .

"Horse" Tammen will accept nothing but quart containers or better from now on. This habit was developed after a softball game at South Bend, Ind., recently. . . .

Angelo Pagnusat has received an offer to play with **Glen Miller's** "Moonlight Serenade" orchestra. . . .

Harold Spier, star left-fielder, who has been sick for about a month, is back again. . . .

Bill Fiene, sub-foreman, sure takes advantage of his month of days by making regular trips to the nurses home in Joliet. . . .

Don Zier is having a hard time to figure out if he should keep on giving the girls a break or to start pitching ball like the old Don Zier. . . .

It seems **Ken Peterbock** came to work on a certain Monday morning all smiles. It wasn't necessary to ask if he had been out with his best girl or not. . . .

Loren Blazer is also all smiles these days. Rumor says he is now an engaged man. . . .

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

Twenty-eight men have been added to the Fire Department. A hearty welcome is extended to the following: **Tom Ness, Wayne Barber, Frank Goldenstein, John Arnold, Edward Powell, Doyle Good, Walter O. Murphy, Harry Moran, Charles Thompson, Herman Guyot, Ira Schick, Mathew Froncek, Archie James, Verne McKimson, Edward Kamper, Meyer Horowitz, Alonzo Noland, Walter Hilgert, Virgil Thompson, Delbert Leeper, Hopper Combs, Wesley Peebles, Orville Milton, Charles Jacobson, Fred Johnson, Dale Cornelius, James Livengood** and **Robert Roth.**

These boys are showing an eagerness to learn fire-fighting tactics and although only here a few days are showing that cooperative spirit so noticeable throughout EOP.

The answer to the long search for a suitable successor to **Rudolph Valentino** is **John Arnold.**

Virgil Fear and **Joseph Vacarro** will take any two men at horseshoes—sez they.

Bob Schreffler will supplant **Bill Powell** as the "Thin Man" if the boys at Station 3 don't quit eating his dinners.

Earl Fitzgerald is fast becoming an international banker. He is busy now consumating a big "socks and coffee" deal.

Nominations for the Firemen's Daisy Chain include: **Norm Heath, John Davis, Ed Powell, Larry Molck, Angelo Amorose, Frank Keeley, Virgil Bell, Charlie Hendrickson, Calvin Gordon, Charles Jiskra, Bill Dust, Vern Martin, Lonnie Seaton, Franklin DuPuis, Frank Goldenstein, John Hinds, Lafe Martin, Lawrence Heath, Carl Richards, Ira Schick, Bill Hayes, Frank Pavlich, Ed Carter, Herman Guyot, George Hayes, Walt Williamson** and **Jake Schuck.**

The hourly drawing on War Bonds, a feature of the Firemens' picnic, proved to be a great success . . . 10 bonds—10 bombs.

Guys in Disguise . . . **Leonard Anderson** as a tobacco autioneer . . . **Ralph Batty** as a fan dancer . . . **Bert Benson** with four wives . . . **Stan Murawski** with three accordions . . . **Ted Kloeckner** in **Stephen McSweeney's** helmet . . . **Norman Lubs** at a taffy-pull . . . **Wiley Bell** in a leather harness . . . **Francis Downey** in a bow tie . . . **Harry Carlson** in a Conga line . . .**John Watkins** in a shag contest . . . **Bill Hayes** and **Frank Pavlich** on a tandem bike . . . **Don Trainor** at a carnival—alone.

Seeing is believing . . . **Scotty Rodgers** making **Meyer Horowitz** for two-bits. This is one for the book.

John Alar received several beautiful, but slightly delayed letters of congratulation on the arrival of his new son.

Frank Nolan has the entire department guessing where he is going on his vacation and above all what he will do after he gets there. **Stuart Moloney** is also taking off a few days, but there is no guessing as to where he is going and what he will do.

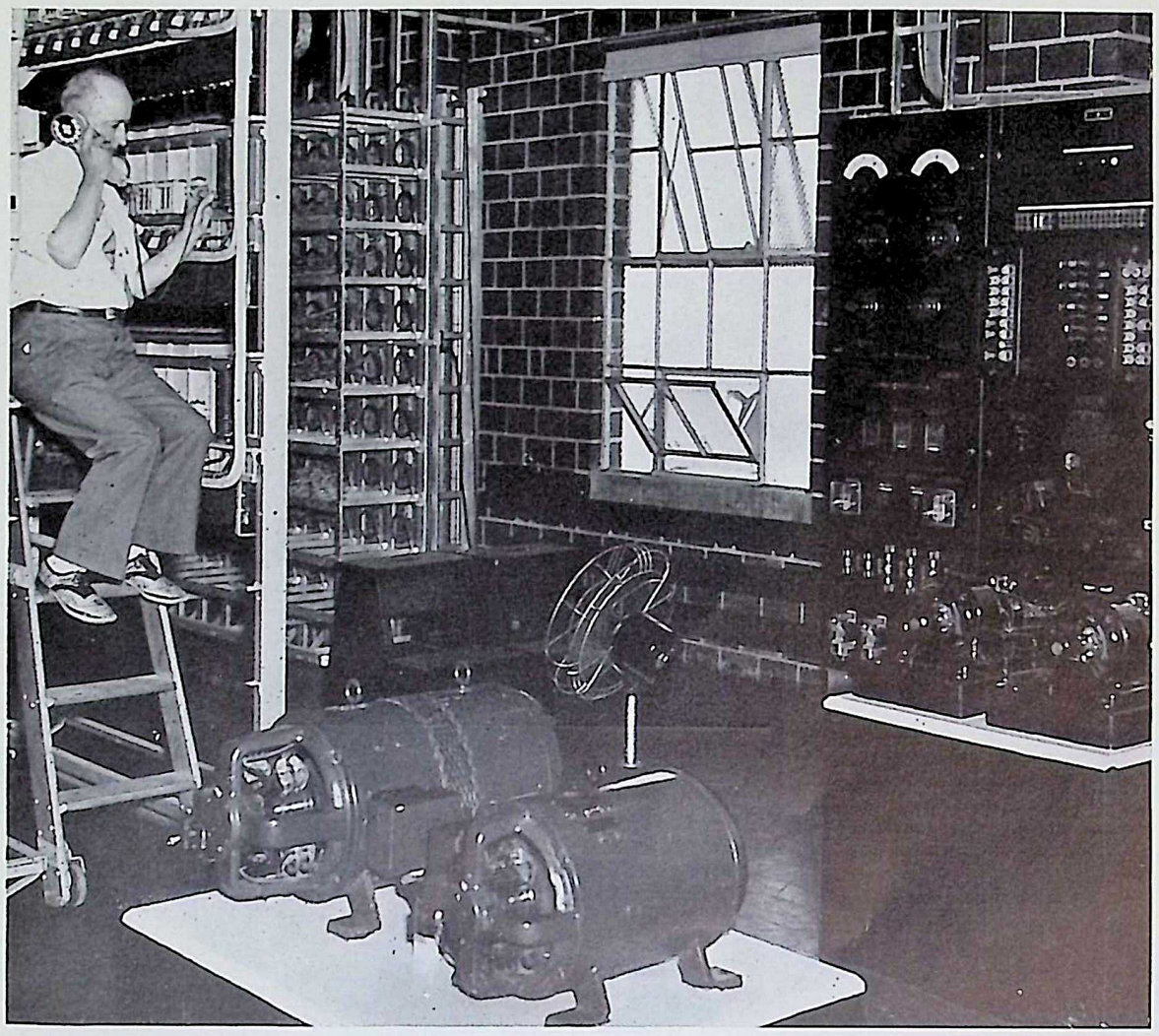
Ed. Stricklin will report to his draft board in Texas when he gets his examination notice for the Army.

Charles Davis is starting a course of study in the art of checker playing. His star pupil is Selectee **Frank Scoma.**

Chief Roy W. Mortenson was host to a party of friends from Rockford . . . names withheld till the picnic funds are tabulated.

The boys have added interior decorating to their many chores. The chief's room was completely done over.

SLAMMING A HIT for extra bases, Dorothy Lehman of Group 8 is shown as she provided a thrill in the softball game with Groups 4 and 5. Catching is Helen Fritz of Group 4. The umpire is Joseph Catalani, Fire Department.



LINE FINDING equipment is being tested by Mathias Horn, technician, at the main distributing frame to outside toll cables of the EOP telephone system.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Groups 4-5

A successful picnic was held August 23 by Groups 4 and 5. Attendance was estimated at 1,000 persons. Activities, which started at noon and lasted until midnight, included a girls' softball game, horseshoe pitching and dancing. Music was furnished by Gene Victor's orchestra. A $50 War Bond was won by **Jeannette Gunnerson** of Group 4.

The picnic Committee presented **T. M. Burns**, general superintendent, of Fuze and Booster Area, with a check for $159.43 to be contributed to the USO. This represented the balance after all bills had been paid.

Everyone's doing it — **Helen White** will walk the aisle soon.

Kay Podden's line was well represented at the picnic. In fact, nearly 100 per cent . . . that's pulling together.

May Stroball is convalescing at home from injuries suffered in an automobile accident August 15.

Stella Marma of 4-14 is going to do a little aisle stepping very soon.

Jean Stahler said that she had a very nice time coming home on the blackout train from El Paso, Tex., where she visited a friend in Ft. Bliss for three weeks.

It was discovered at the Group 5 picnic that **Gill Maloney**, an inspector, is a smooth dancer.

Charles Kaplan, assistant superintendent of Group 5, was married recently to a very pretty Ohio girl.

Martha Gibbons said that the part of the picnic that she liked best was the last dance.

Did you hear about the two fellows who traveled from Kankakee to the Lockport picnic grounds and found the shortest way there was not through Coal City? Maybe they need a road map.

Have you met **Johnnie Dole**, one of the pineapple brothers?

Florence "Shorty" Mahalick and her twin sister celebrated their birthday last week.

Group 6-7

Florence Connour was married August 9 in St. Louis, Mo., to **Pvt. Richard J. Harvey**, stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Birthday congratulations were sent to **Harold Starr, Juanita Thompson** and **Joseph Jackovich** August 26, also **Bill Saffell** August 27.

John McGurty, assistant foreman, left August 29 to enter the Army.

Mary Butler, timekeeper; **Ann Wolfe** and **Grace Watson**, from the Assembly Room, left August 29 to resume their careers as teachers. Cheers are right for girls like these who gave up their well earned vacations to help us in the effort to win this war.

By the way, **Rose O'Day** and **Edith Krzich** would like to keep posted on any picnics held by EOP groups. They haven't missed any yet and are looking forward to attending many more.

Mrs. Harold Starr is back home again after undergoing an appendectomy.

Bill Blonske, assistant superintendent, 6-4, hands in the news of being married while on vacation. The lucky girl is **Ora Reha** from Group 4.

Pauline Gammell is leaving to relax in the sunshine of California.

Art Jensen, foreman, spent his vacation at home in Minneapolis, Minn.

James Truka, superintendent, Groups 6 and 7, has returned from a vacation down by the Ohio.

George Morrison, assistant general superintendent of the Fuze and Booster Groups, is said to have done some deep sea fishing while on vacation in the East. He was very careful of submarines.

Marjorie Love, Group 6, was married to **Marvin Salmi** August 29.

Have you seen the gorgeous tan **"Bunny" Partridge** has been sporting around all summer? It is a honey!

Missing—One 1932 Chevrolet, missing from in front of **Jimmy Tait's** house one day last week. Any information leading to the discovery of the car, or the riders therein (who incidentally held up a few stores in the bargain), would be appreciated by the Chicago Police Department, but mostly by Tait, who is positively lost without that car of his.

A welcome goes to **Keith Smith**, a new foreman in Group 9. Believe it or not, he is *not* from Ohio.

Group 9

Everyone in Group 9 is getting steamed up about the forthcoming picnic.

Friends have said good-bye to **Augie Rubentz** for a few weeks. Augie has a hubby at Camp Edwards, Mass., and left recently to visit him.

Eve Grahovac, nee Kovacevich, has a husband somewhere in California who is doing his bit for Uncle Sam, and she is going to see him. Her friends in Group 9 will miss her.

"Doc" Daugherty's twins, **Billy** and **Betty**, are now eight weeks old. "Doc" does his darndest to be modest but he will admit they're nice looking youngsters. Betty can outdo her brother already in the family arguments, but then that's a woman for you.

Phone Building Completed Year Ago This Month

600 Main Lines May Be Expanded to 800 As Needs Increase

New employees coming into contact with the efficient EOP telephone system find it hard to realize that the neat brick building housing the exchange is but a year old this month.

Construction of the telephone building was started July 10 of last year and it was completed and ready for installation of automatic dial equipment September 26. The system now employs 24 persons, has three switchboard positions, approximately 109 miles of underground and aerial cable, 800 telephones including extensions with 600 main lines and facilities for 200 more when needed.

Previous to the construction of the telephone building, the exchange was located in a small room just east of the reception room in the Administration Building, now used as a photostat room. There were two manual positions at the switchboard, with six operators serving three shifts. The system was owned and controlled by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

The old exchange was cut over into the new automatic system in two minutes and 32 seconds at 2:10 p. m., December 27, without difficulty or interference with service.

William A. Buck, superintendent of telephone communications, has been highly commended for the quality of service maintained by the system, both on local and long distance calls. **Col. Samuel Todd** and **J. J. Koch**, telephone engineers of the Sixth Corps Area, who inspected the system, praised the efficiency of the installation.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own.

September 12

Esther Barker, Group 9; **George Blake**, Group 7; **Wayne Boyd**, Guards; **Francis Briel**, Group 1; **Bernis Brown**, Utilities; **Betty Jane Brown**, Group 6; **Kenneth Brown**, Group 1; **Carl Callmer**, Utilities: **John Crowe**, Group 3-A; **Perry Danforth**, Utilities; **Ivan DeMoss**, Fire; **John Fabrycki**, Group 4; **Cornelia Frasca**, Group 8; **David Grossman**, Group 1; **Joseph Gurka**, Group 3; **Mary Gurka**, Group 1; **Joseph Hnetkovsky**, Group 3: **Owen Jewell**, Group 2; **Thomas Jisa, Jr.**, Group 1; **Ronald Jordan**, Guards; **Ernest Kinzer**, Group 1: **Matthew Kovoch**, Group 1; **Walter Lueder**, Guards; **Eunice Mantia**, Group 5; **Theodore McAlear**, Group 9; **Charles McCue**, Group 3; **Arnold Moede**, Group 3; **William O'Connor**, Utilities; **Daniel Phillips**, Group 1; **Edna Pitt**, Group 9; **Anna Sherman**, Group 5; **Ray Sternisha**, Group 1; **Bertha St. John**, Group 9; **Lucille Suski**, Group 7; **James Turner**, Group 1; **Edna Voight**, Group 7; **Delmar Voirol**, Finished Rounds; **Ralph White**, Group 2; **Harold Wickstrom**, Inert Storage.

September 13

Louise Ballard, Utilities; **Ray Ballard**, Group 3; **Cleo Bell**, Group 4; **Josephine Cain**, Group 9; **Dorothy Carlson**, Group 1; **Burris Carr**, Utilities; **Phyllis Chaffee**, Group 5; **Evelyn Darm**, Group 5; **Margaret Davis**, Group 7; **Helen Deamer**, Group 5; **Cecil Elliott**, Group 1; **Peter Golgin**, Group 3; **Morris Hannan**, Group 2; **Glenn Hart**, Group 8; **Marie Herbst**, Group 4; **Edward Jesonowski**, Group 1; **Manda Kovacevich**, Group 9; **Kenneth Mack**, Group 1: **Adelbert Millican**, Group 9; **Myrtle Montgomery**, Group 9; **Erma Palmer**, Group 4; **Roy Pulaski**, Utilities; **Willie Range**, Group 9; **Guy Ray**, Utilities; **Ruby Reed**, Group 9; **Wallace Reed**, Plant Protection; **George Rickner**, Group 3-A; **David Rosen**, Inspection; **G. Schloetzer**, Inspection; **Ruth Stiefbold**, Group 9; **Fred Strope**, Guards; **Mildred Templeman**, Group 9; **Harry Tilden**, Accounting; **Clyde Townsend**, Fire; **Harlan Waller**, Guards; **Lester Weikum**, Group 2; **Ursula Williams**, Personnel.

September 14

Ruby Allen, Group 7; **George Ashenbramer**, Inert Storage; **Vernon C. Bailey**, editor; **Leroy Baker**, Group 1; **Frank Baracani**, Group 7; **Mildred Boliaid**, Group 4; **Delores Braux**, Group 4; **Velta Bruce**, Group 9; **Addison Crawford**, Group 3; **Albert Cummings**, Plant Protection; **Victor M. Dagenais**, Office Management; **Michael Donohue**, Plant Protection; **James Forrest**, Purchasing; **Louis Glim**, Utilities; **John Godfrey**, Inert Storage; **Jesse Griffith**, Utilities; **Vance Hamann**, Inert Storage; **John Hohisel**, Timekeeping; **Alva Jones**, Group 1; **Clarence LaCount**, Group 3; **Ival Lampman**, High Explosives; **Walter Levitt**, Group 3; **Leonard Lindblom**, Group 1; **Clovie Longest**, Group 4; **Louis Marchioni**, Utilities; **Mary Oelschlager**, Group 6; **William Orr**, Group 61; **Myrtle Potchebski**, Group 9; **Katie Priess**, Group 6; **Harold Radzom**, Group 2; **Alden Stolzenbach**, Group 3-A; **Marian Trovero**, Group 8; **Dennis Vannoy**, Utilities; **Ralph Walter**, Group 61; **Erwin Welsand**, Utilities.

September 15

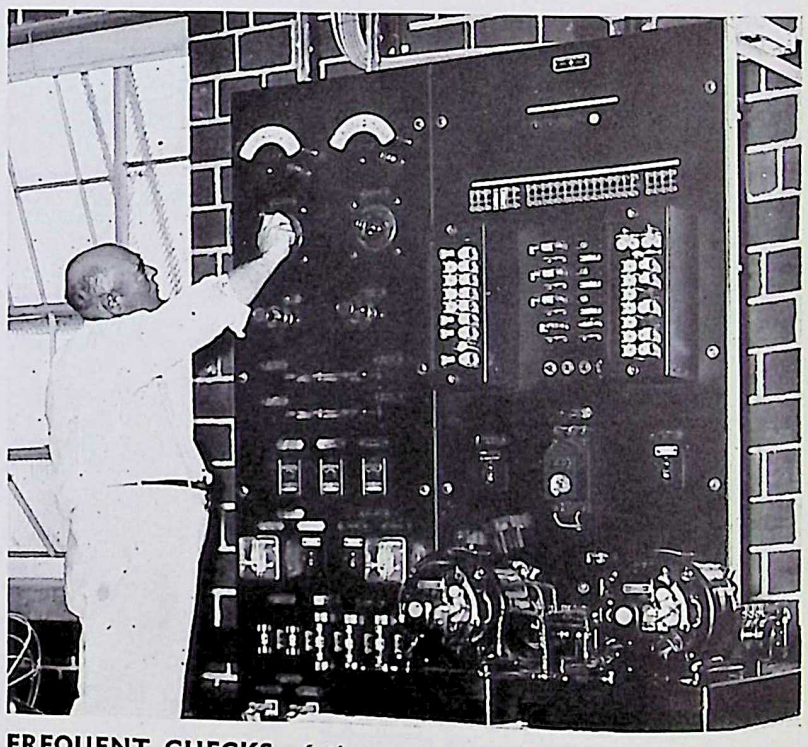
George Ames, Group 3-A; **Josephine Bales**, Group 7; **Raymond Bartels**, Group 1; **Mario Bazzoni**, High Explosives; **Nellie Brandt**, Group 9; **Arvella Breithbarth**, Group 7; **Florence Bute**, Group 6; **Catherine Calamaras**, Group 9; **Fred Casper**, Group 2; **Hector Cheffer, Jr.**, Group 2; **Mildred Clasper**, Group 6; **Margaret Collins**, Personnel; **Fred Cox**, Group 3-A; **William Dronsfield**, Equipment Checkers; **Betty Durkin**, Group 4; **John Fleming**, Group 2; **Pearl Fouch**, Group 9; **Frank Gamons**, Group 3; **Frank Grosey**, Maintenance; **William Hall**, Group 3; **Leo Hodgen**, Group 3; **Meyer Horowitz**, Fire; **Gladys Karpen**, Group 4; **Alrick Lambert**, Group 3-A; **Alfonso Mazzini**, Utilities; **William Moberly**, Inert Storage; **Michael Moran**, Group 2; **Grace Miller**, Group 7; **Ruth Olson**, Group 9; **Benedict Pierski**, Group 1; **Edward Powers**, General Operations; **Daniel Radakovich**, Utilities; **William Robinson**, Group 3-A; **Roy Scown**, Group 7; **Rollie Smith**, Group 5; **John Spesia**, Guards; **Leonard Spooner**, Inert Storage; ***Michael Strainer, Utilities;*** **Anthony Toluiszis**, Group 3-A; **Joseph Vaccaro**, Fire Department.

September 16

Leota Blake, Group 7; **Leonard Belisle**, Group 3-A; **Savilla Curry**, Group 7; **Philip Goslin**, Group 1; **James Gribble**, Guards; **Margaret Heather**, Group 7; **Mildred Lane**, Group 6; **George Leaman**, Utilities; **Vernon Lenhausen**, Group 2; **Clara Lieb**, Utilities; **Clarice Lieb**, Utilities; **James Macon**, Utilities; **Edward Maher**, Group 1; **Emile Mourham**, Group 6; **Alva McBurney**, Group 6; **Frances McComb**, Group 4; **Margaret McCoskey**, Group 1; **Earl Olson**, Group 8; **Kenneth Skinner**, Group 3; **George Slaughter**, Utilities; **Glen Stiteley**, Group 1; **John Vatsula**, Group 1; **Jessie Yarbrough**, Group 3-A; **Michael Zobel**, Group 3.

September 17

Howard Baron, Guards; **Henry**



FREQUENT CHECKS of the main distributing power board in EOP's telephone building are made by Supt. William A. Buck, shown here at one of the controls. Ringing and generating equipment are shown in the foreground.

Bisaillon, Guards; Robert Blanchette, Group 1; Lyle Branz, Group 1; Jerome Cellenti, Utilities; Clarence Claude, Group 2; Charles Conner, Group 1; Lawrence Crawford, Accounting; George Curtis, Maintenance; James Doran, Utilities; Paul Elliott, Guards; Leonie Granger, Group 7; John Green, Inert Storage; Phillip Green, Group 1; Jack Henderson, Group 1; Vivian Kimberlin, Group 8; Everett Lewis, Group 2; Felix Mikaitis, Group 3-A; Everett Morphey, Utilities; John Murphy, Utilities; Mabel Norem, Group 5; Milton Page, Group 3; Harry Redd, Group 3-A; William Seeger, Payroll; Sherman Simpson, Guards; Henry Tuntland, Utilities; Edna Van Vleck, Group 4; Walter Weber, Utilities; Donna Wohlrab, Group 5.

September 18

Joseph Ambrazich, Group 1; Nima Benson, Plant Protection; Charles Bridwell, Jr., Group 4; Rose Brown, Group 5; Robert Brumbach, Group 61; Sue Buldak, Group 7; Charles Clark, Utilities; Harry Dank, Utilities; Raymond Dracca, Utilities; Elizabeth Fisher, Group 9; Rose Hafner, Group 5; Joseph Horvath, Utilities; Frances Kewley, Group 9; Alvin Knowles, Group 3; Joe Kotowski, Group 3-A; Marie Kavocik, Group 6; Louis LaChapelle, Utilities; Louis McCalip, Guards; George McCarty, Group 3-A; Glenn Milstead, Group 3-A; Arthur Morgan, Group 1; Eleanor O'Brien, Group 5; Leo Odette, Group 3-A; Myrtle Odle, Group 6; Thomas Olson, Group 3; Robert Partridge, Group 7; George Perkins, Guards; Ruth Reichman, Group 5; Maria Scheffler, Group 5; William Sexton, Utilities; Irene Stankey, Group 8; Irene Steichen, Group 7; Ralph Witthoft, Utilities; Virgil Wooley, Group 5.

September 19

Michael Ambrazich, Group 9; Ralph Anderson, Group 1; F. Billingsley, Group 1; William Bourguignon, Group 3-A; William Brown, Utilities; Ruth Brunings, General Offices; Alfred Carlisle, Group 7; Helen Carlson, Payroll; Ruth Christenson, Group 9; Nicholas Choronzy, Jr., Accounting; Raymond DePrat, Utilities; Harry Dwyer, Utilities; Mary Elberts, Group 9; Elmer Emerson, Group 3; Elmer Glenn, Utilities; Marie Golic, Group 7; Dorothy Gray, Group 8; Anthony Hafner, Group 1; Wayne Hardesty, Accounting; Walter Huffmaster, Guards; Fred Knop, Utilities; Lester Lewis, Group 1; Arlington Lohrman, Group 3-A; Cecile Marcotte, Group 9; James McHugh, Accounting; Jeannette Messier, Group 7; Anna Northcutt, Group 8; Alfred Olson, Utilities; Victor Peltier, Group 9; A. E. Peterson, Utilities; Chester Rickner, Group 1; Stella Saddoris, Accounting; Edward Triebull, Group 1; William Van Duyne, High Explosives; Marie Viscum, Group 4; Herbert Weber, Guards.

September 20

Agnes Armburst, Group 9; Leon Barrett, Group 1; George Bentz, Group 66; William Benway, Group 7; Elmer Bergeson, Group 61; J. V. Bissonette, Group 9; Vern Boatright, Guards; Ann Canney, Group 9; William Carter, Group 2; Edythe Clemans, Group 4; Richard Garcia, Utilities; Edward Grindrad, Group 1; Dorothy Herald, Group 4; Lloyd Howell, Utilities; Orville Johnson, Inert Storage; Harold Jones, Utilities; Edward Keenan, Group 2; Forrest Kent, Utilities; Paul Larkins, Utilities; Alice Lawson, Group 9; Anthony Mankus, Utilities; Landon Miles, Group 5; Johanna Minto, Group 6; Lewis Moorman, Group 5; Emalie Mueller, Purchasing; Melbourne Odem, Group 61; Andrew Porter, Utilities; Irving Ramsay, Accounting; William Rathford, Accounting; Nick Regas, Group 1; Otto Rody, Guards; William Schultz, Group 3-A; James Scobell, Group 2; James Slajchert, Group 4; James Slajchert, Jr., Group 4; Mary Stapleton, Group 7; Marcella Suarez, Group 9; Joseph Sukle, Group 1; Edith Weidemann, Group 5; Ethel Weidemann, Group 4.

September 21

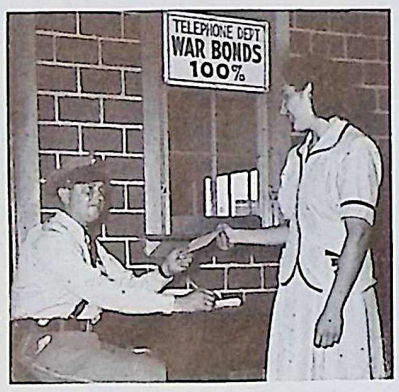
Anthony Africano, Group 4; Lewis Albert, Utilities; Ann Bajt, Group 7; Dorothy Bravick, Group 8; John Brockett, Group 1; Floyd Burger, Utilities; John Cerutti, Group 3; William Farrell, Utilities; John Fitzgerald, Inspection; Marshall Fitzgerald, Group 4; William Fraser, Production Planning; Laura Gentry, Group 9; Leonard Gilmore, Production Planning; Donald Hicks, Group 7; Herbert Hoffert, Group 4; Edith Kesich, Group 1; Ida Koshak, Group 7; Michael Long, Guards; Roy Martin, Group 2; William Maysey, High Explosives; John Meyer, Group 61; Gilbert Miller, Inspection; Lucille Morrisette, Utilities; Charles Munce, Group 4; Brunette Nelson, Group 6; Lucille Nolte, Group 5; Mary Odenthal, Personnel; F. A. Palmateer, Guards; Bert Pierson, Timekeeping; Esther Pombert, Group 4; Jesse Reniche, Utilities; Alta Richards, Group 6; Eugene Ryan, Guards; James Ryan, Jr., Utilities; Ida Smith, Group 7; John Smith, Guards; Robert Smith, Group 3; Fred Taylor, Group 66; Mildred Van Gundy, Group 8; Robert J. Withey, Personnel; Charles Yearick, Group 2.

September 22

Louis Albright, Inert Storage; Marjorie Anderson, Group 5; Margaret Ausec, Group 7; Carrie Becker, Group 9; Michael Bilinski, Group 3; Ann Blaskie, Group 9; Helen Botka, Group 1; Frances Bougas, Group 7; Bert Byford, Group 3; Lillian Carlson, Group 4; Francis Cook, Group 1; Victoria Doman, Group 5; George Fauber, Guards; Earnest Hack, Group 3; Rose Helmle, Group 9; John Hughes, Group 1; Foster Jarvis, Guards; Earnest Johnston, Utilities; Robert Kerr, Group 3; Loretta Leaman, Group 5; Theresa Moraski, Group 6; Raymond Nance, Group 1; Robert Newkirk, Guards; Lefa Pash, Personnel; Victor Pierson, Guards; Bernetha Rogers, Group 7; William Roland, Group 3-A; Venieta Ruddy, Group 9; William Sutherland, Group 1; Robert Tures, Guards; Jean Tyrrell, Accounting; William Walker, Group 3-A; Harold Weber, Guards; Gridley Wheeler, Timekeeping; Myrtle Yates, Group 5.

September 23

Eileen Apgar, Group 9; Earl Applegate, Group 7; Bruno Bartel, Utilities; Joseph Bates, Group 1; Oscar Berge, Utilities; Casmir Bolek, Group 3; Wade Bozarth, Utilities; Robert Brereton, Group 3-A; Bryan Brown, Group 8; Leo Butler, High Explosives; Agnes Byrne, Group 4; Angelo Calcaterra, Utilities; Leon Campbell, Group 7; Ray Carnahan, Group 3-A; Clara Cline, General Offices; Marie Cline, Plant Protection; Leila Colwell, Group 7; Lyle Davidson, Group 1; Willard Deschand, Utilities; Bert Gaines, Group 3; Earle Goodknecht, Guards; Robert Hart, Guards; Leslie Hextell, Group 2; Lucille Howard, Group 4; Charles Lackey, Group 1; Genevieve Legner, Group 9; Finley Libby,



GUARD Dale Painter and Helen Baker, secretary, are shown in the reception room of the EOP telephone building.

Guards; John Lyman, Utilities; Walter Mahaffay, Group 7; Joseph Murphy, Group 3-A; Dorothea Oelrichs, Group 1; Carl Oelschlager, Group 8; Robert Ortman, Accounting; Theo Prather, Group 4; Helen Prinko, Group 8; Lawrence Ready, Group 1; Francis Raef, Group 3; Clarence Roeder, Group 1; Francis Rogan, Utilities; Jerome Rouff, Group 61; Maria Seabert, Group 9; Thomas Skrinar, Utilities; Albert Tallman, Group 8; Ford Teeter, High Explosives; Charles Thompson, Fire; Edna Walker, Group 9; Daniel Warren, Group 3.

September 24

Lavella Arp, Group 4; George Becker, Accounting; Virginia Cashen, General Offices; Everett Colwell, Group 6; Ruth Corkill, Group 7; Edith Cuno, Accounting; Gerald Dandorand, Group 2; Fern Davis, Group 8; Pleas Davis, Utilities; Reba Dodson, Group 9; Dorothy Ferris, Group 4; John Follett, Utilities; Mary Goggins, Group 9; Ralph Henry, Utilities; Anna Hummels, Group 7; William Karges, Group 1; Edward Konstanzer, Group 3; John Line, Group 3-A; William McClellen, Guards; Ralph Mitchell, Group 3-A; Louis Mosele, Group 5; Salena Musaraca, Group 9; John O'Grady, Group 4; Walter Porter, High Explosives; Bertha Raines, Group 7; Clarence Rexroth, Inert Storage; Fred Sakowicz, Group 3; Dorothy Stoner, Group 7; Rachel White, Group 5; George Wolf, Inert Storage.

September 25

Anthony Bacino, High Explosives; Edward Bishop, Accounting; Nick Boomsma, Group 1; Vern Brown, Group 1; Robert Caldwell, Group 1; Harold Carroll, Auditing; Lillian Castenguay, Group 9; Dominis Davito, Group 2; Peter DePalma, Group 1; Raymond Falkenberg, Group 7; James Flynn, Group 1; Barbara Furman, Group 4; Joshua Garlick, Group 5; Lloyd Ginger, Inert Storage; Hilda Gullixson, Group 5; George Hammond, Group 61; Marian Hommes, Group 4; Bernice Houde, Group 7; Rassie Jackson, Group 4; Michael Jaworski, Utilities; Cleve Johnson, Group 3; Edward Liebelt, Group 7; Alfred Love, Group 7; Charles Mallory, Inert Storage; Milford Moore, Group 3-A; Harry Nelson,

INDIAN war cries can now be given by Roy Eckberg, Auditing Department, pictured here with an Indian chief he became chummy with while on vacation in the West.

Group 1; Willard Nolan, Utilities; Ludwig Nuvlan, Group 3; Margaret Reichert, Group 5; Paul Sancken, Group 2; Lawrence Schwartz, Inspection; Norman Shapiro, Group 2; James Snedoon, Group 3-A; Harry Stukel, Group 1; Francis Svitek, Group 1; Andrew Vail, Accounting; Peter Vaira, Group 1; Jess Van Meter, Utilities; Evelyn Wachter, Group 5; Charles Wardell, Inert Storage; Clarence Witthoft, Group 1.

September 26

Bruce Allen, Utilities; Betty Andrews, Group 5; Vera Berst, Group 9; Roland Boyd, Group 1; Leroy Carnes, Accounting; Frank Ciancanelli, High Explosives; John Clayton, Group 4; William Denver, Production Planning; Marget Fisher, Group 7; John Gorman, Group 1; Robert Hartley, Utilities; Louis Hejda, Utilities; Emmons Isenberg, Group 1; Edna Johnson, Group 7; Alice Kingsley, Group 5; Robert McWilliams, Inspection; Donald Melvin, Group 61; Carrie Metzinger, Group 7; Sophie Mlaker, Group 4; Wayne Miller, Utilities; Morgan Moberly, Inert Storage; Robert Moberly, Group 4; Phyllis Nicholson, Group 5; Della Parker, Group 9; George Philip, Fire; William Philips, Group 1; Isabel Reynolds, Group 7; William Richards, Group 2; Charles Robinson, Group 8; Marie Romines, Group 4; Michael Rora, Group 3; Eleanor St. Germain, Group 9; Charles Swanberg, Timekeeping; Aaron Wells, Group 3; Charles Wiegmann, Group 4; Agnes Wittkofski, Group 7.

September 27

James Anderson, Group 2; Birley Bailey, Group 8; Bessie Benedetto, Group 9; Robert Bowes, High Explosives; George Boyd, Group 5; Glenn Corkill, Group 3; Erma Eib, Group 9; Elmer Emanuelson, Group 3; Elizabeth Fugett, Group 9; Robert Garrison, Group 2; Herbert Hafele, Group 4; William Jones, Inert Storage; Dawson Joseph, Group 1; Annemarie Kin-

BOARD'S-EYE view of EOP's chief telephone operator is furnished by this pose of Martha Herrity at work.

ney, Accounting; Ralph Macchia, Group 4; Sylvester May, Group 61; Lester Meads, Plant Protection; Edith Mulvey, Group 5; Nels Nelson, Utilities; Mildred Nordstrom, Group 8; Margaret Pavesich, Group 4; Subbeen Pecchenino, Group 7; Wilbur Rude, Group 3-A; Willard Vail, Group 7; Joseph Van Winkle, Guards; Ruth Wolfe, Group 5.

September 28

Wade Abbott, Group 1; Harry Adams, Group 3; Henry Barber, Group 4; Cecilia Bebey, Group 1; Minnie Benedino, Group 1; Lloyd Bisping, Utilities; Russell Chapman, Group 3; Roy Christiansen, Accounting; Thomas Confrey, Utilities; Milton Cunningham, Group 1; Robert DeBolt, Fire; Leroy Evans, Group 3-A; Henry Haefelin, Inspection; LaVerne Halverson, Group 5; Newton Hauswirth, General Operations; Earl Kime, Group 1; Segurd Kjellesvik, Utilities; William Luck, Group 3; Vivian Madden, Group 9; Eugene Marvin, Utilities; Charles Maule, Utilities; Dewey McDonald, Group 1; Harold McHugh, Group 4; John Mulligan, Group 3-A; Donald Novakowski, Group 3; Bruno Perino, Group 3; Nicholas Perino, Utilities; Helen Rardon, Group 7; Patrick Rodgers, Fire; Doris Simmons, Group 5; William Sloan, Group 1; David Spurlin, High Explosives; G. Steinberger, Utilities; Ernest Storm, Inert Storage; Fred Tomasello, Jr., Group 1; Arthur Weber, Utilities; Kenneth West, Guards; Richard Wiemken, Group 3-A; Charles Worland, Group 3.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Physically checked, reported, annotated and charged by Celia Harte during vacation of Nicholas Belluso.

How about a neck? Hasty conclusions are definitely out of order. Just refresh the old gray matter and remember the wonderful chicken dinner Little Jack served to the timekeepers last Thursday night at their farewell party in honor of the timekeepers leaving for the armed forces.

Master of Ceremonies, **John O'Connell**, gave a royal send-off speech for **Eddy Swanson, Burt Norling, Tom Tomazewski** and **Art Howard.** Mr. O'Connell then presented each guest of honor with a gift from all the timekeepers.

Richard T. Bassett and **John Olson**, guests of Mr. O'Connell, unveiled the timekeepers' new service flag.

Those big lumps that rise unexpectedly in one's throat disappeared, when **Frank Zupancic** gave out on "Nellie," his accordion.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buhl, who, by the way, are very new newlyweds, displayed musical talents.

Leata Williams, the girl who says, "number please" when you lift the telephone receiver, played several piano selections and very beautifully, too.

Dancers, lured by **Ernie Osmoson's** swingy tunes, crowded the dance floor, while the more fragile and less brave kept the bartender busy.

Eva Sweda divided her attention between **Bernie Smego** and **Harry Knarr.**

Highlights of the dinner dance: **Nick Eartly** shaking his slender shoulders . . . Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell dancing like Astaire and Rogers . . . **T. V. Brennan** looking interested . . . **Paul Zamkovitz** being the life of the party . . . "The Lady in Red" **Doris Tatro** . . . **Glenn Allen** in the dog house . . . **Jack Needles** making speeches . . . **Barney McShane** looking tolerant . . . the orchestra dragging out . . . rugs rolling up . . . clocking out time (reluctantly).

Thanks are extended to Mr. O'Connell and Chairman Zupancic, along with Mr. Allen, **Archie LaBorence, Bob Balma,** Mr. Knarr, **Angelina Gunnerson,** Mr. Eartly, and **Nick Belluso** for their time and effort in making a grand party for everyone.

For the second time, **Ray Bryant** is passing out cigars. **Ronnie Bryant** made his appearance in the Bryant household August 22, and once again all is peaceful.

Angie Gunnerson is back in circulation, due to the fact that **Bob Renaldi** will leave for the Marines soon. Example—Miss Gunnerson was escorted home from the recent dinner dance by Mr. Howard.

"Little Nick" Belluso, vacationing correspondent, is sorely missed around the time office. His partner in the Station Wagon Express, "Big Nick" Eartly, arrives from the field an hour or two late, wearing a bewildered and lost expression on his face. Sympathies for "Big Nick" and prayers for "Little Nick's" return are universal.

Maurice Goodspeed's son, who is a cadet in the Naval Air Corps, was home on leave recently.

Mr. Howard, who leaves for the service soon, was guest of honor at a dinner party in the **Lester Nelson** home. Says Les, "We even drank our dinner."

The Timekeeping Department has just received a letter from Eddy Swanson, expressing thanks to all for the farewell party and also expressing his regrets at having to leave this department.

Things to wonder about: where **Milt Treitel** got the postcards he sent from New York . . . why **Joe Fitzgerald's** hair isn't red anymore . . . why **Tom De Lockery** is so bashful when he visits the time office . . . why the stained glass windows in Group One's new clock house?

Last minute flash—timekeepers are donating 25 a week to set up a fund with which to buy gifts for the boys leaving the department for the armed services.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Lost—Maroon tricycle by Gregory Resch, son of Lieut. A. G. Resch. Please return to EOP residence 60-55 or call Line 4113.

For Rent—Two large rooms, completely furnished, in modern home near EOP. Call Gardner 3681.

Women

By CATHERINE NOONAN

When **Ann Gubbins** of Ordnance auditing was interviewed for an EOP vignette, she had the ambition to be the first femme fatale of this feature by stating that she likes orchids and champagne because they went with her sultry, blonde beauty. Then she laughed and gave us the real dope about herself. Ann, before taking charge of the Ordnance comptometer department, figured inventories for every big business company in Chicago . . . chop suey is her favorite food . . . suddenly realized that **Clark Gable** is her favorite movie actor now that she can't see any more of his movies . . . she is a native of Chicago . . . thinks her sense-of-humor is her outstanding quality and is the first to laugh at herself in the middle of what she thinks is a dramatic "mad" scene . . . black is her favorite color . . . has traveled all over but will settle for Florida as the place to get away from it all . . . diamond is her favorite jewel . . . will never win a cup for golf and doesn't care . . . has been at EOP for two years . . . is an avid reader and her favorite books are about foreign countries . . . likes to bowl and dance . . . men are her pet peeve(?) . . . really does like orchids and not because they're expensive . . . not a soul said that she wasn't a femme fatale.

Gooseberry Jam, What!

Capitola Ricketts of Group 8, the fascinating lady with the lovely name, says that a sandwich is a sandwich and by any other name still would be a sandwich. However, the sandwich recipe she submits for your approval has her guarantee to make life more interesting. Right off the bat you have to have a jar of gooseberry jam. Since it's a hundred to one that you don't have a jar of gooseberry jam, you have to search for one, which will keep you busy for days to come. After you find it, the rest is easy. All you do is mix it with Philadelphia cream cheese in any proportion that you like and serve it on Boston brown bread. If this recipe is responsible for Capitola's vitality and ability to work without the "I'm so tired of it all" attitude, we all should follow her suggestion.

"The Rains Came"

It can now go down in the history of the world that **Queen Elizabeth** had something that the women of today don't have . . . or that you don't find a **Sir Walter Raleigh** every century. On August 28, about 400 women ventured from the security of their homes to play bridge for the USO at the EOP Recreation Building. The bridge party was one of those successes that you write home about until the elements scoffed and the scoffs resulted in a superproduction of "The Rains Came." The rains came and came and flooded the first floor of the Recreation Building, which left the ladies high and dry on the second floor bidding for a bridge. Frantic calls for rescue to busy husbands in the Administration Building brought the annoying "you got yourself in and now you get yourself out" response. Braver women, realizing the washability of mud, took off their shoes and stockings and waded home. Outside visitors whose husbands were not close at hand, waited patiently for **Chief Roy W. Mortensen** and his crew of firemen to pump the water out. Now what was it that Queen Bess had . . . or is it the wool shortage?

EOP Softball Team Continues Victories

The EOP softball team kept on their winning ways by defeating Beecher 3 to 1, for their twelfth straight win. **George Zobel, Ed Washburne** and **Mario Zinanni** were the offensive guns for EOP, Zobel hitting a home run, Zinanni a double and triple, and Washburne a double and single.

For their thirteenth straight win, the team defeated the strong Naperville Kroehlers team, by a 4 to 3 score. The defensive play of the whole EOP team sparkled brightly. Zobel and Washburn stared offensively.

Seeking their fourteenth straight win, EOP met with their first defeat at the hands of the Bendix Brakes, the World's Champions last year, by the score of 3 to 1.

Since that time, they have started a new win streak, defeating such teams as the Medics Corps of Chanute Field, 7 to 3, and the West Side Boosters of Kankakee, 7 to 4, in ten thrilling innings, and for the sixteenth win of the season the EOP team defeated the Arlington Furniture Company of DeKalb 1 to 0. **Ed Keenan's** triple resulted in the only run made. **Les Tammen** was the pitching star of this game.

Safe Practices Are Contributions to War

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our liberty, our ideals. Just how much value do we individually attach to "our way of life"? That same value must also be attached to safety for this is a definite factor in preserving those very things which we love so dearly. We cannot afford to lose a hundred thousand lives as we did last year, and the year before, for so many of our people are contributing very materially to the preservation of "our way of life." If this war lasts for some time, and we do no better as a nation than we have in the past, we will continue to lose a hundred thousand lives a year, and it is easy to estimate the number of workmen included in such a number. This will necessarily hamper materially our national efforts on the big job ahead.

While whole nations are unleashing their might to destroy life and happiness, it may seem ironic that we are so earnestly devoting ourselves to their conservation. But *that* is America. That is our life, the very foundation of our living. There never will come a time when we will hold life less dearly. This nation of ours is relying upon you to become experienced in working safely, to help your fellow worker in observing the first law of human nature, "self preservation." This is the time to act—with all the energy, all the intelligence, all the determination at our command.

Here are three traits of human nature:

1. Many of us are naturally optimistic. We have faith in our good luck and feel that what happens to others couldn't happen to us. This fallacy in human thinking is perhaps one of the most difficult to overcome.

2. Men are creatures of habit. If we have been doing something one way, we tend to resist any efforts to have us do it another way. It takes a lot of convincing to show us that the other way is better and safer.

3. Men are primarily emotional. Most of us do our thinking with our hearts rather than our heads. No argument, therefore, is as effective as an emotional one.

These three traits of human nature give us one key to our safety program. No matter how far we have advanced in safety, no matter how much we may have already accomplished, we must still keep those three fundamentals continually before us, if we expect to steer our safety thinking in the right direction.

There is another thought which might well be emphasized. Carelessness about reporting daily to our work places can be just as vital a blow to our war efforts in time lost. There are days during normal peace-time periods, when one does not feel quite up to the job, and many have formed a habit of staying away from work on such days. The days that we are now facing are different. Our soldiers at the front cannot stay in camp because they do not feel well. They cannot join their ranks late in the morning because they did not feel like getting up. These boys are kept healthy. They have daily routine of exercise and eat good food. They are unconsciously taught the secret of maintaining good health. It would seem, therefore, that we could do no less as soldiers of industry. That is perhaps a duty that we owe to this war effort—keeping healthy and on the job in order that we can "keep 'em shooting."

There is another very important consideration that we must think about individually and collectively. This is carelessness in workmanship. This type of carelessness may be just as harmful as carelessness in the manner of doing the work. If a man is careless in his movements, he may be seriously injured—that's one man—that's to be regretted. But if he works in a manner such as to protect his own well being, but turns out faulty workmanship, it can be and often is worse. If we stopped to realize that a tiny fault in workmanship or inspection of a critical operation could cause a half-million dollar bomber to drop from the skies, or a many-million dollar battleship to fail in its critical moments, a shell or a bomb to land as a dud, or even explode prematurely in the handling, thus destroying valuable lives, equipment and armament, representing serious failure in this one item of the war.

In addition to this there would be many thousands of man hours of work expended on the preparation of such equipment, many thousands of pounds of desperately needed materials all lost and we get some idea of what carelessness in workmanship can mean. We get a still further idea of what it means if we consider that the killing of the very men who have been trained to the very highest degree of skill in handling this equipment is not only a very serious set-back to the whole effort, but a very regrettable and unnecessary loss from the humanitarian standpoint as well.

Personnel

JACK GARNANT
Correspondent

The Personnel Department lost one of its most popular and attractive members when **Gladys Creek** of the Reference Room died September 3.

Gladys came to EOP in January of this year. She was a very thorough and efficient worker and while here made many friends all of whom will always remember her sweet disposition and sunny personality.

It is a long road from a typist working on case histories in a hospital to a position on the staff of the executive secretary of EOP, especially when both positions are with the same company. But nobody in this Department has the slightest doubt that **Lee Reynolds** can travel even a longer and more difficult road than that.

Of interest to all the folks in Personnel, and maybe you too, are **Bing Phalen's** and **June Fors'** engagement rings.

Cigars and candy were passed out to celebrate the arrival of **Mr. George Barford's** baby daughter this week. Mother and Baby are doing well. P. S. So is Dad!

Job Manuals Available to EOP Employees

Manuals for war workers are available for purchase from the University of the State of New York and sample copies may be seen by interested EOP employees at the Recreation Building.

The manuals cover machine shop, blue print reading, inspection of machined parts, precision measurement, sheet metalwork, electricity, carpentry and training of women.

The monographs are prepared primarily for beginners, those who have little or no knowledge of the job in which they are interested. However, the inspection series manuals are available in the beginners, intermediate and advanced stages, with a teacher's manual embracing the three courses.

Cost of the manuals ranges from 60 cents to $1.60.

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INTENSE HEAT is the problem facing the men who must repair the 92,000 gallon storage tanks into which the liquid nitrate of ammonia is poured from tank cars. Chemical reaction requires frequent repairs and the four men shown here were photographed inside one of the tanks. They are, left to right, Sam Bretto, John Giacomi, Henry Tiontkowski and John Hanson. Temperature inside the tank is 135 degrees, and the photographer agreed.

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EOP Lauded by New Ordnance Service Chief

General Hayes Now Supervises Plant Operations in U. S.

By P. L. Deylitz
Superintendent, Group 61

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Hayes, recently appointed by **Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell,** Chief of Ordnance, to be Chief of Industrial Service, has a long record of training and experience which makes him particularly well fitted for this extremely important post.

General Hayes has more than 34 years of service in the Army, four of which were as a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. His greetings to EOP employees are in an adjoining column.

In the Ordnance Department, Industrial Service has the responsibilities of (a) Research and Development, (b) Procurement and (c) Procurement Planning. The activities of each of these divisions, particularly in time of war, are extensive, and especially that of Procurement. The term "procurement" comprises manufacturing by all Government arsenals, including both government-owned-operated and contractor-operated ones, such as Elwood Ordnance Plant; the negotiation of contracts for all types of Ordnance materials, the placing of orders, administration of contracts, inspection of finished material, and payment therefor. In order that this work may be facilitated, procuring agencies are located convenient to all of the principal industrial production centers of the country.

General Hayes was born at Ironton, O., September 18, 1888. He was appointed to West Point from Ohio in 1908 and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1912 and was commissioned in the Infantry. General Hayes' first assignment was to the 4th Infantry and he served with

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Confiscated Articles May Be Claimed

Orders have been issued by **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman,** commanding officer, that restricted articles, such as cameras and guns, confiscated by the Guards during the past year, can be returned to the owners on proper identification and proof of ownership, it was announced by **Chief M. C. Baughman.**

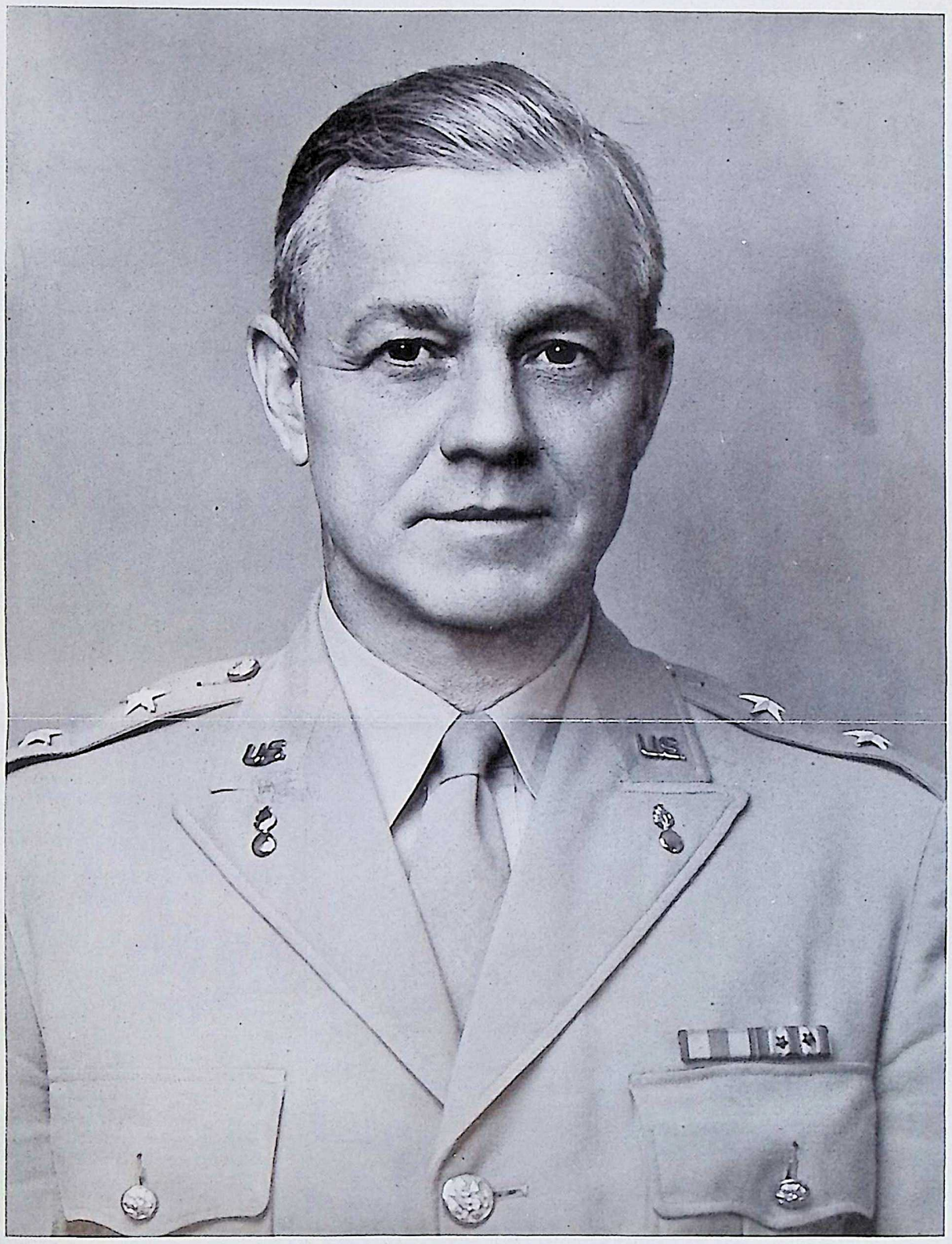
Chief Baughman asked that owners of all such articles communicate with Guard Headquarters as soon as possible. He added that he has quite a supply on hand.

All restricted articles will be picked up at the outer gates and a claim check will be given to the owner, who may pick up the article on his way out, Chief Baughman said.

Ammunition and liquor will be confiscated and turned into Guard Headquarters if not surrendered voluntarily. If surrendered voluntarily a claim check will be given and these can be picked up on way out.

Any restricted article taken from an employee leaving the area will be sent to Guard Headquarters with a full report. The owner will be instructed to stop at the Guard House for disposition of his case.

". . . we must not sacrifice quality for quantity . . ."



MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS J. HAYES
Chief of Industrial Division, Ordnance Department

"TO THE WORKERS of the Elwood Ordnance Plant—members of our Production Army—Greetings. It is gratifying to know that the Elwood Ordnance Plant is maintaining that upward trend to the goal, a goal to which we are all striving—to deliver the goods to our forces on the front lines so that they can 'deliver the goods to the enemy.' However, in striving toward that goal we must not sacrifice quality for quantity. Remember—the boys at the front cannot finish off the enemy with 'unfinished' material."

—Maj. Gen. T. J. Hayes.

Traffic Rerouted During Road Work

During repairs on Road 2-South and the connection of the concrete sections where Route 66-A crosses this road, vehicle traffic entering the EOP area is being rerouted. South-bound traffic is being permitted to enter at the North Gate on Chicago Road and north-bound traffic is allowed to enter the Administration gate and the Richards Farm gate.

Women Invited to Recreation Building

Women from throughout the area are invited to visit the Recreation Building and join the fun. For your enjoyment and entertainment are table tennis, bowling, pool, shuffleboard, archery and badminton. **Edward Walkup,** recreation director, plans bowling leagues and basketball and volleyball games for the winter. The building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. So come to the building and get acquainted.

Round EOP Metal Badges Are Taboo

EOP's well known round metal badges for employees will no longer gain entry into the area for any wearer who may still have one. They went out of official existence at 12:01 a. m., Monday, September 21, after having been in use for nearly two years. Now all employees wear the colored badges designed to identify the employee's group.

Group to Guide Activities of Employees Here

Committee Will Plan Plant-Wide Recreation Program

By Edward L. Walkup
Director of Recreation

The EOP Recreation Program is not necessarily a *play* program; it should be considered as a recreation program. Every man and woman working at EOP is interested in one thing only and that is, more and better production . . . *keep 'em shooting.*

The human mind and body must have a change of action to make that mind and body have a well rounded life and it is to that end the Recreation Department is dedicating itself. For years it has been acknowledged that a man or woman who has a hobby — and rides it—will have a well rounded, happy and longer life.

So that the Recreation Department can be of greater service to all employees, an Employees' Activity Committee is being organized. Every superintendent is being asked to name a man and woman representative from their respective groups. This representative committee will direct the program offered by the Recreation Department. There will be, of course, the usual basketball and bowling leagues. Badminton players also will have opportunity for practice and tournament play, as will enthusiasts of table tennis, shuffleboard and other sports. Volleyball should be another popular major activity this winter.

Specify Your Interests

If you do not know who your representatives on the Employees' Activity Committee are find out and let them know what you would like to do, and we will try to find out how many others have the same interest, and if there is enough interest shown, classes or groups will be organized, whether it's ball room or tap classes, choral clubs, square dancing, musical groups, or dramatics.

The facilities in the Recreation Building in the Administration Area are ready for use and available to any EOP employee, regardless of group or shift. Already the Bowling Alleys are having a heavy play before and after shifts. If you want to beat the gun and give your teams a workout before any of the leagues are organized, call the Recreation Department, Line 4109, and make reservations so that you are sure to have the alleys. Pocket billiard players say the table at the Center is one of the finest, and we are looking forward to a tournament in this sport this winter.

Table tennis players are loud in the praise of the tables, made by the Carpenter Shop. There is not a dead spot in them. They are set far enough apart so that players who want to get back from the tables can pull all of their fast and fancy shots.

Shuffleboard enthusiasts will find the two courts almost equal to the Florida courts. This game should become really popular, and every one should try a few games.

Horseshoe players are going to have their chance for stiff competition as "barnyard golf" is the next sport to take the spotlight.

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Let's Not Let His Confidence Fade

Seeing that Anniversaries of EOP begin this month recalls a story of a certain young man who may have lived on one of the many fertile farms on which EOP is built. His ancestors lived on this land when Dobbin was transportation and tires fictitious. They say he is employed by one of his relatives named Uncle Sam. His name escapes memory but they call him "Sarge."

Not much more than two years ago Sarge sat in these pastures, after chores, dreaming of how he would run the farm when it someday would be his. Then, Pearl Harbor was just a name that he could never remember when writing an examination in school. However, he did know that those Islands were beautiful and that some day, after harvest time, he and his childhood sweetheart would go there on their honeymoon.

"After the calm comes the storm." This happened to Sarge. He got word that his homestead would be bought for a shell loading line. He, the boy who ate, slept, and thought farm, would have to move. Where? He didn't know or care. It was hard to understand. Oh! It couldn't happen to him. It did. "Shells, what did they need them for?" he thought. "Why, heck, Europe was an ocean away."

Even though he was a good kid, faithful, willing, and trustworthy. Home. "There is no place like home." However, trust in his government finally led him to co-operate.

Then came that day when Uncle Sam needed help. Again he didn't quite understand, there was Ma, Pa, Sis, the Collie, which sat and dreamt with him. Oh yes, the neighbor girl, who cried so much when she had to leave the farm, her new home. Oh, everything. She looked so pretty when she cried. Of course a year wasn't long, Uncle Sam would take care of him. He had faith in his Government, still has.

"Pa is sitting here smoking his pipe and Ma is sewing. They want me to tell you that they are looking forward to your homecoming," wrote Sis. And then came that letter from his sweetheart. He had faith in them, still does. He also knew that Uncle Sam would allow him to go home in twelve months if possible. The time went by slowly, sometimes he sat in a daze thinking of the times he used to sit under the tree at home, now a loading line. It was hard but he would stick it out for Pa, Ma, Sis and his Sweetheart. Uncle Sam knew best.

It happened suddenly, on that day, no one will ever forget. The earth shook, barracks went to bits, bombs fell. "Remember Pearl Harbor." Now there was no question in his mind why his farm was made into an ammunition plant. No doubt now, Uncle Sam knew what he was doing and still does.

Sarge may be your son, my brother, he may have lived in Elwood, Indiana or in California, but he has a lot of faith in us. He needs us as much as we need him. Let us not let his confidence fade.

We of EOP now in our second anniversary have to work hard. It will be a tough grind but we can do it. Let our motto be "keep producin' so that Sarge can keep shootin'."

—Joe Motta, Group 61.

"They won't let him in 'til he looks as funny as the picture on his badge!"

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

This time, folks, I am going to talk about the weather. Don't leave now because I have a little news for you that should make you stay and see it through a second time. I mean the weather and *production*. Soon things will be humming around dear old EOP at a pace for which even the most violent patriot could never hope. Now here's the secret—not long before the presses sped this issue of the world's greatest bed-time stories to the completion of its graphic excellence (save $2 and subscribe for two years) there was a Frost. Of course you still don't know the secret, but stay with us and—correct; you guessed it—there was a Frost and thus came the welcome and stimulating end of those two great menaces to your fellow workers' general efficiency, hay fever and chiggers.

This will come as particularly good news to **George F. Bent**, the man who much prefers to say "yes" in the Personnel Department, and **Paul Deylitz**, the maestro of that recalcitrant chemical, which for reasons of wartime secrecy will go unnamed. They wore their long underwear all summer, and of course didn't feel the cold spell when it arrived.

Imagine for a moment the great impetus that will go forth in the war effort when all the chiggers victims can add to their previous productivity the efforts of that other hand that has heretofore been diligently scratching the path of the wily little borer of the epidermis, much the same as a bulldozer follows along and backfills the ditch after the pipe has been laid. Of course, the chiggers didn't mind the scratching—it merely helped them along in their search for some really tender meat that hadn't yet been combed over by an earlier explorer of the same genus, which among us literary folks is almost always referred to as *Trombicula irritans*, and how *irritans!*

Nevertheless, it's no laughing matter and if you don't stop giggling at us poor honeycombed sufferers, you will receive a package of specially trained chiggers, each one with your initials on his back. They are trained to travel in echelon formation and thus appeal to your vanity when you are about to undertake their annihilation. The idea is that you start after them and when you see the dim outlines of your initials, in their proper order, such as "J J F" for **John J. Fitzpatrick**, one of our better patronized chigger hosts, slowly receding into one of the few untouched square inches of your tender outer skin, there comes a glow of personal satisfaction and final submission to that lifelong urge to let the tattooing go on, because down through the years you really wanted a bit of tattoo about you but could never decide on the proper design, and of course there was always the problem of location tearing you from the bulging biceps, now somewhat limp, to that manly chest which has in recent years taken on a resemblance to the bottom of Death Valley.

Well, to get on with our story. It will be a pleasure to see the fellow who not long ago was trying to synchronize the reciprocating action of the break-down tool with the horizontal scratching of the back of his neck and not doing too well at either endeavor. Then, too, the masked marvels that have been driving trucks along the sluice-like shoulders of **A. M. Lockwood's** nice new highways, will once again show their naked faces to the world without the exposed squint that usually accompanies one of those nasal explosions deriving from the ever active pollen and all that sort of ragweed. They were not masks — just handkerchiefs struggling bravely to prevent the victim from losing his upper plate every time he burst forth with a series of those nostralgic (now, my friends, there's a *word*) upheavals. Yes, verily, the summer annoyances are gone, but Scorchy is always with you.

Delivery of War Bonds to Employees Speeded By Adoption of Agency Plan

Cash Purchases Now Available at EOP; 10 Per Cent Schedule Published

War Bonds purchased by employees on the payroll allotment plan will be delivered by registered mail in one week after the final salary deduction is made, it was announced by **Comptroller John J. Cole.**

This faster delivery is made possible by anticipating the number of bonds needed and purchasing them ahead of time. Delays heretofore were due to the fact that purchases had to be made from the Federal Reserve Bank after deductions had been completed. EOP has been made a bond agency, making it possible to keep a supply on hand.

Employees may now purchase War Bonds for cash and receive immediate delivery, Mr. Cole said. He asked that anyone interested in this plan visit his office in the Administration Building.

EOP's record of putting 10 per cent of earnings into War Bonds is high and has been praised by numerous Governmental officials. A chart showing the weekly deduction which should be made to entitle an employee to membership in the honorary Ten Per Cent Club is published elsewhere on this page.

Post Offices in a number of communities, particularly Wilmington, have said they have a number of War Bonds which have not been called for by the addressees. If you think the bond you have purchased has been unduly delayed, check with your Postmaster.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

That attractive and vital woman in the immaculate white uniform you see at the cafeteria is **Mabel Albrecht**, the new manager. Planning menus, buying food, supervising 35 employees and making private luncheons and dinners a success are part of her job plus any unclassified headache that comes along. The good food and well-balanced meals served at the cafeteria are no hit or miss affair. Mrs. Albrecht was graduated from Washington University with a B.S. degree and did graduate work at Purdue and Wisconsin universities. She was manager of the industrial cafeteria for the International Shoe Company in St. Louis and then went to University City, a suburb of St. Louis, to be manager and food supervisor of eight public schools. Also on her career list are dietetic work at Barnes Hospital in Washington and six years of nutrition work in the extension division at the University of Illinois. Mrs. Albrecht is a widow and has two sons, 9 and 10 years old.

***Norma Fratia**, file clerk in the* Personnel Department, recently celebrated the eighth month mark on her very first job. Norma loves flowers and wears them in her hair for evening occasions . . . likes all sports, especially ice skating and roller skating. . . . **Ronald Reagan** is her favorite movie actor . . . her favorite dish is fried chicken . . . studies voice and plays the piano . . . has brown eyes that inspired the saying "the eyes are the window of the soul" . . . is addicted to sweaters and skirts . . . she is in the cast of EOP's Pinafore . . . getting up in the morning is her pet peeve . . . she has had several poems published . . . likes coffee in the morning . . . has sung in The Red Mill, The Mascot and Sweethearts at Joliet Township high school . . . yellow is her favorite color . . . doesn't think she could work in a quiet place after the Personnel building . . . Faust and Martha are her favorite operas . . . likes being a white collar girl.

Personnel

JACK GARNANT
Correspondent

Jack Hogan said good-bye a few days ago to return to his studies in Industrial Relations at the University of Missouri. Jack leaves a lot of good friends behind and they will all miss him.

Another serious loss to the Personnel Department is the departure of **"Ginnie" Odenthal Gallagher.** Mrs. Gallagher returned from her vacation with a new name and found herself in a new job in the Legal Department.

Harry Dean returned from a brief and pleasant trip into the Ozark Mountains and managed to arrive just one lap ahead of the post card he had sent his fellow workers.

The school bell summoned two messenger girls, but a tiny redhead is efficiently taking their places. Her name is **Rita Cushing,** alias "Rusty."

Both **Mrs. Selma Brown** and **Mary Cunningham** were welcomed back in the yoke again after enjoyable vacations.

Announcement that the addition to the Personnel Building will soon be completed was received here with relief after several hectic weeks of trying to hear and be heard over the din of a horde of hammers. What price glory!!!

Hourly Rate	Gross Earnings Six 8-hour days		War Bond Deductions should be at least 10%	
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$0.59	$30.68	$33.34	$4.00	$4.00
.69	35.88	38.99	4.00	4.00
.80	41.60	45.20	5.00	5.00
.85	44.20	48.03	5.00	5.00
.91	47.32	51.42	5.00	6.00
.96	49.92	54.24	5.00	6.00
1.00	52.00	56.50	6.00	6.00
1.01	52.52	57.07	6.00	6.00
1.025	53.30	57.91	6.00	6.00
1.07	55.64	60.46	6.00	7.00
1.17	60.84	66.11	7.00	7.00
1.20	62.40	67.80	7.00	7.00
1.40	72.80	79.10	8.00	8.00

V-Mail Letters Now Available At Post Offices

Soldiers, Sailors, Write from Camps And from England

Receipt of a V-Mail letter from **Pvt. Oral Cox**, formerly an EOP fireman, from somewhere in England, serves as a reminder that V-Mail facilities are now available to those in this country who wish to write to someone in the armed forces overseas.

Letters written on the V-Mail forms are photographed on a long, narrow film which reduces weight and speeds delivery. The films are printed and a photostatic copy is delivered to the addressee. V-Mail forms are available at most Post Offices without charge and soon may be obtainable at stationery stores at small cost.

Private Cox's letter said, "I have been receiving the paper from the Elwood Ordnance Plant and I enjoy it, too. I worked in the Fire Department at the Central Station up until April 21, 1942. I saw in the July 31 issue a picture of some of the boys of the Central Fire Station. I am somewhere in England. I can't tell you where. I am feeling fine. Keep the good work up at the plant."

Master of Understatement

Letters from overseas were received also from **Sgt. John R. Burke**, a former guard, and **Pvt. Glenn E. Gordon**, formerly in Group 1. Sergeant Burke, a master of understatement, said his "address had been slightly altered" and referred writers to his new address in care of the New York Postmaster. He asked that his regards be given to **Chief M. C. Baughman** and his other friends here.

Private Gordon said he was going on foreign duty soon when he wrote on September 7 and enclosed his new address in care of the New York Postmaster. He said further, "Tell the boys to keep up the good work and the boys in service will do the best for our country." He sent greetings to **Supt. J. E. Salmon** and the employees of Group 1.

"Last week I thought about all of you down there in Elwood," wrote **Pvt. Fred M. Padley**, Paterson, N. J., a former inspector. "I happened to be over on Bedloe's Island and up in the Statue of Liberty (and if you have ever had this experience) you can well understand how one feels, for while you are up there, you become devoured with an overwhelming amount of pride and esteem for the U.S.A.

Inspired by Statue

"It is while you are up there and looking out, relishing man's accomplishments in a great nation, that you find your pride starts to swell and you see your country as the greatest on earth and it is while you are up there that it seems most invincible. And you don't only feel the meaning of the word invincible in terms of a word or a phrase, you feel it in the spirit of every red-blooded American today.

"Yes, you feel that it has been won and paid for dearly in terms of blood, sweat, and tears, and that it is to be preserved, that is our liberty, democracy and invincibility.

"Yes, the old lady stands there as a warning to those who would threaten these, our ideals. I'm sure that when those eight Nazi spies were drawing close to our shores, that she must have slowly shook her head and said: 'I'm sorry, but you are stepping too close to our flowers.'

"Now who is it that protects our homeland and our cherished ideals? Our President, the armed forces and the war workers and every other loyal citizen. Now while I was up in the statue I thought of all this and I was carried back to Joliet and Elwood, where I was once employed, and I thought of what a wonderful job you are all doing and I also realized the great effort you are all making and the strain and toll that it must be exacting from you, but don't ease up, keep them rolling. Keep up the good work, hold up your end and we will hold ours up.

"I would like to say hello to all my friends and fellow workers, particularly **Ted R. Stegar** of the Inspectors."

Sailor Wants Letters

Pvt. Stephen J. Rusina, Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, who used to work in Building 6 of Group 3, said he missed "the old gang of Fitz, Bob, Jim and Tiger" and wished "the boys would drop a line."

F. R. Lippner, seaman second class, Pensacola, Fla., said he appreciated *The Bomb-Shell* and added, "ever since I received the first copy I keep looking for the next. It seems good to read about and see pictures of friends back at the plant.

TELEPHONING her son, Pvt. Fred Furry at Shepherd's Field, Texas, recently, his mother, Mrs. Leata Williams, EOP phone operator, shown here, said he asked his former buddies here to write to him. He worked in Group 5.

"Most persons don't realize how much that means to a fellow in the service. It sort of makes a fellow feel as if he was closer to home . . . or something. It's a feeling that's hard to explain unless one experiences it. By the way, if there is anyone who would like to write to a sailor, make it known . . . I would answer all I get." *(Editor's note—Call Line 4206 for address.)*

Pvt. John Brannich, Fort Bliss, Texas, sent regards to the boys in Group 2. **Pvt. John R. Vilmar** wrote that he had been transferred from Camp Cooke, California, to the Parachute School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Army Life Fast

Sgt. L. M. Rice, Pine Camp, New York, said he hoped "good old Group 1 is going as smooth as ever. I am with a medium tank company and like the Army fine. We work long hours, have good eats and good beds . . . what more could a guy ask for. Just keep the shells rolling off the lines like you have in the past and we will try to put them where they will do the most good."

Things are moving fast in the Army, two letters from **Corp. L. L. Ruphard** indicated. In one dated September 1 from Keesler Field, Mississippi, he signed himself as a private and said he would like to hear from all his old buddies on the Guard force. He wrote again on September 9, this time as a corporal at an aviation mechanics' school in Baltimore, Md., saying he would be there for 30 days.

Pvt. Harold Santacroce sent greetings to **E. G. McAloon** and his staff from Duncan Field, San Antonio, Tex. **Pvt. Charles E. Hanson**, Camp Rucker, Alabama, former assistant superintendent at Group 3, said "keep loading and keep them good, for good soldiers need good ammunition. Our soldiers are a fine lot, getting fine training and with your wholehearted effort victory will be assured."

Wife, Sister Write

"Please convey my regards to everyone in Group 3 and tell them I am anxious to hear from them," wrote **J. F. O'Neil**, U. S. Navy, Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Tex. "It's gratifying to know that the men are all doing such a good job and I will always consider it a privilege to have been part of such an organization."

Mrs. Donald F. Phillips, Joliet, wrote that her husband's address had been changed to in care of the Postmaster, San Francisco.

"I was a foreman in Group 4," wrote **Pvt. Harold D. Thompson**, Aberdeen, Md., "and I enjoy reading the paper very much. After I finish reading the paper, it goes all around my barracks. The other men get great pleasure from reading it and join me in saying thanks for sending it."

"I have been receiving *The Bomb-Shell* ever since I've been in the service," said **Pvt. Richard Krallman**, Stockton, Calif. "I wish I could be back there working with the boys in Group 2. I am taking a two-months course in motor maintenance in the Quartermaster Corps and then I will be shipped to another camp."

Vilda G. Holm, Reddick, Ill., an EOP employee, said the name of her brother, **Pvt. Wayne F. Michaels**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, had been omitted from the EOP Honor Roll. Others who have noticed such omissions are requested to write to *The Bomb-Shell*.

Letters or cards were received also from **Pvt. William C. Kennedy**, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; **Pvt. Oliver Soucie**, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.; **Pvt. Frank J. Houser**, c/o Postmaster, New York; **Pvt. Arthur Metz**, Fort Knox, Kentucky; **Pvt. John Minerich**, Fort Worden, Washington; **Seaman William Allen Barcus**, Norfolk, Va. (formerly of Group 7-4); **Pvt. S. Holtzman**, Pine Camp, New York; **Pvt. Ray C. Hardwick**, Ford Ord, California; **Pvt. Lester DeBolt**, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and **Anna Bartz** of Group 1, who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. John F. Egan**, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

V- EOP Honor Roll

Merle Albert
Stanley Antanaitis
Raymond Apking
Max Bagg
John Bardi
Charles Boyce
Howard Burden
John Consdorf
Albert Countryman
Dale Davis
Matthew Dekreon
Joseph Dionne
W. J. Durrenberger
Earl Emerick
George Farthing
William Floyd
Dewayne Gish
Walter Goodey, Jr.
Kenneth Hall
Glenn Hebert
Harold Hennings
Ernest Hoenes
Paul Hoffman
Charles Hubert
Eugene Johnson
Francis Johnson
Harold Jones
Clarence Jorgenson
Robert P. Kelly
Bernard King
John Knezevic
John Krogstad
Leo Krug
Robert Longley
Frank Meents
Robert Moline
Eugene Moreppi
R. D. Morrow
Lloyd Mosely
Lee McClain
James McMillin
Arthur Nelson
Joseph Orr
Alvin Peterson
John Piazza
Gail Plowman
Thomas Reay
Bestiano Riscile
Joseph Russell
Clarence Seabert
Louis Sedivy
William Shipley
Harry Shumaker
Lloyd Smith
Joseph Smutnak
Francis Stacy
Harold Strohman
Glenn Templin
Joseph Vilt
Alvin Voudrie
Melvin Warringer
Clarence Wise
Charles Yearick

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

St. Clair Smith announced his purchase finally of an "Orthodox" hat and hopes it meets with everyone's approval (including Scorchy's).

The High Explosives office force is overjoyed with its new office which overlooks the front entrance—really seems like a palace after saying "Pardon, may I have my foot?" for the past year.

Irving Bovee, assistant superintendent, is vacationing for several days. He left neither address nor telephone number—it's a hunch that "he wants to be alone." **Al Augustine** has double duties now.

Group 68

Group 68 really has a system. Every week each of the nineteen 68'ers extract a dollar from their jeans and deposit it in a kitty—the $19 buys a Defense Bond and at the end of the week the guard (with his eyes closed) pulls a number from the hat. The fortunate winner last week was **Andy Perino**, general foreman.

Every time Davenport, Ia., is mentioned, it rings a certain little musical note in **Elmer Zost's** ear—could it be Dan Cupid playing his harp?

Frank Perino is almost, but not quite, recovered. He's back on the job with the able assistance of a pair of crutches.

Elect Jubera and **Frank Ciancelli** have answered their calls from Uncle Sam and are in the Navy. **Robert Wysock** left September 25 for the Army.

Group 66

E. L. McCray, who says the blackbirds are going South and the fish aren't biting, is the new general foreman at Group 66.

Ralph Seeley, former clerk at 66, left September 11 for the Navy Air Corps.

A coin was tossed between Mr. McCray and Uncle Sam for **Earl Hunt**, right hand man in 66—Uncle Sam won and Earl will leave soon for the Navy Air Corps.

Group 65

Congratulations are in order for **John J. "Sparky" Adams**. "Sparky" was married September 6 to his o and o (one and only).

Group 64

If gorgeous flowers take your eye, you shouldn't miss Group 64's beautiful spectacle of Mother Nature—credit is due **Stanley Washkowiak**.

Group 66-A

Little **Art "Dick Tracy Jr." Skorupa**, Government inspector in 66-A, has been handed the title of "baby of the Igloos." Why?

"Pop" Redmond is sporting a bandaged hand.

"Bunky" Binkowski practically knocks himself out running back and forth in 66-A.

St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart is the new general foreman at 66-A.

Gilbert Withrow, High Explosives truck driver, left September 17 for the Army. He was given a cash gift by the gang.

Bob Matone, Group 63's man Friday, has entered his junior year at Illinois State Normal, where he is preparing himself for a teacher's career.

Chris Orbeson, carpenter, can do more with tenpenny nails than drive them through 2x4's. Believe it or not, but he can induce a nail to travel from the corner of the left to the right eye and out—no damage to either eye or nail—could be that the eye is quicker than the hand.

New material checker in 63 is **Wendel Overocker**.

Walter Beaudoin has joined the "Sea Bees" and will leave soon for foreign duty.

Laboratory

The athletes of history will have to make room in the annals of fame for the bowlers who added so much to the reputation of the High Explosives Laboratory one night last week. Among the *high* scorers were **Nelson Tippett** with 76, **Herb Hafele** with 85, **Charles Clifford** with a minus 10 (he insisted on using the other alley!). Clifford has since decided that he'd better go to night school on Wednesday nights (bowling night) because as a bowler he'd make a good electrical engineer!

Verneille Holder is slowly recuperating from lack of sleep—said lack due to her extensive entertaining of her sister and brother-in-law from Texas. Any innovations that will prove helpful in holding her eyes open will be more than greatly appreciated.

For your information the Happy Chemists consist of six gentlemen and three gals. But now they will have to be reclassified into five gentlemen and one *brute*. **Palmer Overholt** just cannot resist hitting gals where it really hurts, and it usually takes hours of apologizing on his part, and lectures on the lost art of chivalry by Mr. Tippett before victim and victimizer are again on speaking terms.

All extend sympathy to **Ellis Steinberg** because of the death of his mother.

Marcia Mitchell doesn't know whether it's night or day, and she doesn't seem to care. Her special part of Uncle Sam's Army is at Camp Roberts, California, and the first day she heard from him she got five letters—and she hasn't come down from the clouds yet. She doesn't mind telling you in the least that her hubby is an "exceptional specimen of brilliant humanity."

Is it only rumor, or is it the truth, that the Kankakee City Council is desirous of passing an ordinance prohibiting Herbie from serenading his wife and daughter in so corny a style?

Marge Kinser moved to Joliet last week, and nowhere was there to be found a woman to care for year-and-a-half-old **"Kit" Kinser**. So, undaunted, Marge and her husband, **Jess Kinser**, headed for Kankakee to meet the train for Memphis on which Marge's dad was a passenger. The three-minute stopover in Kankakee gave her just time enough to rush the baby on the train into abashed grandpa's arms—and to rush off again. Latest reports tell us that young "Kit" had vanilla wafers and milk for breakfast, and that grandpa gladly relinquished the changing of diapers to another man who had more recent experience.

The last of the eastward voyagers, **Ford Teeter**, started his vacation to God's Country (Columbus, Ohio) on a payday, and he's expected back on a payday—which is plenty nice going.

Sewage Superintendent Named

Donald Watchorn was appointed superintendent of sewage disposal August 22, it was announced by **A. M. Lockwood**, general superintendent of utilities.

SUMMER PICNICKERS added this group of Inert Storage Department employees to their roster recently. Charles Herbig, superintendent of the Material Warehouse, is the man with the bat.

SHUFFLE BOARD attracted this group of enthusiastic employees who attended the first of a series of bi-weekly fellowship meetings in the Recreation Building September 17.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Bill "Red" Corcoran is back on the job after a very enjoyable six weeks spent in convalescing from an operation. . . . **Armand Vicini** dropped around at his house at 6 a.m. only to find that he was locked out and now there are no hinges on his screen door. . . . The Gold Dust twins, **Ida Lippold** and **Garnetta Golding**, have recovered from the picnic and are learning how to make bullets along with a lot of other fair ones. . . . **Joe Greenwood** and **John Machino** spend their lunch periods practising "holts" since **George Gibson** promised that he would match them for the rassling championship of the group. . . . **Fritz Meyers** claims a record because he had ten flat tires in four days. Seems as though Meyers' tires are on the fritz.

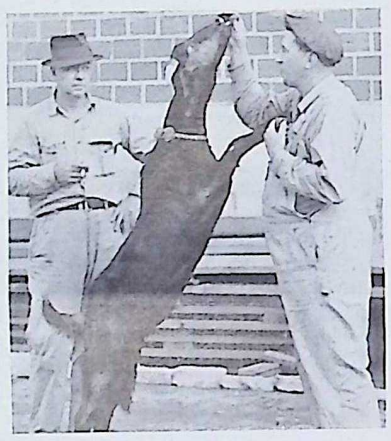
John F. Weakman, Jr., wrote to his former pals in the group from his army camp saying, "Wish you were here," and so on. . . . **Bob "Zipper" Zintarski** is back on the job after two weeks of sickness which streamlined him to some extent. . . . **Dick Thonasse** and **"On The Belt" Dan Phillips** are at it again. Each claims to be the better shipping foreman.

Wedding bells rang for **Don Ferero** and Miss Golding September 19.

Eddie Grant is all smiles again. He has a slightly used torch to give away for he and the little lady have kissed and made up. . . . Congrats to **Henry Novak** who used to punch a time clock around here. Recently he was made general superintendent in the painting department at the new ship yards over Seneca way.

Mabel Ward says that it is remarkable how well the lads keep their hair groomed and find time to shave every day. Maybe when this world war is over the fellows can hunt and fish as the Indians used to do and let the little woman go out after the pay-check. . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Bill McRoberts** are up in arms for their new arrival of August was described as being a girl whereas the little rascal is a bouncing boy. . . . However **Carl Larson** of Morris announces the arrival of an 8½-pound girl September 7 and no one could be more proud than Carl.

Bill Sugarman and **Charlie Woodbury** put on an Abbott and Costello act which is a scream when they cry into their beverage. . . . **George Palmer**, so it's said, left the picnic 15 minutes after the lights went out but it is asked, "Which lights?" . . . **Bill Connors** was celebrating his 19th wedding anniversary September 8 when his daughter presented him with a lusty grand-daughter and Bill thinks that at 37 he is perhaps the youngest grandfather at EOP. . . . So to the end of the line with **Mid Slack** taking the stand. He had a birthday this month which was inadvertently left off the "Happy Birthday" list.



MASCOT of the Inert Storage Department is this goat with patriotic horns, painted red, white and blue.

Wilmington Dormitory Rooms Available

George A. Fairhead, supervisor of the trailer camp at Wilmington, announced that shortage of bed sheets in the Wilmington dormitories had been solved and asked that EOP employees be reminded that rooms are available.

There are eight dormitories, with facilities for 61 persons in each. Double rooms are $3 a week a person. Single rooms are $4.25 a week, but the number is limited. Each dormitory has a lounge and there is a recreation room in one for all dormitory occupants. Any one interested can call Mr. Fairhead at Wilmington 5921.

Second Meeting for Fellowship Set for Oct. 1

Success of First Session Attested By Big Attendance

Fast on the heels of the first, the second EOP Fellowship Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday evening, October 1, in the Recreation Building, it was announced by **A. E. Frosch**, chief engineer, and **E. A. Evans**, chief field engineer, co-chairmen of the steering committee. All those desiring to attend are asked to make their reservations with **V. L. Knudson**, Administration Building, by 5 p.m. September 30.

The committee in charge of the second meeting is composed of **A. P. Balston**, chairman; Mr. Knudson, steward; **T. M. Burns, E. S. Craik, C. J. Coburn, M. C. Baughman, J. J. Murphy** and **W. M. Dale.**

Success of the first meeting September 17 was attested by the more than 100 employees who attended. Dinner at the Cafeteria was followed by a program at the Recreation Building. Features included an outline of the purposes of the bi-weekly sessions by Mr. Frosch, reading of a letter of greetings from **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, and an exhibition of bowling by **Paul Krumske**, Chicago's individual match game champion for '41-'42.

Mr. Smith's letter said in part:

"It has been my experience that acquaintanceship makes for more sympathetic understanding and settlement of mutual problems, of which so many arise daily on this project. Problems solved between good acquaintances and friends are rarely difficult. Elwood has always been a friendly place and I am sure it will continue to be such a place.

"I hope very much that these meetings will be held as long as we are at Elwood and as frequently as you gentlemen may deem desirable. They will be interesting in proportion to the contribution which each of you makes to them, and from what I know you are all capable of contributing much."

A prospective country school teacher and her girl friend hired a livery rig to visit the members of the school board.

"You won't have any trouble with this horse," the liveryman explained. "He's perfectly gentle. But be careful not to get the rein under his tail."

When they returned he asked whether the horse proved entirely satisfactory.

"Oh, perfectly," the prospective school teacher responded. "We did have a couple of showers, but my friend held her umbrella over his tail."

Do You Belong?

For August, 1942

"NO LOST TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 2
Group 3
Group 6
Group 8
Group 23
Group 24
Group 25
Group 26
Group 27
Group 29
Group 60
Group 61
Group 62 North
Group 63
Group 64
Group 65
Group 66
Group 66-A
Group 68
Group 70
Group 73
Richards Farm

The foregoing groups had no "lost time" accidents during the month of August, 1942.

More Power to You

EOP Lauded by New Service Chief

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them for three years at Ft. Crook, Neb.; Galveston, Tex.; Vera Cruz, Mex., and Brownsville, Tex. This was a period when active duty on the Texas-Mexico border was really active.

Taught at West Point

His next assignment was a very much sought after detail, namely, as instructor in Ordnance and Gunnery at West Point. During his tour at West Point, General Hayes received two promotions, that to 1st Lieutenant and in less than one year to Captain. His detail at West Point was followed by six months' tour of duty at San Antonio Arsenal, Tex., beginning in the latter part of 1917.

On January 5, 1918, General Hayes was promoted to Major, National Army, assigned as Ordnance Officer of the 5th Division, and went to France with this organization. While in France he attended and was graduated from the Army General Staff College at Langres. Following the Armistice, General Hayes served in the Army of Occupation in Germany as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, of the 4th Division.

Upon his return to the United States, General Hayes was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, National Army, and was assigned as Executive Officer and Assistant Commandant of the Ordnance School of Application, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. The Ordnance School then being established supplanted the one which, before the first World War, was located at Sandy Hook Proving Grounds, New Jersey. The new Ordnance School was a very important project, designed to train officers from all the other branches of the Army who were detailed in the Ordnance Department for a four-year period. The school consisted of two courses, the first consisting of three months at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and nine months at Watertown Arsenal, where the student officers studied metallurgy and testing, and also worked through all of the shops; the second, held at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, provided courses in administration, ballistics, a study of all Ordnance material and ammunition and the testing thereof. It was General Hayes' task to organize and operate this school, which has since developed into one of the most important projects in the Ordnance Department. At this time, General Hayes was permanently transferred to the Ordnance Department with the rank of Major, July 1, 1920.

Heads Corps Area

In November, 1920, General Hayes was appointed Corps Area Ordnance Officer of the Seventh Corps Area with Headquarters at Ft. Crook, Nebraska, where he first saw service as a commissioned officer in 1912. This detail was another task of organizing. His duties were to supply, inspect and maintain all ordnance material in the hands of all regular Army troops, National Guard and schools in the Corps Area, which consisted of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. He remained on this duty until January, 1922, when he was transferred to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance as Chief of the Military Personnel Division.

In August, 1925, General Hayes returned to Corps Area duty, this time as Corps Area Ordnance Office of the Ninth Corps Area with Headquarters at Presidio of San Francisco. This Corps Area takes in all of the Pacific Coast with its multitude of fortifications and military establishments, and also includes Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada. He remained on this duty three years when in June, 1928, he was transferred as Corps Area Ordnance Officer of the Eighth Corps Area, with Headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. This Corps Area includes Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. General Hayes, at one time or another, was on duty in every state west of the Mississippi. He remained on this duty two years.

General Hayes was graduated from the Army Industrial College, June, 1931, and from the Army War College, June, 1932. Following the latter graduation, General Hayes acted as Executive Officer to the Chief of Ordnance for one year.

Rewrites Text Book

In July, 1933, General Hayes returned to West Point as Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery. During this four-year tour of duty, General Hayes extended and improved that portion of the course devoted to the study of automotive equipment and shop work, and, at the same time, brought the general course of instruction in Ordnance to a higher standard than was ever before attained. He was also responsible for the design of the modern Ordnance and Engineering laboratory and machine shop, which were constructed after he left and which are now in operation. He also accomplished another task which usually falls to each professor of Ordnance, namely, that of rewriting and bringing up-to-date the textbook "Ordnance and the Science of Gunnery." This is a task which involves a tremendous amount of work, as changes and improvements are constantly being made in Ordnance material and methods. The professor of Ordnance and Gunnery, in addition to his other duties, is a member of the Academic Board, Post Ordnance Officer and the Curator of the extensive Ordnance Museum. General Hayes received his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel on August 1, 1935.

In July, 1938, General Hayes was transferred to Springfield Armory, Massachusetts, and became Works Manager in 1940. In his capacity as Works Manager, he had charge of the layout and operation of all shops, and it was during this period that the Armory was tooled-up and quantity production of the new Garand rifles was attained. He was promoted to Colonel, Army of the United States, November 16, 1940, and in December, 1940, was assigned to duty as Assistant Chief of Industrial Service, Production, Office of the Chief of Ordnance. This was followed by his assignment to the office of the Under Secretary of War, as Director, Production Branch, July, 1941, and Director of Procurement Branch to March, 1942.

General Hayes was promoted to Brigadier General, Army of the United States, September 29, 1941, and to Major General, February 28, 1942. In May, 1942, he returned to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance as Chief of the Production Branch, Headquarters, Services of Supply. On June 1, 1942, he was appointed Chief of Industrial Service.

The EOP Guide Post

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—1937 Ford, 4-door sedan, radio, heater, 5 good tires, $175 cash. **Carl Anker**, Line 4280.

For Trade — Newly overhauled '37 Packard (120) 7-passenger sedan, six-ply tires, will trade on small sedan. See Guard 643 at Gate 6, Group 3-A.

For Sale or Trade—35 vari-colored large size paper lanterns suitable for garden parties. Address **John Alar**, Braidwood, Ill.

Riders Wanted—For Chicago or intermediate points either by Route 6 or 7. 1940 Oldsmobile. See **J. E. Ryan**, Room 39, Administration Bldg., or call Line 2263.

Riders Wanted—Leaving Braceville at 10:15; Braidwood at 10:20 and Wilmington at 10:30 nightly except Saturday, passing Fuze & Booster Gate and through Richards Farm gate to Central Fire Station and returning same route. Call **Stephen McSweeney**, Line 4259.

Riders Wanted — For 4 to 12 shift between west side of Chicago and EOP. Call **Harry Tilden** after 4 p.m., Line 4291, or address him at 3123 West 15th St., Chicago.

For Rent—Room with private bath for gentleman, $5 a week. **Mrs. Wilson Burnham**, 605 Grant Ave., Joliet, Phone 22711.

BOWLING ALLEYS, renovated after their recent drenching, were popular with the largest group at the employees' fellowship meeting in the Recreation Building September 17.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

September 29

William Allison, Materials & Stores; Charles Anders, Ordnance; Rex Bainter, Guard; Adrian Blankenstein, Group 3-A; Edward Brazil, Group 1; Virginia Broseh, Group 9; William Brown, Group 2; Charles Butt, Utilities; Albert Carlson, Watchman; Harry Chaily, Group 3-A; William Deininger, Utilities; Herbert Denison, Guard; Ruth DuVal, Group 4; Joe Edson, High Explosives; David Elliott, Accounting; Marie Gall, Group 9; Walter Goebel, Timekeeping; Aron Greifer, Group 4; Beatrice Homberg, Group 9; Doris Hunter, Group 8; Elmer Johnson, Group 1; Arty Klassy, Group 1; Marie Linskey, Group 7; John McCarty, Utilities; David McCormack, Group 2; Catherine McDermott, Group 9; Mary McShea, Group 9; Mildred Morris, Group 7; Haldon Parker, Guard; Chester Peterson, Group 7; William Peterson, Ordnance; Nele Piebeg, Group 2; Frank Plut, Group 3-A; Robert Riegel, High Explosives; Mickey Sanchez, Group 4; Walter Shaughnessy, Group 1; Emmett Slater, Group 3-A; Claude Stuckey, Guard; Charles Vandeveer, Group 1; Charles Webb, Utilities; Evelyn Welch, Group 1; Lawrence Whitfill, Group 3-A; Margaret Wills, Group 4; Eugene Zuchowski, Group 3-A.

September 30

Meddie Castongue, Group 3; John Coleman, Utilities; Herbert Cudahy, Utilities; Frances DeMack, Group 9; Florian Ebben, Accounting; Edward Harlan, Group 1; Hyman Hoffman, Group 3-A; LeRoy Hutchinson, Utilities; Clarence Malmsten, Purchasing; Richard Miderski, Group 3-A; Dewey Minton, Group 1; Genie Parkins, Group 1; Morris Perry, Group 1; Robert Resler, Group 9; George Rott, High Explosives; George Shafflar, Guard; Lloyd Shreffler, Utilities; Leslie Southcomb, Group 1; Wilbur Thomas, Utilities; Lillian Turner, Group 9; Harvey Walker, General Operations; William Wien, Group 2; Nelson Williams, Nitrate Ammonia; Wilson Wren, Jr., Group 3; Gladys Wruck, Group 5; Olga Zama, Group 4.

October 1

George Binzen, Utilities; Nessette Bonneville, Utilities; Giles Boren, Group 1; Dorothy Caffee, Group 5; Harold Canaday, Inspection; Ethel Carr, Group 4; Albert Chanhall, Guard; Charles Clifford, High Explosives; Frederick Demaise, Group 1; Janet Erwin, Group 9; Philip Faso, High Explosives; Patrick Galbraith, Group 3-A; Mary S. Gliha, Ordnance; Bertha Grayhack, Group 7; George Kelly, Utilities; Eliza LaRoche, Group 7; James Larsen, Utilities; Catherine Lynch, Group 5; Carl Marten, Inspection; Helen Mianda, Group 9; Harlan Mize, Fire Dept.; Ruth Moore, Group 4; Thomas Moore, Utilities; Matthew Mueller, Guard; Margaret Nedelsky, Group 5; Rita O'Connor, Group 5; Rita O'Connor, Group 9; Edward Pack, Group 1; Everette Robinson, Group 1; Harold Robinson, Utilities; Wayne Ross, Ordnance; Edna Sickert, Ordnance; Betty Smith, Ordnance; John Springer, Utilities; Michael Walsh, Utilities; Merlyn Wright, Group 2; Harry Wulff, Group 1.

October 2

Harriet Anbach, Group 1; Fred Aster, Utilities; D. M. Bettenhausen, Group 7; Walter Boyer, Guard; Marjorie Brennan, General Offices; Gerald Clennon, Group 3; Andrew Doyle, Group 2; Vernon Engelhardt, Group 1; Bertha Farcus, Group 9; Mae Fauand, Group 9; Calvin Gordon, Fire Dept.; William Harms, Inert Storage; Leola Hutson, Group 7; Angelina Kahlar, Group 5; Willard Kelly, Guard; Frank Ketz, Group 3-A; Howard Kline, Group 3-A; William Knott, Group 1; William Krueger, Guard; Charles Lardner, Group 7; Emil Malavolti, Utilities; Claude Massey, Group 2; Anna Mooney, Group 9; John Nolan, General Operations; Walter Opperman, Utilities; Russell Reid, Group 2; Donovan Robards, Guard; Alta Rose, Group 9; Alice Rusin, Group 5; Melvin Schramm, Group 3-A; Harry Schwab, Group 3-A; Edwin Selle, Guard; Marietta Spaulding, Group 7; Peter Titre, Utilities; Clayton Turner, Guard; Leon Vanturoni, Group 3-A; Harold Whitmar, Group 3; Philip Wright, Group 3; Richard Young, Group 2; Mildred Zarfowski, Group 9; Blanche Zoernar, Group 8.

October 3

Allen Ackerman, Group 3-A; Leland Ahlstrom, Inert Storage; Walter Allison, Group 1; Kai Antonsen, Personnel; Russell Baker, Group 1; Cecelia Bambic, Group 6; Frank Bednarik, Guards; Leslie Blohm, Guard; William Cate, Group 3; Elzie Clark, Group 1; Kenneth Coleman, High Explosives; Adeline DeGuish, Group 6; Edward Desens, Utilities; Theodore Devon, Group 1; George Dickenson, High Explosives; George Durham, High Explosives; Rita Dwyer, Purchasing; Melvin Ehrhardt, Group 3; Catherine Funk, Group 7; John Grissom, Guard; Otis Hurley, Group 1; Robert Jackson, Utilities; Charles Kemphe, Maintenance; John Machender, Group 1; Thomas Maher, Utilities; Gladys McKnight, Group 7; Albert Meyerling, Utilities; Alva Minor, Inert Storage; Kay Moore, Utilities; Henry Muzoarelli, Utilities; Lucile Nahas, Hospital; John Platz, Accounting; Lois Raibley, Group 1; Lloyd Reese, Utilities; Franklin Reichardt, Group 2; Donald Schlemmer, Group 3-A; Willis Schubert, General Offices; Thadeous Schields, Guard; Bernice Skriner, Group 1; Foster Walker, Group 1; Harry Webb, Group 2; Lloyd Worth, Jr., Inert Storage; Eugene Wright, Production Planning.

October 4

Ruby Albeck, Group 5; Edward Bick, Utilities; Frank Boldego, Group 7; Kathryn Boucher, Accounting; Joseph Cassetto, Utilities; Alfred Coles, Finished Rounds; Richard Court, Accounting; Ruth Crisman, Group 4; Michael Deffenbough, Group 3; William DeWane, Utilities; Andrew Dolosic, Jr., Group 7; John Eckert, Group 3; Ella English, Group 4; Earl Gray, General Offices; Joseph Green, Utilities; Mayme Handrix, Group 5; John Healy, Group 4; Vera Keeley, Group 9; Charlott Klockenbusch, Payroll; Maratha Krapf, Group 9; Mary Krawetz, Group 4; Louis LaBarge, Utilities; Adhemar Lambert, Group 7; Jewell McKinney, Group 1; Bernard Milkowsky, Ordnance; Margaret Mores, Group 4; Julius Muentnich, Group 8; Leo Osborn, Guard; Kenneth Piatt, Materials and Stores; Martin Porterfield, Group 6; Letha Riberto, Group 4; Dorothy Robertson, Group 7; Frances Rogers, Group 4; Richard Russell, General Offices; Frances Skul, Group 4; Herbert Sparks, Group 1; Donald Starr, Accounting; Kirk Wicks, Group 3.

WOMEN REPLACEMENTS for men called to the armed forces are being trained as inspectors in this class conducted by the Ordnance Department. Included in the group are Zelma R. Gruenberg, Mildred M. Kaufman, Edith E. Gansert, Florence Shipp, Virginia Benters, Dorothy Ewing, Lorna Haller, Marveline Craft, Lorraine Kensley, Ann Jansky, Ruth Palm, Anna Mae Harvey, Mildred Jean Ashley, Clara Lou Bush, Ann Radakovich, Theresa Bolek, Margaret McGowan, Kathryn Eberhart, Lottie Moloney, Catherine Cyphers, Ann Bolek, Evelyn Martin, Virginia Martin, Beatrice Rodgers, Helen Countryman, Evelyn Slater, Gladys Voorhees, Edith Duncan, Lillian Gunderson, Jean E. Bolen, Jean M. Gunderson, Novella M. Shepherd, Elizabeth Button, Agnes E. Carlberg, Edna K. Cowell, Grace F. Wilson, Katherine Sweedler and Mildred Livesay. Edward J. Nemanich, Group 9, is the instructor, assisted by Milton Krissman, Group 5.

ORDNANCE is still the interest of Lt. Walter J. Seely, formerly with the EOP Auditing Department, now stationed at the Portage Ordnance Depot, Ravenna, Ohio.

October 5

John Adams, Utilities; Rose Aisec, Group 1; Justine Andrews, Group 4; Dorothy Blanco, Group 7; Selma Brown, Personnel; Joseph Carter, Group 4; Luther Cobb, Group 3-A; Grover Cokley, Group 1; Opal Cotner, Group 5; Frederick Diment, Inert Storage; Emilio Dinon, Utilities; Floyd Dittmer, Guard; Edmund DuFrain, Group 3-A; Adalyn Friedrich, Group 4; Helen Halton, Group 5; Barbara Himes, Accounting; Donald C. Hubbart, Ordnance; Chris Jensen, Group 1; Edward Kannally, Group 4; Marjorie Lawhead, Personnel; Donald McCoy, Inspection; Fred Meisenhelder, Utilities; Michael Onderisin, Group 3; Betty Perry, Group 7; Irving Pohlman, Guard; Lionel Regnier, Group 3-A; Donald Rhodes, Group 1; Fred Rossi, Group 7; Dorothy Runge, Group 7; Elbert Russell, Guard; William Ryan, Utilities; Zelma Schultz, Group 6; Ira Smith, Utilities; Robert Sohan, Group 2; Alberta Stawig, Group 9; Mary Strickland, Group 5; Douglas Strobel, Utilities; Annabelle Wilder, Group 7; Frank Zola, Group 3.

October 6

Lloyd Baltz, Timekeeping; Harold Bell, Inspection; Margaret Boeio, Group 9; Everett Bradley, Group 2; Elmer Burger, Group 1; Rose Colevris, Group 5; Elwin Cummings, Utilities; Merle Davis, Utilities; Dorothy Delaney, Group 7; Kyron Doyle, Utilities; Ivory Emerson, Group 3-A; John Fegan, Group 1; Andy Fris, Inert Storage; Charles Gardner, Guards; Violett Gibbons, Group 6; Jerome Hallam, Group 1; Fred Hansen, Group 2; Edward Harmon, Group 4; Michael Hiesko, Utilities; Walter Hilgert, Fire Dept.; Ernest Hill, Group 3; John Hinds, Guards; Janice Holmes, Group 9; Milton Picknell, Group 8; Helen Russ, Group 6; Samie Sarakine, Group 3-A; Dorothy Schoop, Hospital; George Slajckert, Group 4; Ruth Srnec, Group 8; Donald Turner, Group 6; Ann Vidican, Group 6; Thomas Watts, Group 3; Stella Williams, Group 9; Delbert Wilson, Inert Storage.

October 7

Paul Alexander, Group 1; Leonard Allen, Group 3-A; Dorothy Bates, Group 4; Clarence Becker, Group 3; Genevieve Bendrick, Group 9; Clarence Benson, Group 66; Elizabeth Bidwell, Group 1; Ann Blahut, Group 4; John Boomsma, High Explosives; Samuel Bradley, Inert Storage; Edward Brennan, Utilities; George Dancisak, Sr., Utilities; Dorothy Goodman, Group 6; Marie Hartford, Group 1; Kenneth Hodgson, Group 2; Leonard Johnson, Inert Storage; Homer Joubert, Inspection; Roy Manssen, Group 3-A; William Maschner, Group 3; Ernest Murray, Group 1; Clifford Northup, Accounting; Bessie Parys, Group 5; Donald Phelan, Ordnance; Henry Pike, Group 3; Walter Raglan, Group 4; Earl Richards, Group 9; Sylvan Rothschild, Timekeeping; Ralph Sassenger, Group 1; Verda Schuler, Group 9; William Schunke, High Explosives; Lee Shepard, Guards; Irwin Spear, Group 9; Jack Strum, Group 1; Marie Tancer, Group 7; Roscoe Wonnell, Watchman.

October 8

Helen Ahrams, Group 4; Samuel Alberico, Utilities; Henry Book, Group 2; Mary Boughton, Group 9; John Carroll, Materials & Stores; Clarence Erickson, Inert Storage; Opal Fannin, Group 7; Arthur Feid, Utilities; Charles Gustafson, Utilities; Paul Hagerman, Group 4; Lloyd Huddleston, Group 2; Rose Jastrzob, Group 4; Eloise Kelley, Group 1; William Kilbride, High Explosives; Zelma Kinard, Plant Protection; Reita Kirby, Group 5; Charles Kozlowski, Group 66; Marilouise Lambert, Group 4; Troy Leyerle, Group 3; William Metsch, Utilities; Elmer Metzke, Group 1; Thomas Mignone, Group 1; Felix Miller, Group 3-A; Conrad Nagle, Accounting; Antoinette Obsitnik, Group 5; Mary Paganoni, Group 9; George Price, Utilities; Reva Reynolds, Group 7; Allan Ruch, High Explosives; Clifford Scott, Group 1; William Sharpe, Group 1; Maxine Thomas, Group 5; Jeanette Ward, Group 4; Hyacinth Weathers, Group 7; John Wharrie, Accounting; Verlin Williams, Group 1.

October 9

Frances Arnold, Group 3; Agnes Becker, Group 7; Edward Born, Group 3; John Brown, Utilities; Anna Calacci, Group 5; Thomas Collins, Utilities; Marion Crocker, Group 4; George Ewing, Group 3-A; Murland Foster, Group 1; Hubert Frosh, Utilities; Frank Goldenstein, Fire Dept.; Charles Gorman, Group 3; Anna Havran, Group 6; General Hedrick, Materials & Stores; Charles Hill, Inspection; Robert Holman, Group 3; Clarence Johnson, Safety; Arthur Koch, Ordnance; Charles Miller, Ordnance; Hollis McKnight, Group 3; Paul Miller, Fire Dept.; Milton Nelson, Group 1; William Proudley, Ordnance; Dorothy Richards, Group 9; William Rockrohr, Accounting; Thomas Scott, Utilities; John Smith, Fire Dept.; Arthur Thompson, Group 3-A; Frank Tur, Group 3-A; Melvin Umphenour, Group 2; Frank Wehrli, High Explosives; John Willhoit, Group 3-A; Orton Wilson, Group 2; Sigmund Wysocki, Ordnance; Albina Znidarsic, Inspection.

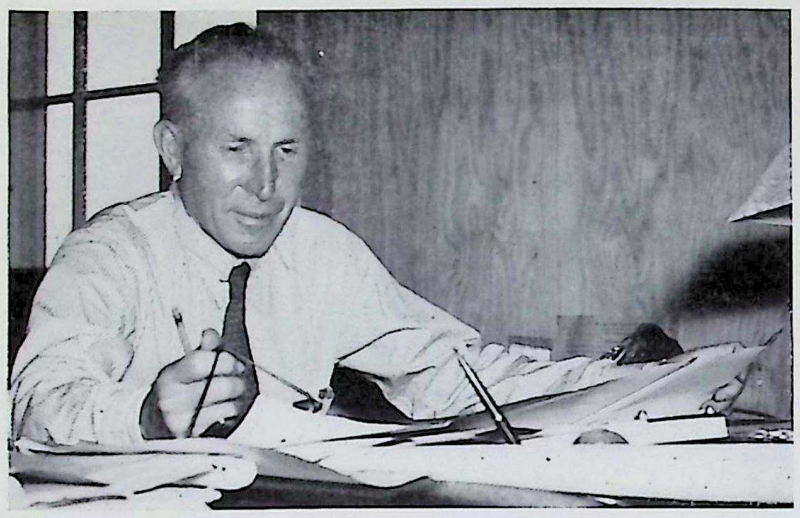
October 10

Carl Anderson, Guards; Henry Baerlocher, Utilities; Nelson Barker, Guards; Emma Bertram, Group 4; Stanley Bielawicz, Group 3; Leo Boyle, Guards; Gladys Bravick, Group 9; Helen Brown, Group 4; Walter Bull, Group 3; Stephanie Burzawa, Group 8; Jacob DeBok, Utilities; Herm Geiken, Group 1; Joseph Goodrich, Utilities; John Gorski, Group 1; Harvey Harding, Group 1; Everett Harris, Group 3; Ruth Hart, Group 9; Ruth Henry, Group 5; Frank Janousek, Group 3; Ralph Johnson, Guards; Clarence Lindsay, Guards; Walter Lupke, Group 1; Harry Mahoney, Utilities; Hugh McElroy, Materials & Stores; Anna Mellinger, Group 5; Abrathar Miller, Utilities; Warren Panghorn, Utilities; E. Poolvirgil, Utilities; James Preston, Jr., High Explosives; Raymond Reardon, Utilities; Fred Reitz, Group 3; James Riordan, Utilities; Donna Rose, Group 9; Harold Stern, Group 8; Helen Stonitsch, Group 9; Dwight Warren, Group 3; Ann Wofton, Group 5.

October 11

Andrew Ballock, Group 1; Jacqueline Binzen, General Offices; Edith Cerre, Group 7; Edmund Dickens, Guards; Arthur Diedrich, Group 1; Edward Dowell, Group 4; Anthony Frericks, Group 1; Frances Hakey, Group 1; John Henderson, Group 5; Lillie Henderson, Group 8; Garland Int-Hout, Utilities; Anthony Jankowski, Utilities; Margaret Jesberger, Ordnance; Louis Kalina, Sr., Accounting; Anna Kelch, Group 9; Joseph Klemick, Utilities; Dorothy Lehman, Group 8; Olive Lewis, Group 1; Clifford Lord, Group 1; Selma Malone, Group 5; Frank Miller, Group 3; Florence Mock, Group 9; James Moore, Utilities; Franklin Mulligan, Group 3-A; Beatrice Newcomb, Group 6; William Palmer, Plant Protection; Anna Princko, Group 8; Jackie Spencer, Group 1; Thora Stoner, Group 7; Donald Sutton, Ordnance; Elmer Utley, Group 7; Geraldine Ward, Ordnance; James Ward, Utilities; Samuel Wilfong, Group 3; Viola Winterstein, Group 9.

MILITARY PRECISION is being taught to EOP guards by Capt. John A. Hardy, security officer. This class, shown with Captain Hardy at the left and E. O. Huey and Chief M. C. Baughman at the right, is being trained to drill other guards.



PIONEER BUILDER is a title appropriate for E. A. Evans, chief field engineer, who arrived here September 27, 1940, to supervise construction of EOP. He was with the Morgan Shell Loading Plant, Morgan, N. J., during World War I.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lower recently enjoyed a week's vacation at Twin Lakes, Wis., and reported that the weather was fine. Imagine a week without rain! It can't happen here!

Congratulations are in order for **Mary Jean Schmitz**, ever-smiling inspector, on her marriage September 5. Lucky man? **Elmer Falk** of Peru, Ill.

Lucille Alwine left September 23 to join her soldier husband in California.

Claude Bailey, foreman in Building 14, was married September 5 to **Delores Kauffman**, inspector in Group 5. Claude, not being satisfied in acquiring a new wife, is also acquiring a new car!

John J. Murphy and his secretary, **Doris Cox**, have left Building 14 in favor of Building 25. Their component room friends say it just isn't the same without them.

"Red" Ross has left for San Diego, Cal., where he is in training with the U. S. Marines.

Group 5

Tillie Watson is looking very attractive with her new hair-do.

Congratulations to **Danny Kerns** and **Doris Ivansik** on their recent marriage.

"Pop" Jeffry and **Lillian Malinske** did the Veloz and Yolanda fling at the Group 9 picnic. Incidentally, "Pop" admits to about 45 of his 70 years.

Jim McCauly seldom takes a rest period any more. There are girls working in his section now.

Sophie Mathovic just returned from her vacation with the "Cadets."

Take a good look at **Verna Lazor's** eyelashes. Pretty, eh?

Jane Snapp, who is now at Group 4, is missed by her former "side kicks."

Group 7

Something new has been added in "7" . . . B-19 Mosquitoes . . . **Joe Smith's** baby girl, **Carolyn** . . . Thursday sessions with the Coal City Club. . . . **Polly** (pardon my southern accent) **Evans'** new straw hat. . . . Diamonds for **Madelyn Carlson** and **Mary Jane Clennan**. . . . And those new "Tetryl-jeep" coveralls the 7-4 girls are sporting. Toujours, glamour!

Maybe the girls weren't in lace, but the lads were in khaki! **Shirley Hoeller** and **Joe Horvat**—**Jennie Kompanek** and **Orville Scott**—**Geneva Killian** and **Robert Driscoll**—**"Bz" Gabel** and **John L. Crane, Jr.**—pinned a "V" for Victory on Cupid.

Patriotism is flourishing among the boys here. **Russ Sineni** left for the Marines last week. **Ted Morgan** is waiting call to report to Naval Construction. **Dick Gullixon** has already left to sprout wings for the Naval Air Corps.

Dorothy Buldak, formerly Dorothy Kamerick, inspector, is the happiest girl in Group 7. She was recently married and has just returned from a honeymoon trip spent in Detroit, Michigan.

The Paint Shop gang, Chuck, Al (the personality kid), and Bud, look like they have joined the House of David. Seems like the boys have a bet on as to who will shave first. Wonder how long it will be before they have to wear hair nets on those beards?

The Powder girls in 7-4 look pretty cute in their new coveralls and will be the envy of all them this winter when it gets cold.

Hilda Stokes appreciated the gift given her by the girls.

Irene Shroba, Government inspector, turned her vacation into a honeymoon.

Dorothy (Bravick) Dowdle, Group 8, formerly of Group 7, is spending two weeks with that Sergeant husband in Fort Wayne.

Margaret Worby, inspector, who recently resigned because of ill health, will be missed by her many friends.

Dorothy Donahue from 7-4 is center aisling it September 26.

Group 8

Jim Nevin, assistant superintendent, spent Labor Day visiting at Matoon, Ill.

Did the girl say "yes" to **George Elum**, assistant superintendent, on his week-end holiday trip to Youngstown, O.?

Robert Otte and **Robert Breen**, foremen, are adding a little to the holiday toward a vacation.

Congratulations to **Dolores Getson** and **Rudy Getson**, fire guard, who celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary recently.

The girls in Building 11 are wondering if **Bill Wilhelmi** and **Herby** really had a blow-out to account for the black eye.

Foreman George Durham, Building 11, complains of trains keeping him awake at night. Gee, hasn't anyone ever told him that there is another side of the track.

Dorothy Linnard spent Labor Day in DeSelm, Ill., at the Shuffler family reunion.

Margaret Forbin, Phyllis Fillette, Catherine Rumpf and **Mary French** were photographed recently for the *Chicago Herald-American*.

A surprise birthday party was held for **Teresa Seno**.

Art Swanson, Mary French, Dorothy Linnard and **Ann Runyon** gave a chicken supper for **Nurse Sarah** of Group 8.

Girls of the Waterproofing Department had a chop suey supper for **Nora Lee Smith** who was married. She received a lovely gift from the Group.

There was a frog eating contest September 10 in Building 8. **Wayne Rosiland** bet **Jack Darkins** $5 he could not eat a frog. The frog was swallowed. Wayne paid the $5 and Jack suffered the consequences.

Group 9

Congratulations are extended to **Charles Smith** and **Dorothy Allen**, who were married September 13. Charles is a machinist and Dorothy is getting valuable experience pushing one of the powder buggies.

More marriage congratulations go to **Bernice Schubert**, who married **Pvt. Leslie Guard**, stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., also to **LaVon Stevenson** and **Pvt. Charles Sanford** of Camp Sutton, Monroe, N. C.

The recent festive occasion at Oak Grove in Rockdale, attended by approximately 700 employees and friends, was a stupendous success and, from all reports, everyone had a wonderful time.

Bill Lawrence was voted the most popular male.

Ed Nemanich missed his calling. He should be a crooner.

What happened to **Ben Homberg** on the dance floor that was so funny the next day.

John Neely acted as dispenser.

T. M. Burns, general superintendent, and **George M. Morrison**, assistant general superintendent, were photographed every time they turned around.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whaley were hounded by camera fiends. **Bill Lawrence** was a willing subject for candid camera fans.

Ray Ruder, Group 9 baseball star, went around knocking people out with his elbow.

Kenneth "Bud" Weber did alright for himself with a plentiful supply of dancing partners.

Chuck Hickok, proudly escorted his new wife around, as did **Del Millican** and **"Little Boy" Jordan**.

Maryjane Barrowman from Group 6 won the War Bond.

Billie Burrill did a tap dance with her mouth for the entertainment of all.

John Clark went around playing "Superman." And **Ed Vannie** was his natural romantic self.

Grace Short did better than **Ginny Simms** on those songs.

"Farmer" Schmeh Busy With Melons, Pumpkins

By Loretta Ryan

Well, here we are again trying to meet another deadline. We have a column in *The Bomb-Shell* called "Production Planning." Every other week we try to tell you about the people in the department and how they spend their idle time. That sort of thing gets monotonous, dont you think? So do I. So this time we have decided to tell you what production planning really means.

J. C. Schmeh is an agriculturist, believe me. He is the department head, but he farms on a large scale. Prove it, you say! Alright, let's go back about two years.

Did you ever drive out this way? There were rolling hills and attractive farms. People were engaged in raising products to sustain life. There was the "Bell" farm, the "Hayden's" and the "Forsythe" farms; for military reasons we will forget the names, let's say two years ago farm (A) was raising melons, the delicious kind. About this time the advance guard of "Farmer" Schmeh arrived on the scene. Sheds and barns were demolished, new buildings took shape, large greenhouses, *hot-beds*, if you like, sprang up, and now "Farmer" Schmeh is raising *melons*, small but effective *melons*, anti-tank mines, they call them, I think.

Over at farm (B) two years ago there were pumpkins and watermelons growing, large melons, and now they put in more hot beds, run in a few railroad spurs and we find demolition *pumpkins* growing, one and two-ton *pumpkins*, if you please. So you see the farmer of two years ago raised crops to sustain life itself, today Farmer Schmeh is raising crops to sustain a principle, a standard of Life.

But where does "Farmer" Schmeh fit into this picture you ask. His is a busy task. He has to know his *seed*, make sure it has good *germination*, and it has to be fresh, you know. He also has to know which soil grows the best land mines, where demolition *pumpkins* will thrive. If he plants so many seeds he must know what ratio of products he will harvest. He has to know his market, who wants how many, and what. He is a busy man, he is raising demolition *pumpkins* today to meet a deadline at two o'clock next Tuesday in a little shop off Walla Walla Square in Tahiti.

If "Farmer" Schmeh passes you and fails to acknowledge your greeting, don't bother him, because he's probably trying to get a load of *pumpkins* and *melons* off to Guatemala Canal to be used on a menu there some Tuesday next week.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

After many months of service at EOP **Dr. H. W. Harrison** left to take over a private practice on the west side of Chicago. Pioneer construction workers will recall him if they had to visit the first aid station at Richards Farm. He then was employed by Corbett and Corbett. Early this year he was transferred to the EOP Hospital which was completed at that time. On September 4 a farewell party was given in his honor at Trojan Hall in Joliet. A committee consisting of **Margaret Gregovich, Joe Chizmark** and **Tom Moore** made all the arrangements for a successful evening. Guests participated in dancing throughout the evening and refreshments were served buffet style. A gift was presented to Dr. Harrison. Among the guests were **Mrs. H. W. Harrison, Dr. Jacob Wechsler, Dr. George Luke, Dr. B. G. Giel, Dr. L. N. Cohler, Marjorie Hartong, Gene Hurley, Elizabeth Russell, Bertha Perush, Louise Thompson, Dorothy Busse, Miss Gregovich, Dorothy Schoop, Gertrude Blair, Lucille H. Nahas, Mary Kulpa, Elsie Baer, Evelyn Doran, Louise Ambrose, Thelma Talbott, Evelyn Moore, Esther Anderson, Lucy Harkness, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Sidell, Mrs. Thomas Moore** and **Mr. Moore, Mr.** and **Mrs. Edward Robinson, Mr. Chizmark, Roy Healy, Tom Singer, Ray Langlois, Lester Johnson, Feldon Luke** and **Roy Pick.**

The rainy days have made grasshoppers, walking sticks, moths and butterflies go into hiding. But not all have disappeared, as lovers of nature at the hospital have made quite a large and varied collection of petrified bugs and butterflies in the first aid room. In the laboratory a four-inch caterpillar is hibernating in his self-spun cocoon; it is expected to shed the shell next month.

With the rainy days came a host of mosquitoes; the largest one ever seen was brought in from Group 70 to be examined by the laboratory to see if it were a carrier of malaria. By the size of it, Group 70 is raising extra large ones this year, so they can transport bombs to the Japs. Its body length was one-half inch, wings were one-half inch each with the four legs measuring a little over one inch. The malaria carrying mosquito is the female from the Anopheles Maculipennis species. The mosquito in question upon dissection was found to be a female mosquito from the Culex Pipiens species. This type does not transmit malaria; it can be transmitted only by the female of the Anopheles Maculipennis species. As Kipling said, "The female of a species is more deadly than the male." This is true because a female mosquito only is equipped for biting and the male is not. So remember, when you swat a mosquito you are striking a lady.

A trick of fate saved **Russel L. Voss** from being banged and bruised up one Thursday night when he rode home with **Elsie Baer**, X-ray technician. He wanted to get home a little sooner so Miss Baer offered to drive him into Joliet when she finished work and he accepted. It was a good thing he did as the car of **Jim Grady**, with whom he rode regularly, was struck by a bus and all occupants suffered bruises and shock. Upon careful questioning, Mr. Voss said he wouldn't have been in the car for $10 and Elsie said, she'd settle for $5. So far she is still waiting for the settlement.

Safety Engineer Is Just Good Neighbor

By James Macon
Safety Engineer

If you were driving along the road and a car should catch up to you to tell you one of *your tires* was going flat, you'd appreciate it, wouldn't you? The timely warning might mean the difference between life and death. At least it would mean you would be able to save that priceless tire before it was damaged. Not one of us would hesitate to do what we could to prevent an accident, especially to someone we knew. That's just being a good neighbor. Maybe it seems silly, at times, to be so extra careful all the time, but isn't it pleasant to be healthy and all in one piece? At work, you don't get paid any extra for taking chances, and at home, it is no harder to do things the safe way and, especially, to be a good neighbor and show your friends that safety pays.

Can you imagine a professional good neighbor? Seems kind of "too good to be true," doesn't it? Well, *safety engineer*, is just a 25 cent word for a guy who spends all of his time going around being a good neighbor to all the employees in his group. In fact, lots of times he sits up nights and worries about how he can make sure that no one gets hurt.

That Safety Man hears about every case of bruises, bumps, cuts, headaches, rash, or anything else that happens to any of the people in his group. He knows from bitter experience that *eternal vigilance is the price of safety*. He's got a big job on his hands and a lot of things on his mind. No one can know everything, or be everywhere. There's a lot of things the Safety Man doesn't know about each particular worker and his or her work which may involve hazards. But remember, he's the best friend you've got working for you all the time. What is more, he'll go to bat for you if you have an idea or can suggest any way of eliminating hazards.

And the payoff is something really to think about . . . *the safer we keep EOP, the more dangerous it's going to be for the three* ——! ——! ——! . . . and are they going to know it?

CLOSELY ALLIED with E. A. Evans since 1912 has been his assistant, George Mowatt, shown here. Jobs at the Morgan Shell Loading Plant during the last war, on bridges, canals, elevated lines and subways in New York City, were worked together.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Maj. Charles G. Tolson, former Army inspector of ordnance at the Elwood Ordnance Plant and now commanding officer of the Green River Ordnance Plant at Dixon, Ill., was here on official business recently.

Wayne Ross, Alfred Barnes and **Clarke Burke** have been assigned as Government inspectors in Groups 1, 3 and 3-A respectively. **Forrest Sloan** has been named a clerk in Group 1.

Lawrence Myers, divisional inspector, Group 4, was called to Indianapolis, Ind., September 12, where his son underwent an operation.

William F. Douville is very much occupied evenings reading a book entitled "The Finer Points of Umpiring." From all reports, he has been accused of showing a bit of partiality while umpiring the game between the Army Officers and the Inspection Department and a few of the spectators were not hesitant in voicing their opinion. In fact they became so boisterous that Mr. Douville overheard a few of the remarks and requested two husky officers to escort him off the field. Hence his interest in the book.

Blackstone the magician is reported to have consulted his physician regarding a cure for insomnia. It seems he has been worrying considerably since he discovered he has keen competition. Do you know that there is a magician at EOP? He excels in the *forty-dime trick.* Business duties keep him so busy he does not find time to display his remarkable magic ability, so his name won't be disclosed, at least for the present.

Robert Cryder has resigned to attend Law School at the University of Illinois.

Esther Noffke is a member of the Civil Aeronautic Patrol and has practically completed the required number of hours of solo flying. She will then have an opportunity to join the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron.

Melvin Dugan has never been known to lose his temper. However, the morning he was seen repairing a flat tire in the area he didn't appear to be in a very congenial mood. It might have been because it was rather early and he had not had his cup of coffee. Well, one excuse is as good as another.

The War Bond for the pay period September 15 was awarded to **Geraldine M. Ward,** whose pay check number disclosed a "full house."

Fuze & Booster Lab

Secretary Marie Plankar celebrated her birthday over the Labor Day week-end at Lake Lawn, Wis.

Joe Ralston really plays a vigorous game of golf. His partners are never the same again. Ask some of them! One set of golf clubs for sale—cheap!

At last **Mel Hurwitz** has found another Bostonian, **William Peterson,** divisional inspector, who, incidentally, has recently moved to Wilmington, Ill.

Since his marriage, **Howard Johnson** hasn't objected to having no tires, and complaints about lettuce-less sandwiches have ceased.

Group 3

James Mee, Sr., father of **Jim Mee,** died last week and the sympathy of the group is extended to Jim.

Olan B. Schwartz, Government inspector in Group 3, took the fatal step of matrimony September 13. Evidently he is not superstitious. The bride is the former **Margaret Blair** of Paris, Ill. Olan has been boasting of his wife's delicious biscuits, so he may expect callers one of these evenings.

All of the G-staff at Group 7 and her scores of friends among EOP personnel extend their very best wishes to a lovely new bride, the former **Irene Shroba,** popular G-gal of this group, who is now **Mrs. Stephen Bazzarone.**

Sylvia Nielsen has returned as lovely as ever after a long illness.

Katherine Etchison joined the staff recently.

Sympathy is extended to **Alice Steinberg,** Group 71, whose mother died a few days ago.

Group 5

Bernice Ksaiyek is glad Camp Grant is no farther away. It makes her week-ends more interesting.

Signs of fall include **Helen Bienot's** stunning black outfit and **Phil Horwitz** bringing hot coffee.

Does everyone wonder why **Elinor "Lea" Gudath** was so exuberant after Labor Day week-end. Could it have been receipt of a proposal?

It has finally come to light what **Milt Krissman,** group inspector, does with his spare time when he returns home from the plant. He has been selling newspapers on the downtown street corners in Joliet at midnight.

Wedding bells may chime for **Helen Skumanth,** assistant group inspector, when **Joe Bennett** comes home on furlough from Australia during the Christmas season.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

Now that the picnic is over and the monotony of paying the bills is at hand, pause is taken to recall fond memories of that happy day.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The War Bond winnahs! ! ! ! **Leonard Zeigler, Homer Druin, Carl Richards, David Drabon, Frank Grey, Carl Guardia, Richard Rothlisberger, Joseph Notta** and **George F. Nelson.**

An advance detail of good-will ambassadors from the EOP Guards was right there to offer any possible assistance. They were stationed at the *"Drinking"* fountain. Although they didn't chuck-a-luck, what bingo boys they turned out to be! Their names—oh, yes—**C. A. Carlson,** Post 18, **J. E. Tucker,** Post 8, **S. B. Spayer,** Post 17, **Earl Jarvis,** Group 2, **Sgt. Clarence Baker,** and others who moved too fast to be recognized.

Capt. Frank Nolan was on hand looking for fire hazards. He found two overheated jitterbugs.

That 4 to 3 ball game really was a thriller. Those fellows from Group 70 certainly gave the Fire boys a hectic battle. They were also victorious. Therefore, they are congratulated and thanked for participating in the program. Helmets are doffed to the hard working umpire, **E. O. Huey.**

Wonder if **Joe "Mr. Brown" Catalini** didn't do some practicing before he came to the outing. When introduced to the fair sex he would greet them with such dignity — just like they were Queens of a royal family. He was right, they were all somebody's First lady.

Some people do enjoy working hard. Especially **Sgt. Edward Stricklin,** who spent most of the evening promoting the bingo game, as well as hustling and bustling around looking after other concessions and activities.

It was nice to have the law enforcing bodies of the vicinity so well represented at the picnic. Joliet **Policeman George Legan, Al Hoffman** and **Frank Skul** were present as well as Rockdale **Patrolmen Gus Panian** and **Deputy Sheriff Ray Doerfler. Corp. Earl Jarvis,** EOP guard, also was seen enjoying the fun.

George Scherzer took over the drums on numerous occasions, and then included the entire picnic in his repertoire.

The luck of the House of **Dillree** continues, as **Jimmie** and his wife solved the blanket game.

The **John Connelleys** attended, lending an air of continental charm to the festivities.

A fine exhibition of baton twirling was put on by **Walter Lueder, Jr.,** and the little nephew of Andrew Elias distinguished himself along the same lines.

Ralph Rausch, the Plainfield flash, was spotted with an ice cream stick in hand headed toward the hamburger stand.

William Hayes was in evidence with his mosquito bite. (What large mosquitoes there are this year.)

Joseph Vaccaro enjoyed the dancing.

Laurence Molck and son attended the morning and afternoon session and were joined in the evening by **Mrs. Molck.**

Charles Henderickson was trying to make up for lost time.

John Arnold did a fine job of dispensing.

Francis "Drummer Boy" Keeley was all tired out.

Francis Downey tried to figure out how he got so many red marks on his face.

Terpsichorean **"Pat" Rodgers** was really doing his stuff.

Sgt. Johnny Alar was among the missing, due to the children being down with the measles.

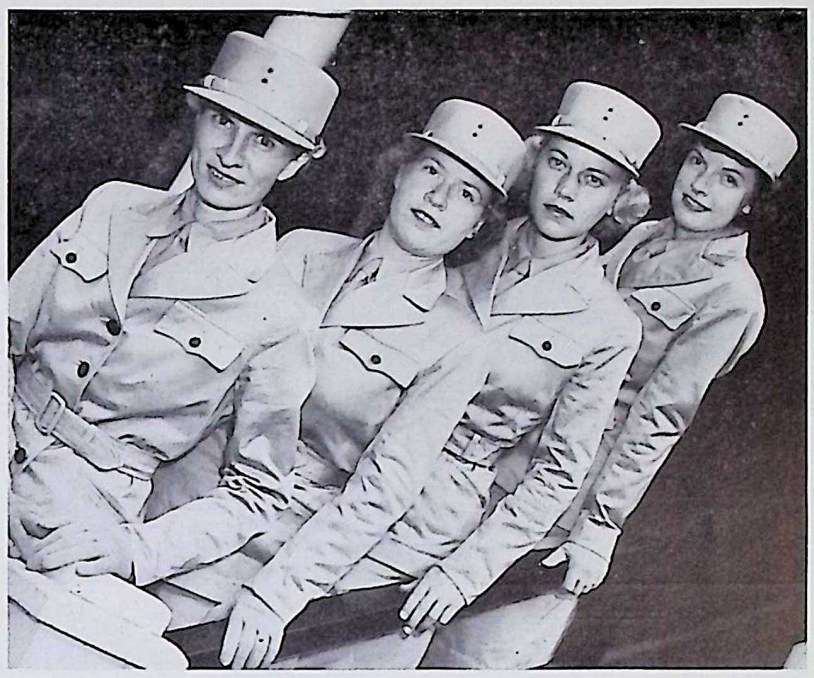
With a blanket draped around his shoulders and a piercing war whoop **W. G. Bell,** plus an extra passenger, made his exit.

John R. Watkins did a fine interpretation of the Statue of Liberty, ably assisted by **Calvin Gordon.**

A liberal reward is offered and no questions asked for the return of one tenor bugle, one pair of cymbals (aluminum handles), two pair of Scotch drum sticks and one pair of field drum sticks. These were reported missing during the Firemen's Picnic at Oak Grove September 2. Any information concerning these articles will be welcomed at the Elwood Ordnance Plant Fire Department.

Your correspondent, blinded by the glamor of the gala gathering, found himself in the same predicament as the famous Chinese detective, who fell out of the tree, missing most of the show. He therefore extends his most heartfelt thanks to **John Jevitz,** the mystery man of Station 3, and all others who compiled these copious notes on the first annual picnic.

TYPICAL CREW of an EOP Diesel locomotive is shown here. Members are, Hal Brown, oiler; Ellis J. Wainscott, engineer; E. A. Wendt, engine foreman, and Daniel Bravine, switchman.



EOP'S ONLY WAAC, Martha Alice Pichon, is shown here second from left as she appeared when she was given her Army commission at Des Moines. Pictured with the former cafeteria employee are three other comely WAACS, Inez Quigley, Mary Jo Norton and Ruth Fowler, left to right.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

With the farewell dinner given for four of the boys at Little Jack's recently, the Timekeeping Department started the ball rolling in its honoring of timekeepers who leave for the armed forces. A fund, contributed by fellow timekeepers each week, is now being set up. This fund is used to buy gifts for the boys when they leave. It is a wonderful idea because it makes the boys feel that the *time* they had put in at EOP was not in vain. These small presents are proof that they are leaving a number of friends behind who will miss them and who realize the big job they have to do. Fifty-four fellows left before it was realized that they were gone. To those who have gone a pledge to do their part is made by those remaining.

With rather impressive ceremonies, **Robert Renoldi, Edwin Benson** and **Joseph Fitzgerald** were highly honored at the main Time office. Each was presented with a gift and numbers sixty, sixty-one and sixty-two were respectively added to the service flag. It was a simple and beautiful ceremony and the sudden emotions that arose were held back with difficulty. Joseph, however, got more than he had hoped for when each of the girls kissed him goodby.

John O'Connell is now vacationing in New York. It is hoped he forgets about "give him eight hours" and has a nice rest.

Cele Harte is leaving to return to school. Her attractive smile and personality will be missed by all. In the few short months she has been here, she made a host of friends. Friendships made here will last throughout the years.

The most picturesque clockhouse in the area is at Group 64. A variety of flowers surrounds and adorns the clockhouse, planted and cultivated by the caring hands of **Stanley Waskiwiak.**

John Hearn and **Marge Downs** are now working in the Proof Department. They formerly worked in **George Alstadt's** office in the Administration Building.

Ben Sloan does not lack initiative. When he couldn't get a car to take him to his station he hitchhiked a ride aboard a locomotive.

Bernard Smego and **Harry Knarr** are now fighting for the hand of **Eva Sweda.**

Gene Schuck, bashful timekeeper at Group 8, has never worked a day since he took up time. He has always worked nights. **Zona Bond** is known as the "Bond-Shell." It *bonds* her up. **Marian Stewart,** wife of band leader **Bob Stewart,** is keeping time with her husband. **Agnes Crownover** is waiting patiently for her new organ. **Agnes Rivard,** the Spring Valley cutie, believes that her hat is her home. **Bob Balma** is glad to park his feet permanently at Group 1.

A card received from **Carl Swanson,** who is now at Fort McLellan, Alabama, says, "How is that little proof-reader, **Geraldine Graham,** doing?"

Best crack of the week. When Joe Fitzgerald hung his number on the new service flag, Harry Knarr quipped, "Even when you leave, we give you a number."

Since Mr. O'Connell left town, **Angeline Gunnerson** has assumed the full responsibility of Chief Timekeeper. Her able assistants are **Bernard McShane** and **Milton Treitel. Elmer Dames** was certainly welcomed home by a brunette in **A. M. Lockwood's** office.

Inspection

ROBERT PIERSON
Correspondent

Lillian Fumagalli is still going around with that dreamy look in her eyes. The boy friend was home from the Navy over Labor Day week-end.

Speaking of dreamy looks, could that ring and bracelet **Norma Castle** received from that very, very special "he," stationed at a camp in Virginia, be responsible for the light in her eyes lately?

Look at **Lee "Lucky" Davis** thoroughly enjoying herself—and it's always been understood that she was a man-hater—so she is, but he isn't with her now.

A cold kept **Helen "Kentucky" Curry** from making her long-planned trip to the Blue Grass for Labor Day. Mint juleps might have helped her cold.

Norma Castle is thinking about joining the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, not because they're so "Waacky" but because she read in the papers that they are going to send them to Virginia!

Purcell Sprimont has been watching the sports pages closely lately. Could he be watching for comments on his son's football playing?

Harold Rouff spent Labor Day week-end up in Northern Minnesota. He claims that the fishing was great.

Harold Bell lost his direction in the rain the other night. He learned that Building 6 is not the clock house.

When asked what he did over Labor Day, **Elmer Tolf** just said "it's none of our business what he did." Nice week-end, eh?

Raymond Johnson, one of the Inspection Department's better ball players, has returned to Wheaton College.

Herb Just, Group 3A, is going around in circles trying to catch his wife working on the same shift so they can eat together.

BLACK OF NIGHT does not stop activities in EOP's railroad classification yard. Yardmaster David Morris is shown making up his reports in his homey office shanty.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Corp. Joseph Kovalick, Architectual Department, is located at Camp Hood, Texas. Joe was one of the first to enter the Army. **Robert Esbensen**, same department, is an ensign in the Navy.

Harry MacRae, Structural Engineering Department, took his physical exam for the Army September 17.

Marge Connelly is depressed. Her fiancee, **Donn Wright**, of the Pipe Shop, left September 14 for Camp Grant as a radio technician.

"Tex" Jackson, engineering files, is going to provide **Howard Cox** with roller skates so he can travel between the files and **E. K. Cortright's** office. His heavy romance is **Maxine McBride**, secretary to Mr. Cortright.

William Simonds, progress engineer, is water boy at his home in Elwood. The electric water pump will not respond.

Walter "Tiny" Peterson, heating engineer, is captain of the bowling team from the department. They lost three games in the first set played. "Tiny" has a swell booming bass voice and is a member of the YMCA Glee Club. With a voice like that singing out orders, the team should at least win one game.

Robert "Wimpy" Forst, estimating engineer, decided to take his Saturday night swim in the tub. He lifted one foot up to give it a cleansing and while working on it reached down and lifted up the other foot. He had quite a bouncing fall.

A softball team was organized in the Administration Building. At each game they had to look for players. Losing three games, in despair they elected **A. E. Frosch**, chief engineer, as manager. Deciding he had a bunch of super athletes, he challenged everybody. He took on a game with the Army. The evening the game was to be played it rained. The next night they sent **Connie Carlson** and **Bill Lanterman** out to see whether the field was dry—they went down to their knees in the swampy ground. The next night the Army did not have their full team. Mr. Frosch is looking for someone to take the managership off his hands.

Mr. Lanterman, Requisitioning Department, won a blue ribbon at the Elwood Homecoming Horse Show last week.

Adolph Kuehlmar, Heating Department, has a hobby in studying the war news—he can answer all the questions.

J. C. Quade's (Estimating Department) automobile, called the "Quade Express," carries five extra passengers. The members of this group debate all questions from sugar to law making. **H. Rostron** acts as arbiter. He has to, to prevent violence.

During these times be practical. **Ralph Turner**, Mechanical Engineering Department, instead of giving **Theresa Rager**, his fiancee, flowers, gives stockings, etc.; instead of candy he gives her the things she likes, such as shrimp, potato salad, baked ham, etc. Try it boys—it works!

E. F. Washburn, architect, has returned from a vacation. Instead of casting for fish, he casts his eyes out the window.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Altstadt, Jr., spent an enjoyable week-end at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. L. Wollweber** in Chicago. Mr. Wollweber, a former employee in the timekeeping department, is now employed at the Buick Plant in Chicago. He sent regards to all his friends at EOP.

Marjorie Connolly and **Kathleen Conway**, Engineering Department, were hostesses September 8 at a personal shower at the Sievert Tea Room, Joliet, honoring **Margaret Hayden**, who became the bride of **Charles Mann** September 19. Crash bunco and a guessing game were the diversions of the evening. Prizes were won by **Elizabeth Noonan, Lucy Harkness** and **Agnes McCarthy**, who presented them to the bride-elect.

The table scheme was carried out in blue and white, the favorite colors of Miss Hayden.

Those present besides the bride-elect were **Mrs. Michael Hayden, Mrs. William Franke, Mary Elizabeth Hess, Misses Harkness, Noonan** and **McCarthy.**

J. A. Watson, former assistant executive secretary, is now a captain in the Army Air Corps. Captain Watson reported September 16 at Miami Beach, Fla., and expects to be sent from there to Louisville, Ky.

Annemarie Kinney, Auditing Department, had a very enjoyable vacation down around Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale and other Florida towns.

Gene Hedrick, Auditing Department, reports he just went home (Merodesia, Miss.) on his time off.

June Schick had a lovely Sunday last week — spent the day swimming, sunning, etc., at the Indiana State Dunes Park. (A super DuPont man for a date, too, June said.)

John J. Nicholson, Engineering Department, and **Marcella Hidlebaugh** had rice and old shoes thrown at them September 18. They recited nuptial vows at the First M. E. Church at Dwight.

The Mail and Records Department has again added to its personnel: **Betty Feddersen** is one of the new messengers and **Jacqueline Binzen** (formerly in Mr. Watson's office) has taken over as assistant teletypewriter and mail clerk.

Harold Chapman, photostat operator from 4 to 12, worked till two bells the other morning then hiked to Joliet, arriving in town at 5 a.m. That hike sure must have got him the hiking merit award.

Virginia Krause, secretary to **G. B. Pumphrey**, assistant comptroller, has been having a tough time at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet.

Hazel Gleason, secretary to **Comptroller John J. Cole**, and her sister, **Helen**, are busy touring about Toronto, Montreal and Quebec.

Of interest to many is that **Mary Jane Nicholson Delander**, former secretary to **Harrison Smith**, is back in Joliet again. Her husband, **Dick**, is leaving for the Navy.

Virginia Cashen, secretary to **V. L. Knudson**, had a marvelous time out in California. Ginny visited **Ray Shepley**, former EOP timekeeper, who is stationed at Camp Roberts.

Emalie Mueller, Purchasing Department, and **Al Voegtle**, Fuze and Booster Area, had the wedding bells ring out for them September 19. The ceremony was performed at the St. Rose Church, Kankakee.

Maxine McBride, Engineering Department, received an Irish setter (dog, you know) September 16. Maxine offered a 25c War Stamp for a name for the pooch. In case you're interested, the following names were submitted by **Clara Cline, I. F. Jackson, O. K. Madsen, Kathleen Conway, Max Wolfson, Don Lewison, Francis Gourley, Bill Lanterman, Chris Neff, Michael Chuck, Eleanor Goss, Howard Cox, R. W. Turner, F. A. Leslie, LeRoy Anderson, Doris Skinner, Robert Forst, Evelyn Tolf, Fred Poplausky, Helen Grutka, Alton Allison, Bob Holmes, Walter Krohn** and **Nels Gronholm.**

"Sheebah," suggested by Mr. Madsen, was chosen by the owner. Maxine thanks all for helping her.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

The main ideas in every person's mind during these critical times are "keep 'em rolling" and "be prepared." Well, **William "Tiny" Kautz** is following through on each idea. As foreman of Building 3, he "keeps 'em rolling" and, as for "being prepared," he has already placed his order for Thanksgiving turkey. He was overheard telling **Ronald Hall**, of Coal City, to fatten up at least two nice ones for him.

Al Pugh, mechanic, tied for high honors in the Evanston trapshoot. This boy really can shoot. If his supply of shells is exhausted, he may try to get **"Red" Boucher**, foreman of Building 4, to make him up some more.

Herschel "Kankakee" Laughlin has discarded his "Hollywood slacks" because of chilly weather. Some thought they were cute; but there also were other ideas on the subject.

Walter Jones, electrician, has some comments to make concerning the mosquitoes found around the plant. He says, "They are dive bombers carrying blockbusters."

Ernest Hoffman, carpenter foreman, has returned from a vacation. He had a very good time, but Group 3 still looks "rosy" to him.

J. "Smoky" Moore sure looks keen in his new uniform. Wait until he gets in the Army!

Danny Mahoney has enlisted in the Navy and is to enter the service soon.

Your correspondent often wonders where **William "Whitey" Hawkinson** is. He was one of the many men in Group 3 who promised to write. He has been in the armed forces for quite some time now.

Morris Peterson, one of "Dougherty's Bombers," speaks for every member of the team when he expresses their thanks to Group 3 for their loyal support in the purchase of equipment.

Junior Wills, four-months-old son of **Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wills**, is trying to coax his daddy to bring home an application so he can become an explosive operator in Group 3. He would prefer working in Building 16; his daddy is sub-foreman there.

Ray Rivard has just returned from a 5,000 mile trip through thirteen of the Western States. Having accomplished this in twelve days he was very happy to leave the deserts, mountains, and what have you, to return to his regular duties at the superintendent's office.

It is hoped **Lou Liberty**, janitor at Change House 8, has caught enough fish to last him all winter. He claims to be an expert, but his work has compelled him to forego the sport for some time.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

A party was given at Little Jacks west of Joliet September 15 for the bride and groom-to-be, **"Bing" Phelan** and **Ed "T-Bone" Keenan. Supt. James J. Murphy** was the toastmaster and made the party a huge success. A fine dinner was served and later there was dancing to the music of a fine orchestra. Ed and Bing were presented with a cash purse with which they are going to buy some furniture. Miss Phelan is to the Personnel Department what Eddie is to Group 2, they are both liked by everyone who knows them.

Observations at the party included **Bill "Bones" Fiene** walking on some real expensive grass and telling **Barney "Battler" O'Conner** to get off that cheap grass on the other side of the sidewalk and come over and walk with him because quote, "This expensive stuff is much easier on the feet"; **Ode Golden** with a new suit (he also had on both pairs of pants); **John "General" Johnson** sporting a new toupe (someone told him it looked like a heifer's tail on a butcher's block); the fellow who waited until everything was quiet and then yelled out "where's Bill?" (**Irv Siemsen** is blamed because he was very hoarse the next morning).

Bob Schmitz should refrain from practicing folding diapers when he is out in company.

Bob "Snake Hips" Burke brought up the rear of a Conga line and did a nice job, too.

George "Bo-Jangles" Zobel added his bit by tap dancing and **Larry "Bing" McKeon** by vocalizing on the song "My Gal Sal."

Bill Malone has acquired himself a new name, "Shoe Shine" Bill. Please read the next issue and you will learn how it came about.

Things We Would Like to Know:

How this name would look on a billboard outside a theatre, **"Angello Muraro Pagnusat Frimgalli"?**

Whether **Bert Folk** will have a mustache or not this Christmas?

When **Kenney Peterbok** is going to introduce his girl friend?

If **Don Zier** is ever going to stop growing, and play a game without clowning?

Just how long **"Horse" Tammen** will hold out on that new diet? (Your correspondents will hold all bets, but the odds are 10 to 1 that he doesn't last a week.)

Just what the attraction is at the plant hospital? (**Ed Egan** won't say, so maybe the correspondent from there can explain or possibly get a few pictures.)

Murphy's Boys announce three new players, **Ed Washburn**, a pitcher, but an all around good man; **"Horse" Tammen**, a pitcher and a first baseman, and **Mario Zinnani**, a catcher. At one time Mario caught in the Three-I League.

Murphy's Boys won the Gold Medal League of Joliet, and now enter the tournament with five other teams to determine the champs of Joliet. The Boys are entering with a very good team and expect to win the championship. The team would appreciate a few followers to give them support.

Washburn and Tammen led the Boys to victory in the last four games. Now that **Ode Golden** is on the early morning shift, he will be in right field.

It is rumored that **Terry McGovern** and **Bob Reid**, the group's foremost Lochinvars, are feuding over the same *white* uniform. The boys don't know it but the real competition is **"Rackets" Brophy.**

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

The bowling team opened the season by accepting a challenge from **Howard Henderson's** team. The game was played on the Rival's alleys and resulted in a victory for Group 3-A. This was the first match the team played together and, under the management of **Colby Erickson**, a very good season is anticipated.

Since **Howard Gueller** returned from a vacation in Northern Wisconsin he has been hiding in back of a bush. *Is this a style taken* from the lumberjacks or is he saving for a new mattress?

Ned Belisco attended the Steamfitters' and Plumbers' convention in Cleveland, as a delegate from the Joliet local.

Claude Spargur, Robert Glade and **Frank Turk** have joined the armed forces of Uncle Sam.

After spending a few days visiting relatives and breathing that good Iowa air, **Roy Hallihan**, group inspector, is back on the job full of pep and vigor.

It was heard that **Lowell "Paul Revere" Hansen** of Morris called for his riders of the 7:30 shift at 2:00 a. m. Was this a nightmare?

After much interrogation it's been learned that **Emory Knowles** and **Otto Stahl** received their discolored eyes by trying to walk through the same door.

DEFINITE DENIAL of the charge that purchasing agents are hardboiled sourpusses is furnished by the genial personality of E. C. Carlson, who supervises the buying for EOP, as illustrated by this photograph made at his desk.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

The call to arms has summoned **Frank Branger** of the Stock Room and in his place is **Ray Marquardt**, formerly of Mail and Record. This sort of makes the Mail and Record strictly on the feminine side. . . . They even keep the male teletype operators on the night shift.

The new messenger in this section is none other than **Claire Shols**. . . . The escorts sure get a work-out ushering people to and from the Personnel Section . . . they carry on with a smile, though, and tha's sumpin' in these here days.

Betty Wilhelmi and **Lee Sopher** had quite an experience at the hospital the other day. . . . It cured their colds tho'. . . . Poor **Anne Kakara** . . . gets a new tire and "bang" blow outs all over the place. . . . Anne says she thinks she'll try riding on the rims.

Lois Dugan has a certain way of working her dad for a meal every day. . . . Wonder if she'll pass the good word on. . . . This department could use a spare meal once awhile . . . and "spare" isn't misspelled. If you want to get someone mad just call **Catherine Stortz** "Katy". Boy, does she burn? . . . By the way . . . she sure is burning up the mail these days to Hawaii . . . three guesses why? . . . yep right the first time . . . her soldier boy is there. . . . **Joe Kush** has been spending a few days at home in Rockford while her Mom recuperates from an operation. . . . Sure glad she is on the mend. . . . Didja know that they had a big shindig for **Rosemarie Lewis** who left Stores and Transportation to become a nurse. . . . The old Polka Kings, **Harold and Bernie Kapsch** were sure 'nuff hep and little **Marian Yeager** (Payroll) danced and danced until the wee small hours of the morning. . . . **Harold O'Keefe, Don Butts** and **Bill Zelko** showed they could do that there dancin', too. . . . **John Maynerich** was whoopin' it up too along with the rest . . . seems as though the theme song was "Brother, can you spare a dime."

If you want to see some gorgeous flowers . . . take a squint at the dahlias that **Joe Vilt** and her sister, **Ev**, brought the other day . . . man, oh man. . . . Ev claims her father didn't enter them in the Fair this year as they were too small or something. . . .

Seems as though someone in the Administration Building is worrying a lot about the fellow that keeps calling up Marion Yeager.

Could it be **Cecil Wheeler's** jokes or **Sy Kurantman's** puns that give the gals in the Administrative Section such sunny dispositions?

Everyone in her office is calling **Kay Reubart**, "Stinky" . . . don't worry, there won't be a slander suit . . . it was her birthday and everyone gave her either cologne or perfume.

Hazel and **Art Kossack** are about the laughinest and happiest kids around . . . every thing they do they giggle about . . . which is a darn good foundation for a happy marriage. . . . If a guy's got a keen sense of humor they have a head start on the rocky road of life. . . . My, My, ain't I the philosopher ? ? ? ? . . . Move over **Dorothy Dix**. . . . I'm movin' in. . . .

Wonder why **Kenny Holz** (the C.O.'s Chauffeur) is so mean to his women? . . . could be that **Vera Gussman** has somethin' to say about that?. . . .

Harry Denney and **Walter Murphy**, engineers, have moved into the civilized world again. . . yep . . . they're in the Administration Building. From all reports—**Loretta Franke's** husband, **Bill**, sure made a hit while he was home on furlough.

From the Timekeepers: On vacation: **Charles Downes, Raymond Levenger** and **William Beeman. Shirley Campbell** (Group 5) became **Mrs. Russell Carens** September 5. Read in the papers the other day where Uncle Sam clipped **Clark Gable's** mustache . . . wonder if they would do the same with **Ed Reichert's** hair. . . .

Imagine if you can: **John "T. I." Green** not sticking up for the Irish; **Frank Bravato** without his Beech-Nut (This is not a plug); **Betty Lou Page** and **Harold Kapsch** quarreling; **Dave Horwich** not looking up a reclassification.

Who is the lucky gal who has lunch with **Charles Gaby** daily?

Robert McEvoy, camera artist of Group 3A, has returned from a vacation trip to Sage County in the North Woods. He has first hand dope on **Dick Tracy's** capture of **Tiger Lilly**. . . . If you want to see the best take a gander at the one of **Bill Henderson** and **Frizzletop**.

What is the Indian sign that **Ole Olson** uses on **George Stevens** . . . the poor guy trembles whenever Ole appears on the scene.

Pop Offs from the Pogo Stick

Lyle Ingraham has gone and put a sparkler on the right finger of the right gal. . . . Lyle can't make up his mind what those strange noises are . . . the beat of his heart or the beat of the Army drum?. . . . **Mary Kay Lohman** has acquired the title "Sweater Girl." . . . Petite **Anita Lambur** has returned from a sojourn in St. Louis. . . . The new gal in Personnel is **Virginia Harrod.**

William J. Leeland, the jovial guy from the Personnel Building, has a swell time with his harem every night.

"Barefoot Babe" Haley was caught bowling Tuesday night in her bare feet. . . . Is that why she was limping all over the place.

"Dr." J. P. Zagade has returned to work following a siege of hayfever . . . and he's the guy what says hayfever is all in the head.

RETAINING SMILES seems to be typical of EOP executives. Further proof of this statement is shown by Paul L. Deylitz, pictured here in his office where he presides as superintendent of the Ammonium Nitrate Plant, better known to most workers as Group 61.

Mail Your Gift to Service Men Overseas Early

Disappointment May Follow Tardiness; Suggestions Given

"Do your Christmas shopping early" is no idle slogan this year, especially if you have a son, husband or sweetheart in the armed forces overseas. Christmas mail to boys abroad should be on its way by October 1.

To aid persons on the home front and in answer to thousands of requests, the Army, Navy and Marine Corps have provided information as to what, where and how to send Christmas packages to service men.

Don't disappoint your service man on Christmas Day by sending prohibited articles and disregarding mailing regulations.

Each package you send, and you shouldn't send more than one a week, must not weigh more than six pounds and should be about the size of a shoebox. It should be wrapped in strong cardboard or corrugated board. Do not seal the package because each will be opened for inspection. Standard sealed articles in their merchandisable form, such as cigars and cigarettes, may be enclosed. Intoxicants, inflammables, explosives and poisons are restricted and will not pass inspection.

Postage to Port

You pay postage only to one of the two ports of shipment, New York City or San Francisco, whichever is nearer your boy's station.

Perishables are barred from the mails. Foods and candies are permissible but should be sent in small units and in a form that can take long distance shipping and extreme temperatures. On the suggestion list are tinned nuts and cheeses, peanut butter, sandwich spreads, cold canned meats, pickles, olives and fruits in jars if well packed, tinned cookies and fruit or pound cakes.

The gift that will delight him and bring cheer to a man in a distant land, and one that will pass all inspection points, is a money order. Remember, cash must not be sent through the mail because many countries forbid the importation of foreign money. But a service man can cash a money order or bank draft wherever he is stationed.

This year the traditional shirt and tie are out. But there are many personal gifts that you can send him. If he is a sailor or coast guardsman he will probably appreciate a waterproof money belt since they don't have pants pockets. Men in any branch of service will like a zipper type toilet kit (you can send refills of razor blades and shaving cream later), sewing kit with fittings, blitz cloth (trade name for processed cloth for polishing buttons and buckles), shoe cleaning kit with brown polish for soldiers and marines and black for sailors and coast guardsmen, small magazines and pocket size books, pencil type flashlight with pocket clip. For entertainment there are playing cards and small games such as cribbage and checkers.

Presents Require Thought

If a budget doesn't bother you, you can shop from the luxury list and buy a military wrist watch with luminous dial and sweep second hand or a navigator's watch for sailors, coast guardsmen and air force personnel. A signet ring or one with the insignia for his branch of service is something he will be proud of. There are glass or chain cords for identification tags, identification bracelets and a "curling iron" which is not a gift for a WAAC, but a presser for trousers.

Even the reliable "three pairs of sox" cannot be given to a service man without forethought. Hosiery is restricted to the United States unless specifically requested by men in foreign service. His branch of service governs the color. It should be plain brown for the Army, plain black for the Navy and Coast Guard and white or gray-white for the Marine Corps. Undershirts and shorts must be white. Handkerchiefs also must be white and no rolled edges.

The men report that they would rather have two or three packages of cigarettes at a time instead of a carton, then they don't have to supply their neglected pals. If you send a cigarette lighter be sure to include plenty of wicks and flints. Fluid cannot be sent through the mails overseas.

SENDING 'EM OUT is the job of the Mailing Department, which also doubles as keeper of the central files. Pictured in the mail room shown here, left to right, are Mary Williams, Catherine Gorey, Wayne Sebby, Maurice Doyle, Polly Marston and Dagmar E. Peterson, supervisor. Two other members, Margaret Ott and Robert H. Stewart, were absent when the photograph was made.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

The man in the limelight is **Charles Mann**, assistant superintendent. He was married to **Margaret Hayden** of the Traffic Department September 19th. The ceremony took place in Wilmington at St. Rose's Church. Vows were spoken before a beautifully decorated altar with **Mrs. William Franke**, Margaret's sister, as maid of honor. **Aloysius Mann**, Charles' brother, served as best man. A reception was held at the Louis Joliet Hotel in Joliet from 2 to 4 p. m. The boys of Inert presented the couple with a beautiful radio and other gifts. Charles will be away from his duties for two weeks and will return October 1st. He and Margaret have been associated with the company since ground was broken at EOP. They will reside temporarily in Aurora.

The steak-fry club has cancelled all outings . . . waiting for those fall days when the woods bring forth beautiful colors.

LaVerne Lyons is still wearing a white summer cap even though Labor Day is long past. He might not know it, but the boys say he won't have it long.

Leonard Spooner grows victory potatoes with a perfect "V" shape.

Vacation proved a success for **Inspector J. Ney.** He for one did catch fish.

Inspector Joe Birsa just can't forget the grand time he had at the Fuze and Booster picnic.

Ed Zarley has returned after enjoying one week of rest.

In **A. P. Balston's** office hangs one of **Turk Argyle's** oil paintings used in the Carnival booth — a beautiful color scheme.

George Harrop has been appointed Mine Inspector for the State of Illinois. However, he will not leave his duties at EOP.

Three have joined the U. S. Marines, **Joseph Turk, Lawrence Holmes** and **George Orlovich.** Two have left to further their education, **James Osborne** and **LeRoy Johnson.**

The sick list claimed **Frank Zupancic** (just a good cold).

C. A. Kemper not only knows warehousing, but is quite a column critic and lover of literature, taking great pains to quote exactly. He is willing at all times to discuss world affairs, social and business problems, and give vocational guidance.

New employees are welcomed and it is hoped they will enjoy their associations at Inert Storage. They are **Angelo Ferio, Everett Attaway, William Cross, James Sexton** and **James Morrisey.** They will receive their nicknames soon.

Beat this if you can—**Frank Zupancic** borrowed his neighbor's morning paper and read it on the way to work. During the journey he sold it to one in his riding club for 5 cents. When they reached the plant Frank claimed he was not paid and collected another 5 cents. He did, however, have to give up the paper.

A surprise visit was paid by **E. G. McAloon**, superintendent of mechanics, to the office last week. Mr. Mann offered thanks for the lovely wedding gift and then proceeded to discuss world affairs.

Everyone is happy the speed limit by the Fire Station has been increased to 20 miles an hour and the parking lot stalls have been enlarged.

"Dick" Ashworth and his family enjoyed the circus at Soldier Field in Chicago. He knows the general manager and what grand seats they had!

Expeditors will miss the ever obliging service of Miss Hayden in the Traffic Department, but will welcome **Alberta Delaney.**

Inert Storage still leads the softball league—won 7 and lost 1. The game with Group 70 played September 16 ended in a scoreless tie. Weather and a technicality brought a halt after one and one-half innings of play.

One of the truck drivers parked in the Administration Area to see the *slow children.* See the signs.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Ted Groskreutz was examined by the draft board last week and was found to be O.K.

George "Mayor" Sangmeister can be seen every day practicing his speeches with gestures for his coming campaign.

Robert Milus is still making those regular trips to Ottawa.

William "Torchy" Peebles was observed flitting through the cow pasture with a butterfly net after studying his lesson on botany from his correspondence school course.

Ben Sloan is very silent on what occurred in that hotel in Harlem during his vacation in New York.

Art Voss celebrated homecoming week at Manhattan, September 18, 19 and 20. The following week they celebrated the coming home of Art.

Kankakee was a little too large for **Henry O'Reilly** so he moved to Godley, Ill.

Don Foutch is wondering how many nights he will have to walk the floor before he can get accustomed to free squealing.

No one has been able to find out if the painting was done at EOP or KOW, but when **Mrs. Jack Milus** opened a box containing two chickens, she found they were painted red, white and blue. Some wonder if Jack stopped at Dingy's on the way home.

MANY CHANGES are recalled by Richard G. Richards, pictured as he views the EOP Time Office housed in what used to be the corn crib of his spacious farm. Mr. Richards is now an employee of the Utilities Department.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Seward Brown wishes to thank fellow-workers for flowers sent in memory of his brother.

Group 61 was sorry to hear about the death of **Mrs. Irene Townsend,** mother of **Clyde Townsend.**

Megideo "Tony" Ganz surely must raise good vegetables. It is reported that his star salesmen, **Clifford Kidney,** Bill Jiriska and Seward Brown received the highest grade brand of bottled delight at the Waterfront in trade for Tony's carrots and onions.

Howard Cadwell is back after a two weeks' vacation. **Ray Carlson** is beginning his.

New man power for **Jesse Reniche's** pipe crew are **Carl Puswaskis, Chester Monik** and **Glen Larrigan.**

Mr. and Mrs. William Dooley will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary September 29.

If **Joseph Silverstein** passes all required tests he sure will be a "lady killer" whistling in the Signal Corps.

Sam Mount would like to have his name mentioned in *The Bomb-Shell.* O.K., it's been mentioned. By the way, farm life seems to agree with "Sambo."

Ray Conway, government inspector, is attempting to enlist in the Navy. Many a gal in Joliet will be pining away for Ray.

Question to loading lines from Group 61 is, we can make it, but can you take it?

It isn't necessary to mention in detail to you who have read in all the newspapers that **W. A. Karges,** serving with an Army Hospital Unit in Egypt, helped save pals trapped by fire and bursting ammunition. All at Group 61 can boast to friends that they work with his brother, **Bob Karges.**

Someone in the Fuze and Booster area has **Walter Boughton** all agog answering phone calls.

All of you read how hero **Ronald Blackburn** fearlessly jumped into the DesPlaines River at Joliet and saved a drowning woman's life. Ronald is a guard stationed at Group 61.

John Kelly and **Ed Agnich** are back after a brief illness.

It would be nice if . . . **Allen "Cap" Mayes** would receive his $10 . . . the weather would remain nice during **Ray Carlson's** vacation . . . **Harvey Steffes** could be persuaded to keep his shirt-tail in when walking the streets of Peoria . . . more knew that **William "Mail Man" Brown** is receiving congratulations on his new job as messenger boy for **Al Pope** . . . you heard according to **Robert Plese** "now that the rain (or is it **James Halpin?**) has taken over his corn field **Joe Motta** is advised to raise oats to feed **Henry Kiep's** and Mr. Dooley's horses that never come in" . . . more could afford new cushions in their car like **Roy Kline** . . . **Fred Byers,** painter, didn't drive all the way to Kankakee for paint thinner and other liquids . . . there was a swimming pool near **Ed Westmeyer's** residence so that he could use it instead of the ditch (Ed accidently fell in) . . . you saw **P. L. Deylitz's** victory garden, he gave **F. Robinson** a squash who claimed it will last him a week (that is a lot of squash) . . . you knew that **Steve Juricic** took three mosquitoes home to show his wife (he claims the other night in the dark he put forty gallons of gas in one before he realized it wasn't a motor).

You Ought to Meet—

Frank Ariagno, janitor and one of the best known employees of Group 61. He was one of the first men hired in the department.

"Frankie" or "King" is his nickname. Some of his hobbies are working his little garden, going to movies, and making new friends.

"Frankie" has worked other than riding a broom around the Change House. During World War I he worked with machines in the wire mills. Since then he has been a bricklayer and a cement finisher.

If you are in the neighborhood of 609 South Ottawa Street, Joliet, drop in and see "Frankie." He'll be glad to meet you.

Softball Team Ends Play With 18 Wins

Manager John Kusinski's softball team defeated Naperville's Kroehlers September 3 for the second time and for the 17th victory of the season by a 7 to 1 score, **Lou Haake** allowing the visitors only four hits.

On September 11 the team met with their second setback of the year when they were defeated by the Arlington Furniture Company of DeKalb, 5 to 2. **"Slim" Challand,** pitching for the visitors, struck out 17 of the EOP batters and was very effective in the pinches, using his strikeout ball whenever the EOP team threatened.

For their 18th win the EOP team defeated the Beecher Blue Ribbons 9 to 3 in a game played for the benefit of the USO.

In winding up the season the team suffered their third setback when the Merseills All-Stars defeated EOP 2 to 1 in a thrilling contest that was not decided until the last inning when the All-Stars scored their two runs after two men were out.

The season as a whole was a very successful one. The record for the year was 18 wins and 3 losses against some of the leading softball teams in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Riding Club Started

The EOP Riding Club had its first ride Sunday, September 13, leaving the Woodruff Stables at 9 a.m. After a pleasant ride over the bridle path, the riders had a light luncheon of coffee and doughnuts. The ride will be a weekly event. Those interested are asked to call the Recreation Department, Line 4109.

Richards' Aid Saves 2 Weeks on EOP Project

Owners of Farm on Plant Site Praised for Helpful Spirit

By Helen Shimek

Early in October, 1940, Richards' Farm on the proposed Elwood Ordnance Plant site was selected for construction headquarters. Since no contracts for sale of land had been accepted by the Government, Sanderson & Porter had no right to enter any farm in the area.

As time passed the contractors became increasingly anxious to start, so on October 17, **A. W. Malone** and **A. M. Lockwood** called on **Richard G. Richards** and asked permission to use his corncrib, sheds and pasture. This he readily granted saying, "It is my duty as an American to help out. I am not worried about my contract."

Ordering of material was started immediately. The first truck load arrived November 3 and work began on the construction buildings November 6. It was not until November 18 that the contractors were allowed to enter other areas to start permanent construction. However, by this time warehouse facilities had already been established and tools, equipment material and a construction nucleus had been set up at Richards' Farm. Thus the permanent construction got underway with a flying start.

Mr. Richards' co-operation was directly responsible for cutting the time period of construction by two weeks for the Elwood Ordnance Plant. For this simple, clear-cut act of patriotism all Americans owe him a debt of gratitude.

COLLEENS both are these two daughters of George O'Reilly, Transportation Department, although but one bears that name. The other is Maureen.

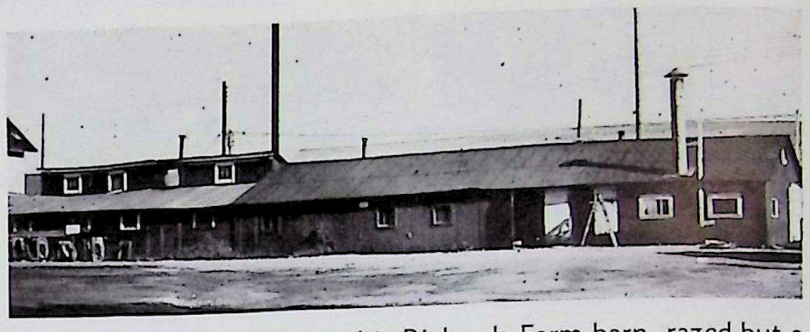
KOW Commanding Officer Transferred

Lt. Col. Herbert L. Kalbach, commanding officer of the Kankakee Ordnance Works, has been transferred to the Mississippi Ordnance Works, Miss., where he will be commanding officer.

The Mississippi Ordnance Works is a training center for maintenance and repairmen for the army.

Colonel Kalbach was commanding officer at KOW since April 6, 1942. From December 19, 1941, to April 6 he was the KOW executive officer. His promotion from major to lieutenant colonel came on May 3, 1942.

Capt. Wallace G. Anderson, public relations officer at the Kankakee Ordnance Works and formerly EOP public relations officer, has been promoted to major. He received the news of his promotion at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., where he is recovering from a fracture of the ankle suffered in an automobile accident near Joliet. Development of a blood clot, which lodged in a lung, further complicated his case.



FIRST OFFICE at EOP was this Richards Farm barn, razed but a few weeks ago. It housed the first time-clock and first telephone used by EOP employees.

Richards Farm, Headquarters During Construction Days, Now Inside Fence

Barn, Tool Shed, Corn Crib, Hog House, All Converted Long Ago to Busy Tasks

By C. O. Finnegan

"Richards Farm" has now become an integral part of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. Richards Farm, now Group 73, has, in fact, been a part of EOP since October, 1940, but has been outside the plant fence. It is now inside and the Field Engineers say "Amen."

The first carpenters on the job removed the old barn and tool shed, and then remodeled the corn crib and the farm house to accommodate the Timekeeping Department and the Army Construction Engineers, respectively. At present the farm house is used by the Area Engineer as a Field Office and the Timekeeping Department still occupies the corn crib, to which an addition and improvements have been made.

One long, low building, the hog house, was converted and for construction purposes became the Tin and Blacksmith Shops. This building served as a base of operations for repairs and sheet metal work during construction; recently the shops were moved to Group 70 and the old building dismantled.

Other Structures Built

Among the first buildings to be built in the area known as Construction Headquarters was the Warehouse where materials for construction were received and stored. This building is now used as a Storage Warehouse since the Receiving Department has moved to the Materials Warehouse in Group 70.

To house the Construction Forces and the Personnel Department two long frame buildings, sheet metal covered, were erected. The Utilities Department now occupies the Construction Offices. Some time ago the Personnel Department moved to its building in Group 60, and their Richards Farm building has been occupied for some time past by the Inspection Department and the Policewomen.

The Field Engineering Office, built west of the foregoing buildings, has been occupied by this department since early in December, 1940, when it was moved from "two by four" quarters in the Commercial National Bank Building in Wilmington.

In addition to these buildings, a First Aid building, a large Service Garage and a Machine Shop were constructed. The Machine Shop is now the Paint Shop and the First Aid structure has become the Paint Shop Annex. The Service Garage, to a large extent, serves its original purpose but it is now known as the Heavy Equipment Repair Garage.

Without question, every available foot of space has been put to its very best possible use, including the old chicken house which is now a Repair Shop.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Within the last week, the department lost two veteran guards who started at Elwood Ordnance Plant shortly after construction was begun. Both of these men, **John Grissom** and **Michael Gorman,** have entered the armed forces.

Capt. John A. Hardy, security officer, is showing the boys how to start out on the right foot. Within the last week the sergeants and corporals have been drilling along the roads and on the tennis courts.

Guard William L. Crosman started on the guard force at 12:00 o'clock, September 6, 1941. His vacation started at 12:00 o'clock, September 6, 1942, one year to the hour.

Rudolph Sandine, guardian of gate 19A and friend of the "woiking goil," has been hiding something from all the rest of the force. It came to light recently when a young girl from Rudy's home town came to the gate, and coyly said "Hello Sweet Pea." She was immediately contacted by secret operator 204 and she stated that Rudy has been known by that name for years—ain't that brutal?

From an interested observer this query was received: The boys on the Guard force want to know who the guard is they call "Hoop." It seems that he has another nickname in Manteno. The boys want "Mr. Hoop" to unmask.

Guard Chuck Newman expects to be a proud daddy in the very near future. This fact has kept the future daddy pondering on what he will name the baby. Some of the guards will probably come up with some good suggestions.

The guards approve the spirit illustrated by this story. All those questions on the selective service questionnaire didn't mean much to a young Southern youth, who couldn't read well anyhow.

So, in uneven red pencil strokes he wrote across the front of the questionnaire:

"Ise ready when youse ready."

EOP policewomen welcomed as new members **Agnes Lucille McCabe,** Joliet; **Hazel Goodrich,** Chicago, and **Jeanette Anderson,** Paxton, Illinois.

Mrs. Beatrice Bodah has returned to Wisconsin because of the illness of her husband.

Spencer Payne has returned from a visit to Kentucky.

Rosemary Hebert, Plant Protection Department, left September 19 for Santa Monica, Calif., where she will visit **Pvt. Walter Rainford.**

Esther Heaven's patience with **Stephen McGann's** case of "schiefus" (a morbid curiosity) is something to marvel at.

"Y" Offers Free Trial Memberships

Employees of EOP may obtain without charge a ten-day trial membership good for all recreational facilities at the Joliet Y. M. C. A. upon presentation of their badge to **H. R. Seamans,** "Y" executive secretary, 215 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet. The offer is available until November 1 and the ten days need not run consecutively.

Facilities available include two gymnasiums, swimming pool, billiards, handball court, special exercise room and social rooms.

Mr. Seamans also invited all EOP workers to use the "Y" as a meeting place for group riders in inclement weather.

S & P Design and Construct W. Va. Project

EOP Operators Push Completion of Power Plant

By A. W. Malone

Deep in the hills of West Virginia, Sanderson & Porter are adding another contribution to their growing list of war projects; this time it is additional electric power generating capacity for the Rivesville Power Station owned by the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company of Fairmont, West Virginia. This company serves a large section of the surrounding country with electric power. Its transmission system is interconnected with those of other power companies operating in adjacent states, thereby assuring continuity of electric service not only to its own communities but to all neighboring power companies. The result of these interconnections is a leveling of indivdual peak loads, which conserves fuel to the Nation at a time it is most needed.

Several war industries are located in the West Virginia territory served by the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company, among them being the Morgantown Ordnance Works, at Morgantown, and the new Westinghouse Plant, now being built at Fairmont. Additional electric power will be required to operate these plants, which represents a load superimposed upon a system geared to peace time pursuits. To meet this condition, Sanderson & Porter were called upon to engineer and construct the required facilities as an addition to the existing Rivesville Power Station.

The location of this power plant is unique. It is located on the bank of the Upper Monongahela River, which river supplies the water requirements of the plant, and is within a few feet of the mouth of a coal mine which supplies fuel. The plant is also near the load center of the Monongahela West Penn Public Service system. This favorable combination of fundamental factors is seldom encountered in the location of power plants.

The new addition to the Rivesville Power Station comprises generating capacity of 35,000 kilowatts, together with boilers, pumps, coal and ash handling systems, pulverizers, transformers, electric control apparatus and all other auxiliary equipment.

Pulverized fuel will be used to fire a high pressure boiler, which will deliver superheated steam at a pressure of 1,250 pounds a square inch to the electric generator. It may be said that this plant represents the latest engineering thought as to economy, dependability and safe operation, and the combustion and electric control features are especially noteworthy.

A large extension to the existing power house structure is being erected to house the additional mechanical and electrical equipment; also an additional intake tunnel to the river is being built.

A new concrete tunnel extending from the power house to an outdoor substation will house the electric cables which carry the power output, at generating voltage, from the new power station to the transformers. The current is stepped up to transmission voltage at this substation and sent on its way to work for Uncle Sam.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT picnic at Oak Grove, September 6, was the occasion for this conglomeration of photographs. Those who attended, and you, too, can have a picnic identifying the persons and scenes pictured.

Joliet High Football Schedule Announced

Two games are played on each date of the Joliet High School football schedule. Freshman-sophomore games begin at 6:15 p. m. Varsity games begin at 8 p. m. The schedule follows:

Sept. 25—Joliet at East Aurora
Oct. 2—Elgin at Joliet
Oct. 9—Joliet at West Rockford
Oct. 16—Freeport at Joliet
Oct. 23—Joliet at East Rockford
Oct. 30—Joliet at LaSalle-Peru
Nov. 6—West Aurora at Joliet

BEST WISHES for continuation of his excellent safety record are extended to Supt. John H. Walker, Group 8 (right), by P. H. Embich, safety engineer for that group. Mr. Walker's group has gone two months without a lost-time accident and has had only one lost-time accident since it was put in operation in January.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Radio Communications

The fame of **R. A. Brown** as a steak broiler is spreading. His would-be imitators can't understand his technique as he changes methods at will. Open fire, charcoal burner, electric range or kerosene stove are all the same to Mr. Brown. **Herb Sentes** watched him operate over a kerosene stove, using the traditional hot pan and salt method in which the bottom of the pan is covered with salt before the steaks are placed in the pan. Now Herb can't figure out how to get the salt off the meat as he admits that the steaks he broiled turned out very salty. Nor can the wives who watch Brown cook understand how he gets by without grease in the pan. Sh! it's a military secret.

Kathryn Richardson is spending her vacation at Rock Island, Ill. She promised to look up **Lt. Glenn Johnson**, formerly of the Radio Department at EOP, who has been stationed at that arsenal since leaving here.

Barney Johnson caught his finger between two heavy storage batteries and was a patient at the hospital for all of twenty minutes. He claims they x-rayed the digit, but we're still waiting for the proofs to run in *The Bomb-Shell*.

A fishing marathon has been running all summer with **Larry Jack**, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brown the principal contestants. Fly rods are preferred tackle, but it has been hinted around that blackjacks may have been used to swell the catch. Score is kept with fish heads and the pay-off came when, in front of a goodly assembly, Larry opened Brown's refrigerator to take out a tray of ice cubes. Instead of ice cubes, the tray contained the severed heads of seven beautiful black bass. Larry still insists it was a "plant."

Laundry Letters

Francis Walsh, superintendent, has returned from an enjoyable vacation.

Shift 2 gave a pot-luck supper September 12 in honor of **George Kinnard's** birthday.

Billie and Dickie Leip have been transferred from Shift 1 to Shift 2, while **Edna Butenis, Claudia Polson** and **Cassie Reichman** have started back to work on Shift 1. Miss Polson has been promoted to floor-lady, replacing **June Million**, returned to Normal.

It has just been discovered the reason why **George Griffith** wears such a shining smile. She said "yes" and they middle-aisled it September 4.

Pipe Shop

Can anyone explain why the boys of the Pipe Shop are calling **A. L. Chissamore** "Stupor Man."

Proud papas of the Pipe Shop—**Jimmy Jenkins** and **Bob Pombert**.

"Uncle Junior" Stratton and **"Stupor Man" Chissamore** are having the argument of the century—you know, it goes on continuously.

The Pipe Shop welcomes **Raymond Kral**, new employee in the stock room.

Where or how will **Bill Sexton** ever get enough to eat—always eating?

Carpenter Shop

The Carpenter Shop had a visitor the other day, **Sgt. Henry W. Kwasniewski**, a former employee, who is now a gunner with a bomber squadron.

Speaking of bus man's holiday, **Harry J. Dietz** recently journeyed to his home at Round Lake, Ill., for a "restful" vacation. When he arrived he discovered that the roof had been partially blown off during a heavy storm. Harry spent his holiday fixing the roof. Some fun, some vacation.

The Carpenter Shop has assumed the atmosphere of a hospital as the boys are all walking around on crutches. Sympathy is not in order, however—they are just testing out the ones they are making for **Dr. H. L. Schultz**, EOP medical director.

Machine Shop

J. A. Cocker, superintendent, is enjoying a well earned vacation.

Since **Joe Louis** and **Billy Conn** are in Uncle Sam's forces, the next big bout will feature **"One Punch" Rohder** and **"One Round" Fassio.**

Del Govoni is all adither about his bowling team. No cooperation, he wails.

Here and There

Mrs. Velma Whitmore and **Mrs. Marjorie Shreeve**, telephone operators, have returned from their respective vacations which were spent in Northern Wisconsin.

The Sheet Metal Shop lost one of its most popular and capable members when **John Thompson** was killed in a hunting accident near Sycamore, Ill., September 7.

Paul Ryan entered the Army last week.

Ezra "Dad" Ross, grounds attendant at Richards Farm, spent his vacation at his birthplace in Michigan and attended a family reunion. This was his first visit to the old home in 20 years, and he enjoyed many visits with relatives and old friends.

Leonteen Loodeen of the Electrical Department took her vacation last week—went home to Upper Michigan to see the folks.

Stories of a gala time followed the attendance of **Tim Thompson, Ralph Heap** and **"Doc" Craig** at the Army War Show September 5.

John Wagner, Electrical Department, enlisted in the "Sea Bees" of the U. S. Navy. He received the rating of chief petty officer on construction.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Clap hands, everybody, for **Ray Puffer** who has just written from deep in the heart of Texas. Ray is bringing a Texas steer back home with him to ride to and from work. He said that is one way to beat the tire shortage, gas rationing and the 35-mile-an-hour speed law.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Horn are back safe and sound from a vacation spent in Paris. Naturally, all were anxious to hear just how things are going there now, and Oscar said there were only two radical changes in the place since he was there during the last World War. The pump handles have all been greased, eliminating all squeaks and noises, and they now have mittens on the town clock's hands to keep them from freezing this winter. Of course, this all happened in Paris, Ill.

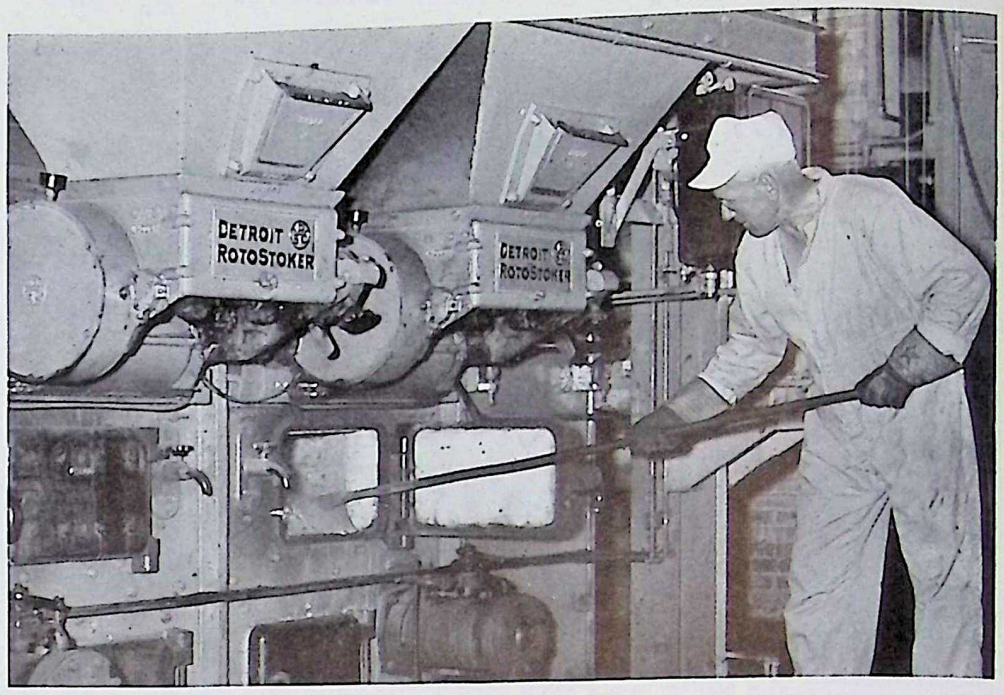
"Tom Cat" John Higgins, confirmed bachelor, is losing weight and sleep and really worried about being unable to pick a peach from the girls he knew, the girls he knows now and the girls he'd like to know. Johnnie said it would be his luck to pick a lemon in the garden of love where they say only peaches grow.

"Billy Goat" Fred Nelson spent the first seven days of his vacation trying to figure out where he would spend the rest of it. So after adding, subtracting and dividing the answer was all ciphers. So he gave it up and came back to work.

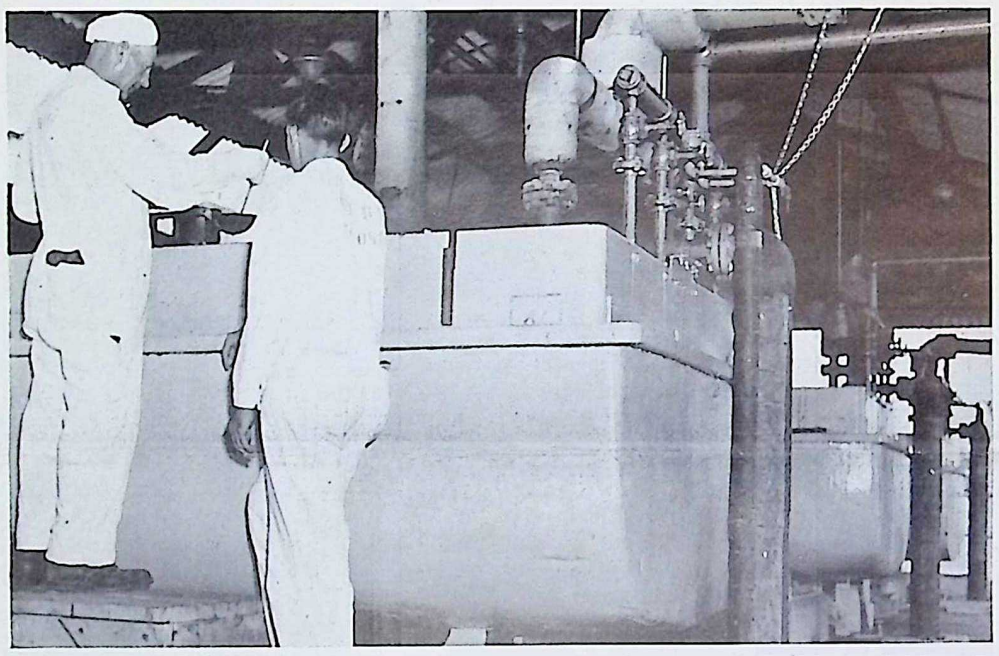
Sherman Hedrick sent a post card from Columbus, O., to say he is feeling fine and having a real good time. His fellow workers were pleased to hear from him, but they warn him against bowling while on his vacation as he is signed up to bowl at Lockport when he gets back.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

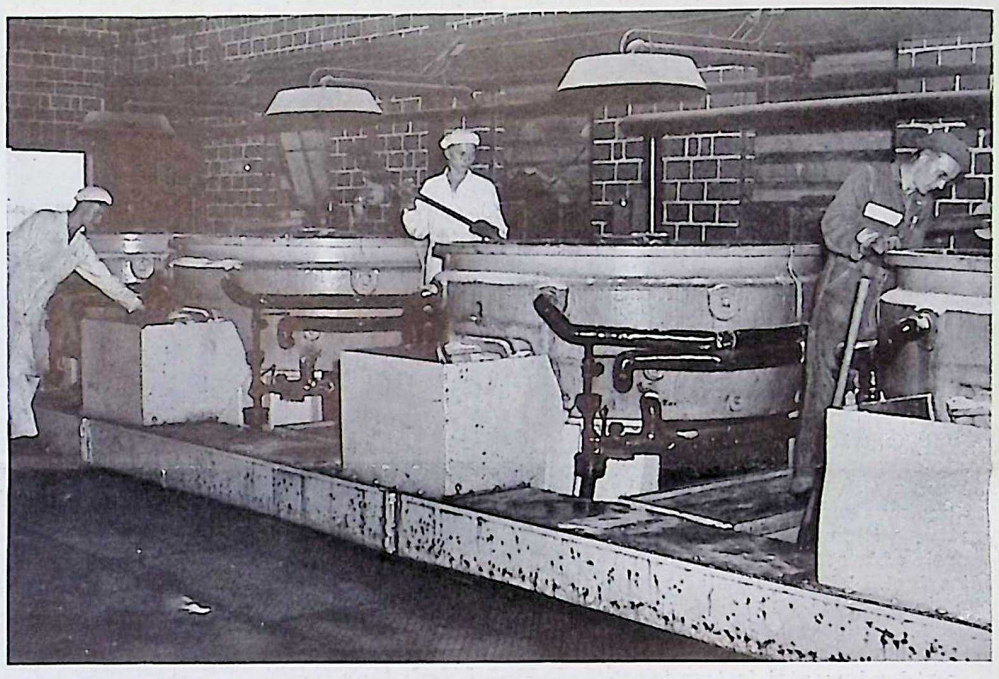
NITRATE OF AMMONIA for EOP's bombs and shells is received in liquid form in tank cars. Shown here, left to right, unloading a tank car, are W. G. Dooley, supervisor; William C. Brown, Loren Horrie and James Halpin.



GREAT STEAM POWER is required in dehydrating and crystaling the nitrate of ammonia after receipt in liquid form at EOP. Here, John T. Williams, is shown in front of the fire box of one of the huge boilers generating steam.



INITIAL EVAPORATION of the liquid nitrate of ammonia is accomplished in "high pans," pictured here, as Joe Lucas (left) takes the temperature of the solution under the supervision of Harold Gehner.



FINAL CRYSTALLIZATION of the ammonium nitrate is achieved in the kettles shown here. In appearance almost like giant mixing bowls, they are manned by Kenneth Cox, Alvin Gansch and Virgil Jordan, shown from left to right.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS from Washington and from manufacturers of ordnance components posed for this photograph when they visited EOP recently. Pictured left to right are: First row, A. H. Polk, Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, Harrison Smith, V. R. Whitenight, Lt. Charles P. Bohannon and Lt. A. G. Resch; second row, E. R. Broden, Col. O. M. Jank, Washington; G. M. Croft, J. Tucker, C. P. Bender, P. B. Tuttle and Capt. George A. Grant; third row, William F. Douville, W. P. Davis, H. B. Liggett, Lt. M. G. Brandon, H. Litsey, W. F. McOmber, Maj. A. A. Busch, Washington; D. Alexander and D. A. Ellithorpe.

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Shell Loading Plant for Navy Built by S & P

Project Manager Tells of Progress In North Carolina

By R. R. Day
Project Manager

Land ho!

The "Navy Division" of Sanderson & Porter has struck "soil" in the Carolinas. . . .

Well embarked on the "journey" of design and construction of the Nation's largest plant for the loading of a specific shell, Sanderson & Porter have the boilers fired, and it is full steam ahead.

The prime contractor, U. S. Rubber Company, who will operate the plant, stands by like a thoroughbred at the starting gate, champing at the bit as structures mushroom from virgin soil.

And with much deploying and planning, the Sanderson & Porter "Navy Division" is employing tactics tried and true, and even new, for the rapid completion of structures and facilities of the Charlotte Ordnance Plant at Charlotte, N. C. Daily progress is noticeable in the molding of exterior and intra-plant railroads, roadways, telephone, fire-alarm, and other protective systems, incoming and interior water systems, steam and compressed airlines, and electrical facilities, which on completion will be an added sinew of strength to the Navy "arm" of Uncle Sam's warring forces. It is no mean task to transpose with the urgency required, a large tract of peaceable farm lands into a specific wartime effort.

Started in March

Starting in March, Sanderson & Porter conducted reconnaissance surveys to select the most logical site for a project, whose characteristics entertain many features foreign to ordinary plant construction and operation.

In undertaking this project, Sanderson & Porter was confronted not only with design and con-

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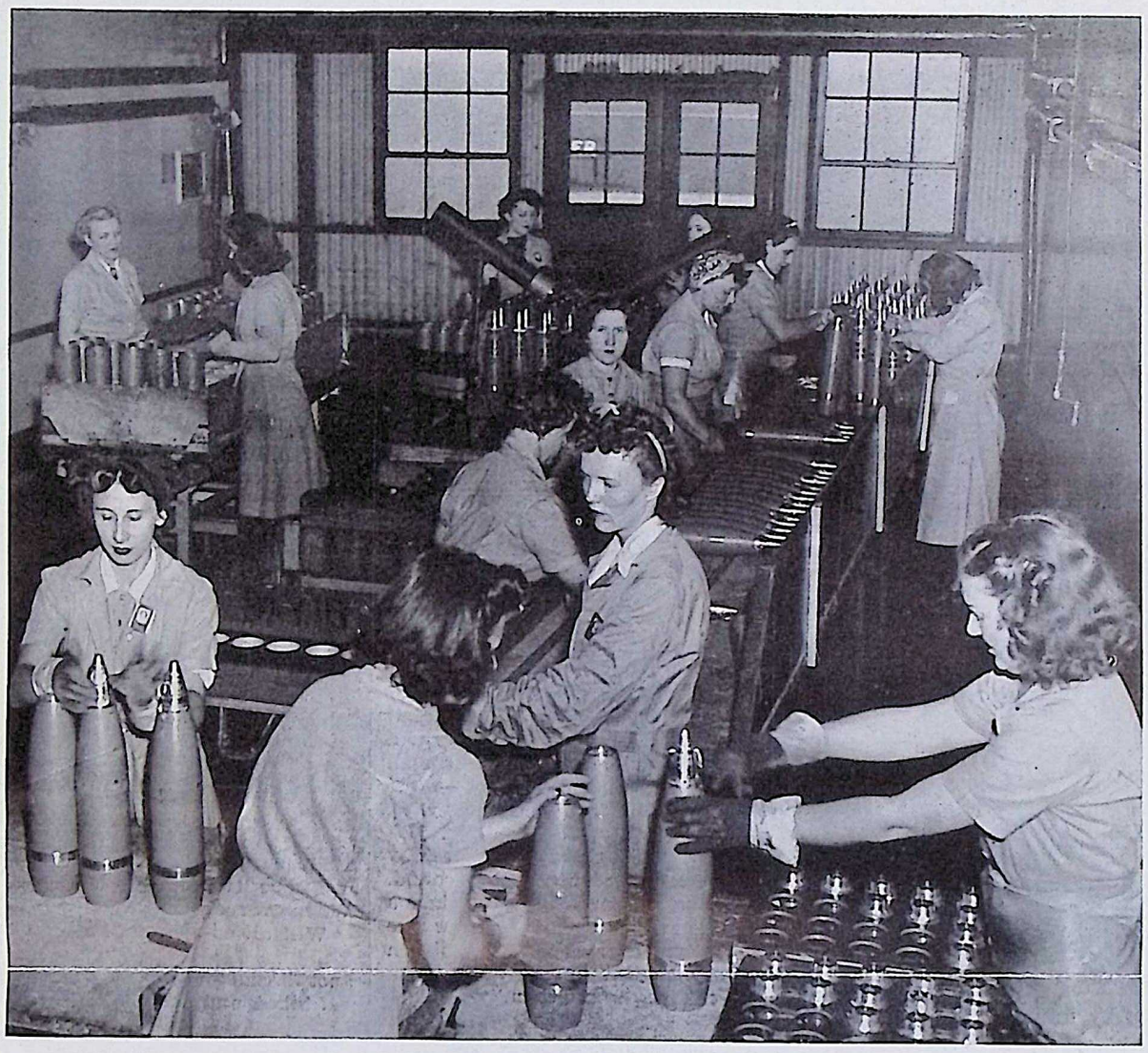

LOADING 105 MM. SHELLS is being successfully done by girls at EOP as the needs of the Nation's armed forces continue to deplete the supply of male workers. All of the assembly operations in this bay of Group 1 are done by girls. Pictured left to right are: First row, Billy Gibbs, Marie Heintz, Ruth Welch and Martha Mings; second row, Dorothy Oelrich; third row, Opal Just, Eleanor Lind and Mary Gurka; fourth row, Rose Kellner; fifth row, Lillian Simpson and Edith Gansert, inspector; sixth row, Gen Irwin and Pearl Thompson.

First Aid Is Added Punch in War Effort

Classes Available for Workers and Families at Home

First aid training now available to employees and their families at EOP and in their home communities gives them an unusual opportunity to convert part of their spare time into an extra punch in helping to win the war as well as enabling them to help themselves and others in emergencies.

The training is made possible by the efforts of the EOP Safety Department, headed by **Rollin T. Read**, safety engineer, with the co-operation of the American Red Cross, represented here by **J. W. Hawes.**

Standard, advanced and instructor courses are available. The standard course consists of 20 hours, either 10 two-hour or 7 three-hour sessions, and must be passed successfully before the advanced course can be taken. The advanced lessons are for 10 hours, 3 three-hour lessons with 1 hour devoted to an examination at the end. The instructor course consists of 5 three-hour lessons. Certificates are awarded at the end of each course.

Knowledge acquired from a first aid course will save many lives. It may enable you to save your own life or that of a member of your family should catastrophe strike. A life cannot be saved by studying first aid after the accident. In severe injuries, the proper

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Trade Stamps for War Bonds Here

Employees who wish to convert their War Savings Stamps into War Bonds may now do so at the office of **Comptroller John J. Cole**, he announced today. This convenience was made possible by the fact that EOP is recognized as a direct agency of the Treasury Department. All services rendered by banks relative to War Bonds can be obtained at EOP.

Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Harrison Smith

Funeral services for **Mrs. Harrison Smith**, wife of Sanderson & Porter's resident partner at EOP, were held at Troy, N. Y., September 30, three days after her death in St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, following a long illness.

Expressions of sympathy for **Mr. Smith** were universal throughout the EOP area and in the adjoining communities where EOP employees live. These expressions took the form of verbal and written messages and floral tributes.

Mrs. Smith had been confined to their home at Dresden Heights Farm in Channahon Township by a heart ailment for nearly two years. She was born in Troy, the former **Edith Crowley**, and she and Mr. Smith were married in Troy June 20, 1920. She is survived by her husband, one son by a previous marriage, **Robert See Smith**; one sister, **Mrs. W. J. Close**, and three brothers, **Charles F., Fred C.** and **John J. Crowley**, all of Troy.

Notices Sent to Slacker Drivers

Check-ups of the number of passengers in the cars of EOP workers entering and leaving the plant have been in progress for several days. Those drivers who did not have full loads of passengers received from the EOP Tire Committee a cartoon notice informing them they were not eligible for tires unless they obtained additional riders. This notice is reproduced on Page 2 of this issue.

The tire situation is becoming more serious each day as rubber needs for the war effort increase. Doubling up of riders and reduction of speed are vital requisites for complete co-operation with the war program.

A large company made a thorough study of the effects of various speeds and learned that on the basis of 100 per cent life expectancy at 40 miles an hour, a tire's life can be extended to 140 per cent of expectancy at 30 miles an hour. On the other hand, a speed of 60 miles reduces expectancy to 50 per cent and 80 miles to 20 per cent.

Hallowe'en Dance Set for Oct. 31

A Hallowe'en dance for all EOP employees and their wives is planned by the Employees Activities Committee in the Recreation Building Saturday night, October 31, it was announced by **Edward L. Walkup**, director of recreation.

Special features, including harvest decorations and a chamber of horrors, are being arranged. Music will be furnished by the EOP orchestra. Couples will be admitted to the plant if one is an employee and has his or her badge.

The committee also arranged an open house at the Recreation Building for the afternoon and evening of October 10. From 2 o'clock on throughout the afternoon, demonstrations of basketball, volley ball, badminton, bowling, billiards, table tennis and shuffleboard were scheduled. Card games were planned and the soda fountain was available for refreshments.

For those who planned to stay for the dance in the evening, dinner was made available at the Cafeteria. Admission was set at 25 cents each, which permitted attendance at both afternoon and evening activities.

Artists and slogan writers among employees are asked to submit "Keep 'em Shooting" slogans to the Recreation Department. Winners will receive letters of merit from Washington officials.

Mr. Walkup also announced that bowling and basketball leagues are now being organized and urged all interested workers to get in touch with him.

Old Metal Badges Now Filed Away

All of the round metal badges, which formerly identified EOP employees but which were called in and are no longer recognized as a means of entrance to the plant, have been filed for record purposes. Holes were drilled to deface the badges without destroying picture or clock number and the badges were bolted together for convenient and less cumbersome filing.

Rentals Set for Wilmington Houses

Although the date when they will be available has not been set, rental rates on the dwelling units of the Federal Public Housing Authority at Wilmington have been fixed and prospective tenants are requested to obtain and fill in application forms for the houses, according to **E. C. Fortman**, housing manager, Wilmington.

Rentals established are $27.50 for a one bedroom unit, $31.50 for two bedrooms and $35 for three bedrooms. Charges for utilities such as electricity, water and fuel are additional. Each unit will contain a coal fired heating stove, kerosene cooking range, icebox and hot water heater.

Mr. Fortman emphasized that applications be obtained, filled in completely and returned to his office. Blanks may be obtained from **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller, or **Seymour Kurantman**, administrative assistant, both in the EOP Administration Building.

Women's Recreation Director Named

(*Picture on Page 4*)

She's here, she's terrific and she wants to meet you.

She is **Myrna Faris**, newly appointed director of women's recreational activities at EOP. If you want to play shuffle board, bat out a game of table tennis, get into a basketball league or form a knitting club, Myrna Faris is the woman to see.

Miss Faris is a native of McAllen, Tex., and took a B.S. degree in physical education at Baylor College, Belton, Tex., plus graduate work at Louisiana State University. She was head of the girls' department and taught physical education for five and a half years at Pharr high school at Pharr, Tex. During the summers she did counselor work at a girls' camp in Houston, Tex.

If you have a yearning to go dramatic and want to form a drama club, Myrna Faris is the woman to see. She was active in college dramatics and walked off with state honors in Texas for the best individual actress in interstate competition.

Miss Faris' other achievements include membership in Delta Psi Kappa, national honorary physical education fraternity, and Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

So the next time you get an inspiration about your place in EOP's recreation program, call Myrna Faris, line 4109, or stop off at the Recreation Building and get acquainted with her.

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Nearly Right Won't Do

Our soldiers are trained to perfection in their shooting. Nearly right won't do. The soldier knows it; he finds it out in battle. Promiscuous shooting doesn't win battles. It's the correct, accurate aim that gets results.

His shells and his bombs must be made to perfection. His guns, his tanks, his planes, his ships—all must be true to perfection. Nearly right won't do. To what advantage is all his training if his guns jam or if his shells and bombs should be duds. Quality every inch of the way is what counts.

"You've heard men say, "Aw! that's good enough!" Perhaps you've heard this in a garage and you wondered if it was the repair to your car or your tires they were talking about. Then out on the road a squeak or noise was heard in the car and you were sure then that it was your car they were speaking of and that "just good enough" wasn't fair, honest or acceptable. Remember? Remember how you felt towards the garage and those men? How you worried about what might happen to your car from then on; how you lost faith in repair men and garages in general about that time. No, "good enough" won't do. The soldier places his life with confidence in his weapons. Certainly "good enough" won't do. It must be right; *it must be perfect.*

"Safe enough" won't do. There must be no uncertainty about the safety in the handling of the fuzes, boosters, shells or bombs. There must be no question about the safety of our products, to our soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen or workmen. *Just safe enough will not do.*

What then? The products must be made safely, handled safely and be safe to ship, store, fire, drop—and still carry all the punch necessary to do the job.

If we're going to accept and cheer heroism on the part of our soldiers, then we must be worthy of it in our work. This is no time for guesswork, approximations, or just "good enough" performances. Our work, our methods, our products must be right—made so by our best efforts. Let's make them safely and make them right all the time.

A People's War

We are all inspired by the Army's, the Navy's and the Marines' offensives on all fronts. The dastardly foes of every decent, human principle are now feeling the pent-up wrath of the United States' armed forces.

The ever-increasing, record-breaking offensive on the labor and production front at the Elwood Ordnance Plant is heartening too. We know that vengeance will be wreaked, and the world will know that our brave heroes will not have died in vain.

We know that we shall lift from our lives the crushing threat of new barbarians, out for world conquest. These barbarians have raised the indignation of a hundred million citizens to the boiling point by the reports of their fiendish torture methods. We know what we are fighting for! We are fighting for a world in which there will be no place for new Hitlers or new Tojos to tread upon.

We are fighting for a world of three squares a day for anyone who will work for them; a world of factories running full blast. We are fighting and buying bonds not to make, but to keep, a world in which every man will know the thrill of being intelligent and humane.

Who do I mean by "We"? I mean you and me—the farmer, the banker, the business man, the lawyer—in short, the army of all the people of the United States. This is no caste army. In the United States we have no place for a "caste" army. We have no place for slackers—whether they are on the fighting front, the production line, or on the bond-buying line. They should not have the privilege of being called part of our army.

That's the kind of a war this is—a people's war, all engaged and joined in a common cause and a common objective which can be achieved to the fullest degree only by whole-hearted co-operation. Think it over—*Are you doing your part?*

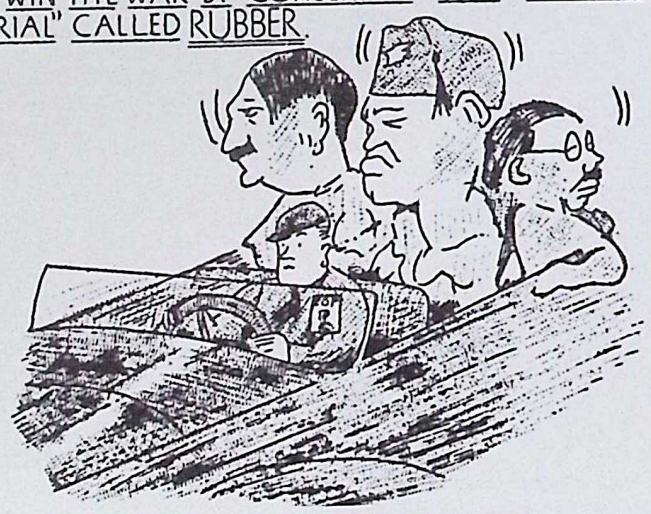
—James A. Glade, Group 61

NOTICE

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TIRES, RECAPS, OR TUBES.

WHY? BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT CARRYING THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PASSENGERS. YOUR NAME, CLOCK NUMBER, AND CAR LICENSE NUMBER ARE BEING RECORDED.

CARRY PASSENGERS OR RIDE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. HELP WIN THE WAR BY CONSERVING THAT "CRITICAL MATERIAL" CALLED RUBBER.



When you have replaced these ghost riders with EOP passengers, send this notice to the Labor-Management Committee with the names, addresses and clock numbers of the riders written on it.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

The current campaign for bigger and better scrap piles sent me wandering up to yon Salvage Yard where the genial, and sometimes puffing, **Hugh Robb** holds forth as the Maestro of the Bent and Broken.

Us work-a-day folks are usually denied entry through the portals of such Havens of Rescue as the good old Salvage Department way up North. We look upon scrap iron, tin cans, paper cartons, really worn out tires (and I mean really), down-at-the-heel shoes with the big toe sticking out and that kind of Trivia of the Trash Can as just so much junk and let it go at that.

But not Mr. Robb. After you enter his Den of Dilapidation and he becomes satisfied that you are not going to secrete a piece of broken-down six-inch pipe in your coat sleeve, then he really lets go into the Rhapsodies of Reclaim.

You soon begin to wonder why your living room is not decorated with broken bottles, old shoes, leaking coffee pots, and torn fenders instead of the costly bric-a-brac that kept you broke in your earlier years of collecting what you thought was really "What the Well Dressed Living Room Will Wear."

As he fondly leads you through the mountains of just plain "stuff," he'll stop, fondly pick up what you are sure is just an ordinary and well-battered tin can and exclaim, "Ah, isn't it a masterful work, a bit knocked in at its lower rim, but man, what a tin can—must have come from **Paul Deylitz'** Dream House down below. He must be a rough customer the way he kicks these nice cans around. I've even heard his place has a wooden mallet secreted somewhere so he can express his real opinion of some of that nitrate that gets a bit cakey now and then."

A bit further on, a bale of paper cartons catches his loving eye and he stops and meditates. "Every one of those cartons nestled together under the crushing pressure of those hard cutting wires really came from a good family. It's going to hurt when the truck draws up to take them away. They don't stay with us long but you sort of get attached to the little rascals." Most of those spent their active lives with **Joe Salmon** but when he gets through with them they are almost flat broke, at any rate, they are flat and broken.

"Look out," says Mr. Robb as he grabs you from the path of one of **John Egan's** locomotives bringing another trainload of Welcome Waste to its temporary resting place. "Ah," sighs the King Culler of EOP, "what a lovely mess of flotsam and jetsam. John Egan seems to have no respect for the dormant but nontheless sensitive personalities of these Outcast Oddities; look at it . . . lumber, pipe, sheet metal scraps fresh from the tender caress of none other than **Bill Ryan**, the original Indian (Chief Bender) of the Tin Shop, all mixed in together with no thought of the privacy the dignity of their station really deserves."

"You got to treat all these little scraplets right, or the junk man cuts the daylights out of his bid because it's to be on a 'where-is-as-is' basis, instead of 'sorted and classified.' "

"Scorchy, you ought to start rounding up a little scrap and see how it grows on you." After a few odd trinkets are collected from the less frequented parts of your basement it begins to get you and before long you find yourself disconnecting the faucets while the little woman is in the midst of drawing the liquid steam in which she washes the dishes.

"To be true, the hot water drenches her new house dress, fades the color out of it and you then have some more old rags to route toward the junk man."

Maybe Hugh Robb's got something there . . . anyway try it a while and see how easy it is, and here's a tip . . . *it's good for the country.*

I have written . . . a poem!

No Use Complaining

It rained and snowed and got awful cold—
Boy! did I complain.
My shoes got wet, my hair wouldn't set; and
My feet they nearly froze.
Then the sun came out making it very warm;
Sure! I complained and said it was too hot.
It seems all I do is gripe.
Today I sat down and looked in the mirror.
To myself I said, "listen sister why don't
You use your head? You're one of the
Luckiest girls that ever lived. You're free
From day to day, you eat when you like; you
Sleep when you like; you do what you're
Heart desires. What of the boys out there
At war and that one you said you simply adore.
He's out there, he can't complain; snow or rain—
He fights just the same.
You know he's out there protecting you.
So hold up your chin in any weather and think of
Him out there.
He loves you; so you love him, too.
You have no reason to complain—till he comes
Back, be brave and strong, it won't be for very long.

—Mitzie Kovacik,
Forelady, Group 6.

Co-operation

I'd love to see that great day come,
I hope 'twill not be late
When everyone in the U. S. A.
Will all co-operate.

Just like a stone wall firmly stands
Linked and pressed together
Without the slightest regard
For any kind of weather.

Oh! would that joyful hour soon come
Wherein every woman and man
Would put 10 per cent in War Bonds
'Twould be the safest plan.

Then mounting upward we would rise,
Our onward course pursuing,
We'd open everybody's eyes
To what the U. S. A. is doing.

I wish that everyone would see—
Stop awhile and think—
The strongest part of any chain
Is in its weakest link.

Stand side by side so firmly tied
That naught can our efforts sever,
Thus our U. S. A. will always be
A monument forever.

—Wilda Willis
Matron—Guest House.

"Bicycle Built for Two"

Elwood, Elwood,
That's where we work each day.
We wipe primers,
Just for our U. S. A.
We don't care how long it takes us,
We're going to break the Axis;
We'll set a trap,
To get that Jap,
So let's do our best each day.

—Vivian Gift,
Group 8.

Soldiers Here and There

Employees at the Elwood Plant,
Unselfishly they give.
Their time and talents—yes—their all,
For the land in which they live.

A piece from here—a piece from there,
Assembled form a shell.
Just get them to our soldier boys,
And they'll blast the Japs to . . .

So work at home—they'll fight o'er there,
To keep our country free.
It's really not too much to ask,
For a "Land of Liberty."

—Ruth Hiatt,
Group 8.

One Dozen Roses (Bombs)?

Give us one dozen fuzes,
Put some shells on behind them
And we'll send them to the boys we love
For we know if they use them
On the Japs we'll excuse them
If their aim is what it ought to be.
The day is coming shortly
When our boys will strike hard,
Dropping those heavy Bombs
In the Japs own back yard.
Give them one dozen roses
And I'm sure they will use them
When we finish what we've started now.

—Alexander Frank,
Fuze and Booster Area.

The Spirit of Building Fourteen

We come to Elwood to work each day,
To do our bit for the U. S. A.
At times the task makes our muscles throb,
And we feel like saying, "To heck with the job,"
But then we think of the boys across,
Who would rather be dead than see freedom's loss.
So, come on girls, let's work today,
And in the end we all can say,
"We did our bit and we liked it, too,
We're especially proud, we girls in blue."

—Evelyn Cahill,
Building 14, Group 1.

Let's Remember

When the going is tough
And we want to complain,
Let's remember
The Soldier, the Sailor and the Marine.

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PROUD RELATIVES of Corp. William Karges of Joliet are shown here reading a press story of his decoration for bravery with the American forces in Egypt. Seated is the hero's father, William H. Karges, who is an inspector in Group 1, and standing is the soldier's brother, Charles R. Karges, an inspector in Group 61.

Yank Overseas Urges Work Be Kept at Peak

Predicts Early Victory If All Do Their Share

"After reading *The Bomb-Shell*, I am certain that if everyone in the plant keeps up their good work the Axis won't last long and our boys will soon be home," said **Corp. Paul W. Bone**, formerly of Group 64, now attached to a fighter squadron in England, in a letter addressed to the EOP tabloid.

"Just received two issues of the paper, which I thought I would never see again after leaving the States," wrote Corporal Bone. "I am now stationed in 'Merry old England' and those papers are just like money from home. How about some news from Group 64? Would sure like to hear how and what the boys are doing."

Pvt. Victor M. Chiovatero, in his letter from Iceland, said "keep things rolling and I'll do my best on this end of things."

In a letter from an unidentified foreign field, **Corp. Edward M. Zarlengo**, who formerly worked at Group 1, said *The Bomb-Shell* makes a soldier feel right at home.

"I started on the Guard Force in April, 1941," wrote **Pvt. Edward J. Early**, Camp Swift, Tex., "and resigned in July, 1942, to go into the Army. I am in the Engineers Division and attend Radio Communications School. Expect to be finished in six more weeks. Lots of hard work, but well worth it. Give my best regards to **Frank Porterfield, Leo Boyle, Harry Larson, Carl Kornmeyer, Frank Green** and the rest of the guards I worked with."

Pvt. John E. Hlavajcik, Patterson Field, Fairfield, O., wrote to **Bess Moore**, Ordnance Department, asking that his greetings be given to his former associates in Group 3-A. He was in the Ordnance Inspection Department from February 14 to September 1, 1942, when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

Pvt. Clarence E. Trierweiler, formerly an EOP inspector, said he had been transferred from San Diego to the Marine Aviation Detachment at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla.

Through **Naomi R. Apgar, Pvt. Larence E. Ross**, Camp Callan, California, sent thanks for receiving *The Bomb-Shell* regularly. **Pvt. Ivan C. Nelson**, Army Air Base, Lincoln, Neb., said he had come in contact with a number of men who formerly worked at EOP. He reported he was about half way through a 110-day course in air mechanics.

In a letter to **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick**, Group 3-A, **Pvt. F. B. Waters**, Amarillo, Tex., asked that his regards be given to his former associates in that group and reported that his wife, **Vancell Waters**, is now working for EOP. He said his company was living in tents 1,606 feet above sea level.

Letters and cards were received also from **Pvt. Irving Katz**, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; **Pvt. Leo Walters**, San Diego, Calif.; **Corp. Walter W. Plumb**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and **Pvt. John Rolando**, Army Air Base, Florence, S. C.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Eddie Copp, foreman of Building 4, recently became a proud papa of a son. Incidentally the father has fully recuperated.

Won't someone please volunteer to tell **Elmer Emanuelson** when the duck hunting season starts? He needs a lot of practice and he would like to know what to do about it.

Dutch Ahrens, steamfitter, is going to try a new cold remedy. The old one doesn't work, so maybe **Bob Hankes**, his partner, can give him a new recipe.

The cold September weather killed all of **George Weber's** beautiful flowers.

Edward "Shack" Bray, guard at Group 3, has returned from a vacation. Points of interest he visited included Starved Rock State Park, which is a mile and a half from Utica, his home town.

Rudy Mahalik of Building 10 had to use a row boat to get home Labor Day.

Jess Darling played quite a joke on some of the boys with his trick radio voice thrower. Jess has performed as a comedian in several minstrel shows. He has quite a display of tricks.

The Group softball team, Dougherty's Bombers, made good in a revenge game with the strong Inert Storage (Group 62) team September 17 at the Group 3 stadium. **George Cunningham** pitched the Bombers team to a close victory, the final count being 4 to 3. Only one error was committed.

The Bombers traveled to Pontiac September 18 and under the lights, before a very large crowd, defeated the champions of the Livingston County Owego Club 1 to 0.

Pitched by Cunningham, the game was a perfect thriller throughout; each team bagging only four hits. George not only pitched a perfect game, but was responsible for one of his team's hits, a triple. The real thrill was a homer in the last inning by **Carl Sosnoski**, the only run of the game.

Nettled by the defeat of their league champions, the Pontiac All-Stars issued a challenge for September 24. This team is composed of players selected by the City League managers as "the cream of the crop." Pontiac made great preparations for the game, only to have winter make an early debut and force a cancellation.

Unless winter decides to leave and return on schedule, it seems as though a very successful softball schedule has been wound up for this year. Although the Bombers are not champions of the plant league, they did not lose a single game to any of the loading line teams.

Dan Warren, manager, is to be congratulated for the fine work he has done. This is equally true of all the members of the team and the others who helped in having a successful season.

HEROISM of Corp. William Karges, Joliet, stationed in Egypt, was rewarded with the soldier's medal for bravery behind the lines. Photos of the corporal's father and brother, both EOP employees, are published elsewhere on this page.

★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Robert E. Allen
Donald Allison
Jack Bates
Emil Bruni
Elmo Canute
Raymond Conway
Lester DeBolt
Kenneth Doyle
John Dowding
John Dubrovich
Joseph Garavalia
Raymond Gaddo
Charles Hanson
Harold Harms
George Harrop, Jr.
John Hlavajcik
Arnold Hoffman
Warren Hoffman
George Huster
Lawrence Huster
Irving Katz
Walter Kiliarnik
Bernard Klimek
Jesse Leenerts
Marion Lincicome
John Lortie
Ray Mahaffay
James Mannion
Paul Marsh
Arthur Metz
Edward Mitchell
Grant Mogee
Gene McArdle
Ivan Nelson
Gene Newton
Morton Olson
Kenneth Palmer
Bruno Perino
Nicholas Perino
Vernon Pilz
Earl Potter
Robert Renoldi
George Roecker
Ronald Sachs
William Shea
Joseph Silverstein
Elmer Somers
Zell Smith
Leo Sreebny
Seymour Stearns
Carl Swanson
Gerald Thaden
Robert Trueman
Robert Walsh
Leo Walters
Tony Walters
William Watson
Tom J. Welch
Harmon Wiley
Gilbert Withrow
Claude Wheeler
Leonard Wood
Robert Wysock

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN
WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

Congratulations go to **Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kucera** who are the proud parents of a son weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces. *(7 - 11 sounds like a crap game.)* The last reports are that the baby and father are both doing well.

Congratulations are extended to **Mr. and Mrs. Dorrence LaRoche** who are added to the mounting list of new parents. Both mother and baby are doing fine and as for the father . . . there hasn't been one lost yet.

Congratulations are also in order for the newlyweds, **Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Keenan.** Mrs. Keenan, who before the vows were taken was **"Bing" Phelan**, is from the Personnel Department of EOP. Many can smell the sweet aroma of those cigars already.

The Real Lowdown

Wonder if **Melvin Roach**, timekeeper, is going to ask Santa Claus for a heating pad this year.

The timekeepers at Group 2 have started to wear hip-boots since **Bert Folk** got a new cuspidor. Bert hasn't got the exact range yet.

How did **Bill "Shoe Shine" Malone** get his new name? It seems as though **Nate Johnson** was waiting for a shoeshine in Wilmington one fine afternoon. Bill came along and said, "shine, sir," and Johnson replied, without looking up from his newspaper, "get on 'em, kid!" Malone got busy and did a pretty good job before he was interrupted by the young fellow who runs the stand asking for Bill's union button.

George Zobel, Larry McKeon and **Pig Zier** started for the Wisconsin-Notre Dame game, but decided it was too cold and ended up in a warm theater on South State Street in Chicago. Zier says that it was the best show he has seen in a long time.

A daughter weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaglione.** Frank showed up with a box of cigars, and is one of the proudest fathers in the group.

Things we would like to know . . .

Why **Leo "Glamor Boy" Bell** is spending so much time in Coal City. . . .

If **William "Jersey" Klegman** does as much hunting as he tells he does. . . .

What **Oscar Kelsey** will do for men now that the softball season is over. . . .

If **Dave Richards** has three jackets on now, what will he do when winter comes. . . .

Sam Hoffman is shaving now that he is on the day shift. **Bill Stanley** is riding to work in a De Sota.

THREE former EOP bus drivers are together at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Pictured here left to right are Pvt. John J. Bonas, who sent the snapshot; Pvt. Lester DeBolt and Pvt. Charles Wright.

Inspection

ROBERT PIERSON
Correspondent

Bryant "Bud" Brown, inspection office manager, is back on the job after a short illness. Bud expects to be inducted into the Army October 10.

The inspectors in Groups 4 and 5 have a new pastime—listening to **Jim Tyler** chewing gum.

Jack Fey, inspector at Group 4, has been on the sick list.

Julia Sullinger left September 26 for California to visit her husband, **Pvt. Robert Sullinger**, who is stationed at Fort Ord.

Milton "Bud" Picknell has been commissioned a captain in an Army tank unit. Certain little mice and frogs have been leading a more peaceful life in the ramps since he left, as Bud was the big game hunter of Group 8.

Sam Hoffman, new sealing inspector, asked his boss, **Frank Lewis**, for some sealing wax so he could seal a can. He didn't know you sealed a can with marking tape.

Stella Jaworski finally got a permit for some recapped tires. Now she has no tires to get recapped.

An unbelievable sight—**Myron (Dreen) Champeau** of Group 1 without a chew in his mouth.

Larry Schwartz has put in a requisition for a pair of oars—since he received a pair of company shoes—size 13.

Bill Kirban, superintendent of scales, is contemplating a new paint job on his orange truck. His men out in the groups can see him coming.

WAR WORKERS come from every age group and the older are doing their part along with the younger as is illustrated by these two employees of the Personnel Department. Myron Mills (left), 67 years old, and Elmon Armstrong, 76. Others who returned from retirement to help with the war effort will be shown in future issues.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES at EOP will be guided by an Employees' Committee, some of the members of which are shown here attending the first meeting in the Recreation Building arranged by Edward L. Walkup, recreational director, shown at the extreme left. Semi-monthly meetings are planned and officers will be elected near the end of October. Representatives appointed by their respective superintendents shown here left to right are: First row, Lucia J. Pearson, Guards; Mary Jane Clennon, Group 7, and Sgt. H. E. Dowden, Guards. Second row, E. G. McAloon, Utilities Department; Helen Shimek, Utilities; C. O. Finnegan, Engineering Department; J. E. Hendershott, Group 3-A; Colby Eriksen, Group 3-A, and Myrna Faris, women's recreational director. Third row, Charles P. Harris, Group 6; Walter H. White, assistant electrical superintendent; Harvey Steffes, Group 61; Dorothy Murphy, Group 9; Rita O'Connor, Group 5, and John J. Neely, Jr., Group 9. Fourth row, Wilbur P. Galbraith, Group 2; Frank J. Wehrli, High Explosives Department; Robert C. Wilhemi, Inspection Department, and John H. Walker, Fuze and Booster Area.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Motor Pool Memos
By C. I. Wilson

Genial **Frank Kern**, chief dispatcher, buys his cigarettes wholesale. Wonder why he buys them at all with so much business being carried on at the pool and most of the chauffeurs in the habit?

Raymond McCoy, Joseph "Melody" Elledge and **Alfred Scheuber** handle the dispatching chores on all three shifts. They are assisted by **Delmar Jensen, Anthony "Victor Mature" Cemeno** and **Alfred Block.**

The boys hung a new title on **Edward Silc**, and who knows but that he may open up a new department. He is generally addressed as "superintendent of complaints."

Art Doty, the ladies man, is the champion eater (chow hound), but where it goes nobody knows. However, he will make a good soldier, as the saying goes that an army marches on its stomach, and Art can certainly "punish" food.

Dancing seems to be a specialty with **Leroy VanDuyne.**

Anthony Cemeno holds the checker title among the boys but will have to give it up soon as Uncle Sam is calling. Some say that he may "center-aisle" it before going.

Another Romeo in the crowd is **John "Sugar" Kane.**

Wonder why Jim Lovell is asking for the 3:30 shift? Another feminine angle?

Edward "Baldy" Suffern just went through the tortures of his "annual" haircut. He does look different!

William Hatting, "the OK kid," has additional duties to perform, one of which is approving suggestions. They say that his "1001 file" (waste paper basket) is doing plenty of business.

Can anybody figure out how **Harry Wollgast** manages to get back and forth to work in that old relic of his?

Leo Austin is now working the "graveyard" shift so that he can make all of his classes in school. Very studious! Who knows but that he may be a professor some day!

Tom East figures on taking a winter trip to his home state of Arkansas around the holidays. Does he know that gas rationing will be in effect then, or will hitch-hiking be the mode of travel?

William Handlon and **Ford June** are trying to figure out how horses can be used in lieu of autos from a chauffeur's standpoint. Give them two weeks more and they may get the answer.

Electric Shop Epitomes
By Dan Webster

Richard B. Stegath's pet peeve —the fifth copy of purchase requisitions.

Why is it that **Norman Keck** and **Lewis Unsbee** have so much testing to do in the Fuze and Booster area? It is hoped they don't get their circuits crossed.

Charles Beverly, a former employee, is home on leave from Norfolk, Va.

C. L. Utley is still wondering what happened to the big fish supposedly caught by his boys while on vacation.

It is commonly known that **John Woodard** uses a black cat for a paper weight. Superstitious, no!

A sore finger is good for only so many trips to the hospital. What's the attraction — ask **Charles Jansen!**

Clarence Mascal has had trouble keeping **"Short Circuit" Sipple** from crossing circuits in the new EOP busses.

A little more patriotism from **Bill Souligne** would be appreciated. He should turn in that rubber tie he's been sporting daily.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

Mrs. Charles Mann, secretary to **E. J. Egan**, has returned from a honeymoon trip through the Smokies.

The employees of the Railroad Maintenance of Way Department have completed their part of a construction program with a spirit of hearty co-operation.

Lt. Joseph Ryan of the Navy Pre-Flight Base at Iowa City was a recent guest of his brother, **Trainmaster John Ryan.**

Yardmaster James Fitzgerald reports the boys at the Classification Yard are happy in their new office.

Mrs. A. W. Walters is recovering from a recent operation.

Fred Stroble, train dispatcher, has returned from his vacation.

Telephone Tid-bits
By Elaine Christman

Mrs. Gertrude Gierich has just returned from a very enjoyable vacation spent at home.

Have you seen the new Studebaker **"Chick" Manthey** is driving? Some class! "Chick" is cable splicer at the Telephone Building.

The National Construction & Engineering Company has completed the installation of the new 200-line extension.

The Richards Farm switchboard is now in progress of being cut from the Illinois Bell Telephone system to the Government-owned automatic system.

Earl Van Wie of the Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Company is completing the installation of the fire reporting telephone system.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

Gus Hahn had a sleepy look in his eye one day (the eye that's open). He won't commit himself however and all he says is "darn that Ovaltine."

"When you get all you want, just say so and then I'll take a sup, huh?" This was a little idle chatter from **Merle Eberhart** who was talking to a fly which was perched on his coffee cup. The fly probably will be under observation before long.

R. A. Brown is always willing to help the radio men out when they are confronted with problems but this is too much. He spent a good 15 minutes explaining a problem the other day and then asked, "Now what does 3A mean?" "You're deferred" was the answer. That was really a $64 answer.

George Knarr, janitor at the Radio Building, is a nice fellow, a good worker, but his pipe is terrific. **Larry Jack** promised faithfully he'd bury it if it could be snitched somehow. The trouble is that the stem can't be found because of the smoke around it. It really puts in its eight hours.

An uninvited guest showed up in the Radio Department in the form of a snake. It was ushered in by Larry and caused a little confusion in the front office. Just ask **Katie Richardson.**

WOMEN will play a bigger part in EOP's recreation program now that Myrna Faris, pictured here, has assumed her duties as women's recreational director.

Pay checks were delivered last week by **Tom Ashton**, new timekeeper who is taking **Don Sharp's** place.

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Congratulations are in order for **Paul Becker**, manager of Group 70's championship softball team, also to each and every one of his players for their loyalty and co-operation which made this victory possible. A very magnificent trophy was awarded for their efforts. Paul also wishes to thank the followers of his team for their moral support.

One fellow not concerned with gas rationing is **"Burly" Jones.** He can make it from Symerton to 70-7 in about fifty paces (his paces) if necessary.

Congratulations go to **Adelord Menard** and **Mario Zinanni.** They are the proud fathers of baby daughters.

John DeMarco is considering shaving off his cute mustache. He is afraid it won't look good with brown.

The boys in 70-7 say they have two of the nicest girls in the area working in their office.

The Machine Shop has a unique way of purchasing an extra War Bond. All employees contribute 30 cents weekly into a "pot." Each payday a bond is purchased with the funds. The best poker hand showing up on the weekly paycheck wins the bond. Nice, eh?

Here and There

Frank Cracraft, locomotive engineer, is planning a Dakota hunting trip. For those who anticipate pheasant dinner invitations, the line forms on the right.

Engineer Stanley Stinson is back after having had an appendix removed.

Dave Kreider is all set for another tour of inspection in the jeep, but this time will take along his lunch.

Clarence Abbott of the Pipe Shop recently underwent an appendectomy. The boys at the shop wish him a speedy recovery.

In these war-mad days you should remember that—"You can lose your money and make more, you can lose your love and find another, but if you lose your sense of humor you are ruined forever."

Loren Trimby left September 23 to join the Air Corps.

George Wilson and **Claude Watkins** of the Pipe Shop have joined the sick list.

Tim Thompson's co-workers in the Locksmith Shop, **"Doc" Craig, Ralph Heap** and **Landis Morris**, engineered a surprise get-together for the Thompson's eighth wedding anniversary. A lovely gift was presented by the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Manchester report a very enjoyable vacation motor trip. Their first stop was in the beautiful hill country of Brown County of Southern Indiana. From there to the famous Blue Grass country of Kentucky. "Farmer" Manchester confesses to having been "horsey" all his life, so spent a day visiting the world famous breeding farms around Lexington, thence on to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for an extended visit in the Smokies.

Thomas Ryan, Roads, reports the arrival of an eight pound son at his home.

Virgil Kinsey, Sewer Department, has returned from a trip to his home in Texas. He was accompanied on his return trip by six Texas Bullfrogs. (*Ask the correspondent!*)

With the great shortage of rubber, **Bill Sexton** is suspected of using a rubber rule at the Pipe Shop. Quoting **W. M. Dale**, Bill's been stretching things too far.

Resch Promoted to Captain by Army

First Lt. Alois Resch, Army inspector of Ordnance at EOP, was promoted to captain September 24. Captain Resch is a native of Chicago and a graduate of Chaminade college, Clayton, Mo. He was commissioned in the Ordnance Department in June, 1941, and received his training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He was assigned to EOP September 11, 1941.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

Walter Lueder, assistant chief, reports that **Mrs. Lueder's** arm is in fine shape again. No signs of rabies as a result of her unfortunate encounter with a wolfhound.

Clifford Weiss and **William Reichert** are collaborating on a new tune, destined to sweep the country by storm. It has been christened "The Chicago Heights Hop" and can be played to the accompaniment of a tire pump.

Len Jessen has returned from his vacation. He didn't lose any sleep—or weight.

Francis Ryan is wow-ing the boys at Central Station with his interpretation of **Tom Ness'** egg dance. The last performance had the following boys rolling under the pumpers: **Louis Hildebrand, Frank Marek, Doyle Pratt, Fred Johnson, Andy Elias** and **Wiley Bell.**

Robert DeBolt says he won and lost on the War Bond drawings at the picnic.

Joe Drazy and **George Learned** are spending their vacations at White Castle Lodge on the banks of the Chicago River.

Love's labor lost . . . that pen and pencil set recently given to **Theodore Ehman** . . . two will get you ten that it winds up in **Chief R. W. Mortenson's** collection.

Bill Day recently turned down a fine offer to go with the Spencer Garment Company. His reasoning was thus . . . "This is war—and no time for preening!"

After five months of intent observation, **Bob Tures, Ed Koren** and **Tony Schnelton** have decided that **Dale Cornelius** is not a blushing rose—he is more the sun-kissed peach type.

Another fireman has turned down a lucrative offer with a non-defense industry. **William Atwood**, who refused an offer to go with a finance company said to the president of the firm: "I have no interest in this kind of a deal—it's against my principles." All firemen under a lieutenant's rating should laugh at this one.

Frank Scoma recently applied for an audition on "Mr. Anthony's" radio program, but was refused when it was discovered that his problem had been solved in the August (1914) issue of *True Romances.*

From a bouquet of memories is plucked and presented that daisy of a ride home from Rockford on a certain night last summer in the company of **Mr. and Mrs Charles Davis** and **Frank Nolan** — those pauses were most refreshing.

Delbert Leeper is using a 1912 Atlas as the basis of his geographical survey.

Larry Dailey and **Edmund Dickens** are taking a corrospondence course in horseshoe pitching.

Roy Wright is now serving tea and crumpets to **Paul Mulvain**, and Paul supplies the smokes.

Charles Thompson's lectures on the evils of crime have been greatly appreciated.

William Littrell is looking for 15 riders.

Percy Miller of the Radio Department found himself in a perturbing predicament. He needed a snuff box in which to keep some white lead and spent many an anxious hour seeking a member of the Swedish Snuff Society, who would obligingly donate his snuff box. His search was rewarded when **Sgt. Martin Hanson**, of the Norwegian Hansons, came to the front and offered Mr. Miller three freight cars of empties.

Chief Mortenson had been planning a short vacation, but conditions being what they are throughout the world, he was prevailed upon to seek the advice of a fortune teller. After a short seance with the seeress the chief emerged with his right cheek a rosy red hue—and shortly thereafter, "Madame La Future" came out, tore down her shingle and replaced it with a large placard bearing this admission of defeat: "Out of Business!"

RUNNERS-UP for the championship of the EOP Loading Line Softball League are these members of the Inert Storage, Group 62, team. They had beaten the champions twice in regular season games. Shown left to right are: Front row, Mat Ray, W. R. Kokal, Mose Williams, Joe Gasperich, H. G. Clark, E. L. Spiezio (captain), Louis Mauro, W. A. Fang and Samuel Jefferies; back row, E. J. Sheridan (manager), M. M. Moberly, W. B. Moberly, Frank Zupancik, A. P. Balston (superintendent of the group), Joe Fazio and C. C. Rowoldt.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Many were surprised, but far from displeased, when **Betty Ross**, mail girl, drove into bachelor group. She wrote another page in history by being the first girl to set foot on this area.

Lonnie, weighing 7½ pounds, was born to **Sam O'Large**, power house, and **Mrs. O'Large**.

Congratulations are in order for **Erny Decker's** wife, **Irene**, who celebrated her birthday September 26.

Harold Rouff is back after his trip to New York.

Foreman "Bill" Dooley is killing two birds with one stone. He is taking his vacation and celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary at the same time and in the same place. Congratulations!

George McSherry is home ailing. Talk about living up to naval traditions, **Carl LaPaglia**, after enlisting and while waiting for orders to report, has been transferred to be with the girls in Group 9.

Donald Baldwin, at home for one day with a severe cold, is now back to work feeling fine.

Gone but not forgotten are **Marines Donald Godich** and **LeRoy Abell**. Friends saw to that by taking a sheet of legal size paper and each writing a few lines of encouragement to the boys.

Vacationing in Pennsylvania is **Mrs. Harry Willis**.

Have you ever seen a rationing board in good humor? **Louis Dobovsky** did. In fact, they proved it by allowing him four new tires.

Welcomed to the group is **George Kushner**. George will operate a caterpillar tractor.

Ray Ruffner is planning on a trip home to Mason, Ill. He recently returned to work after a construction accident in January.

Did you see **Norman Crocker's** picture in the *Chicago Tribune* September 27? He joined the Air Corps.

To be examined by Uncle Sam is **James Halpin**. His pal, **Loren Horrie**, is going through the procedure of enlisting.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. McDowell** on their sixth wedding anniversary.

Herman Stricklin went to Southern Illinois on September 26 for a few days' visit.

From electrician to farmer is true of **Axel Malm** who purchased a 240-acre farm near Rhinelander, Wis. However, Axel says, he will keep on at EOP.

Elmer P. Henry has moved from Braidwood to Wilmington.

It would be nice if . . . someone could arrange it so that **Hal Nosker** and **Bill Powers** could visit the Group 70 Laundry after the one here is in operation. . . . **Howard Cadwell** didn't sew up **Wayne Howard's** clothes . . . you knew that fewer 61 boys will be in the "Dog House" now that the picnic season is over—ask **Harvey Steffes**, **Charles Hinz**, **Seward Brown**, **Lawrence Baudino**, and **Robert Hinz** . . . another vacation could be arranged for **Dick Schoulda** . . . the dentist would hurry up and send **John Hosler** his new teeth . . . more knew that **Barney Beoletto** averaged 190 bowling a few match games in LaSalle . . . **Ruben Derksen** and **Paul Newey** would write to **"Tony" Berklacich** . . . you saw **Dick Unmisig's** new hat . . . **Bill Biggs** would wait until spring to plant another Victory Garden.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Bob Bryant, foreman of Building 10, left for the armed forces October 8 with good prospects of being glad that a good job of shell loading is done around here.

Beverley Garing has been nominated together with yours truly to represent this group on the EOP Employees Activities Committee.

Phil Allison, former Government inspector here, visited the group one evening and he looked swell, tight pants and all.

Scotty Stephens, **Harm Gerken**, **Tuffer Yates**, **Robert Penn** and **Alex Melland**, trusty box car carpenters, threw a lobster party in farewell to **Clarence Jorgenson**, their helper, who left for the Army.

Mrs. Theresa Doyle and **Mrs. Agnes Boucher**, fair widows at 13 change-house, have their eyes on **Sandy Rossi** and he keeps his on the flowers.

Chalk up a romantic interlude between **Arthur Anderson** and **Lillie Thompson**, which should be okay as long as Andy's tires hold out.

Kid Mack, or **John McCarthy** to you, brought an apple for the teacher. It was a stuffed and roasted squab and no relation to *Dewey*.

Eleanor Malsky and **Glen Meyers** joined hands in wedlock September 27, and were cheered on their way by **Eileen Feltz** as bridesmaid. Guess there was no *gloomsman*. . . . The boy friends threw a party October 1 for **John Novak**, who was married September 23, to **Dolly Novak** the belle of Hennepin.

Pet peeve . . . the guy who slips into the front of the line at clock-out time—a sly fellow no doubt but not thoughtful. This little squib probably will earn the wrath of a dozen of the lads but the applause of a thousand and no crusader ever had better odds.

Mildred Styck presented **David Green** with a purse on behalf of his pals in the shipping line. Dave left for the Army Air Force September 26 and the little lady made a nice speech wishing him well in his great adventure and thanking him for the willing hand he had always extended to his fellow workers.

Paul Caligaris turned out to be quite a handicapper. He picked one winner in four months and that horse was disqualified. . . **Jim Scagnelli**, erstwhile foreman of 16, has been home on a furlough from the Coast Guard. . . . According to **Bunny Fornango** the straight and narrow path beckons to expeditor **Edward Farrell** on account of a certain girl who works in the Government office. . . . and **Joe Phillips** has got that faraway look which is hard for his buddies to account for.

We old fossils of Group 1 are somewhat jealous of the young lads in the present armed forces for they rate all the publicity and most of the fair charmers. However we intend to get together along about Armistice Day to fight once more the Battle of Vin Blanc and tell lies to our heart's content. Some of us have sons in the present struggle and all of us wish the boys happy landings and effective bullets. Here is a partial list of veterans of World War I now working in Group 1; **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon**, **Asst. Supt. Mark Davis**, **John Kinsella**, **C. L. Beck**, **E. King**, **Vern L. Brown**, **Fred Malakowsky**, **H. H. Kent**, **Richard Mangold**, **I. M. Ternes**, **Lewis J. Nickel** (Purple Heart Medal), **Fred E. Borggren**, **Guy E. Tremper**, **Reo Cunningham**, **William C. Spence**, **John Loughran**, **N. Johnson**, **Elmer Mayhew**, **James Barrowman** (Purple Heart Medal and Past Commander of Chapter 11, Disabled American Veterans), **Charles Schmitz**, **Robert Caldwell**, **Earl Bowman**, **John Bowman**, **Walter Sorley**, **John Nicola**, **John J. Martin**, **Herman Beringer**, **Harvey Barrett**, **Frank Wilson**, **James Sisk**, **David E. Jones**, **Maurice Romain**, **Clarence Owens**, **Edward Brazil**, **Dan Phillips**, **Gene Perkins**, **Gus Flieg**, **George Martin**, **S. Hansen**, **L. Hoffman**, **N. Thnos**, **Make Costos**, **Elwood Petty**, **William League**, **Louis D. Davis**, **William Misenhelke**, **George Heckenkamp**, **Evert Fugar**, **Lawrence Howland**, **Lorer. Freed**, **Alfred L. Cornell**, **Clarence Rice**, **Joseph Koesch**, **William Hockinson** and **Jack Barry**, Past Commander, American Legion, Post 14.

FATHER of this handsome soldier is Dan Considine, payroll audit, Ordnance Department. The soldier is Daniel J. Considine, Jr., and the last his father heard from him he was enroute to Alaska.

Pete De Palma, one of the hardest workers in the group, will soon be in the Army. . . . When **Art Salvatore** asks his men for an extra spurt he gets results because he pitches in and works beside them himself. . . . **Vito Patuto**, bay foreman, is buying a bond a week and that's what is called "all out for Uncle Sam." . . . **John Scullans** was paper bailer for a night or two but was taken off because of vocal failure. . . . **Turner Albright**, a first rate performer on the piano or sax, is said by his friends to be A-1 orchestra timber.

ENGRAVED CUPS symbolic of their prowess on the softball field were presented to the managers of the two teams which competed for the championship of the EOP Loading Line League by Comptroller John J. Cole. The award was made after the game September 29 when the Machine Shop, Group 70, team defeated Group 62, Inert Storage, 6 to 4. Pictured here left to right are John Kusinski, Recreation Department; Mario Zaninni, third baseman, Group 70; Paul Becker, manager, Group 70; Henry Schilling, Group 70; Raymond Peter, Group 70; Mr. Cole, Gene Mantia, Group 70, and Edward Spiezio, captain of Group 62.

1942 CHAMPIONS of the EOP Loading Line Softball League are these members of the Machine Shop, Group 70, team by virtue of their 6 to 4 victory over Group 62 September 29. Shown left to right are: Front row, Raymond Peter, Henry Schilling, Delmo Gavoni, William House and Kenneth Wheling; back row, Leroy Wilhemi, Mario Zaninni, Lou Haake, Paul Becker (manager), Gene Mantia and William Aschenbrenner.

Shell Loading Plant Built by S & P

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struction of the plant, but faced the enormous amount of detail and technicalities pertinent to design and installation of equipment to process the actual shell.

Thus, it was not until May 15, after considerable preliminary studies, that the first handful of "key men" reached Charlotte. Here the first "bottleneck" reared its ugly head—a scramble ensuing for possession of the four available desks.

No contract had been formally signed; however, the foundation of what is now a smooth-running, hard-hitting organization was instituted, and took occupancy in the equivalent of two full floors in the Liberty Life Building—Charlotte's outstanding skyscraper.

Amazing Progress Made

Signature of the contract June 11 was the "green light" that released the pent-up energies of the force, resulting in progress amazing to observers.

Starting with the handful of men who arrived May 15, our payrolls now carry 3,000 names. The prime contractor and Navy are with us in good force, and have their able hands on the reins.

On August 24 all personnel was moved from Charlotte to the plant site, and are now performing in temporary offices, set up in one of the completed storage buildings.

Like the kinfolk of the Navy (Marine)—we have landed, and have situated well in the land!

The nucleus of this "Navy Division" of Sanderson & Porter is composed of individuals from the various Sanderson & Porter projects; from Arkansas, Illinois, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, etc., whom undoubtedly a lot of you old timers will recognize: **S. A. Covell**, chief engineer; **C. P. Lyman**, chief mechanical engineer, and **A. W. Malone**, general superintendent.

List of Personnel

In addition are the following "malihinis": **W. O. Rice**, electrical engineer; **J. H. Black**, progress engineer; **C. C. Saner**, railroad engineer; **H. V. Rinderman**, structural engineer; **Phil DeLa Cruz**, senior draftsman; **E. A. Korevec**, senior draftsman; **R. J. Derby**, senior draftsman; **W. Boeing**, senior draftsman; **E. J. Delaney**, mechanical inspector; **H. E. White**, junior draftsman; **W. H. Kellen**, senior draftsman; **G. A. Ford**, engineering office manager; **A. C. Andrews**, blueprint room; **Florence Kaiser**, progress; **W. H. Wardell**, chief clerk; **Donald C. Marks**, materials and records superintendent; **C. B. Rose**, superintendent water and sewers; **F. C. Waggoner**, foreman water and sewers; **T. M. Muzzy**, party chief; **R. J. Neal**, party chief; **C. W. Syphax**, instrument man; **T. G. Dry**, instrument man.

You old timers, if still in harness, are cognizant of the difficulties that lie in the path of construction at this hour and day—mainly the *time* element.

So, loaded with priorities, restrictions and prohibitions, changes and technicalities, we pursue the line of *most* resistance . . . maintain schedule, regardless of all the things that try builders' souls.

Thus, we concentrate on a design based on research into what *not* to use, so that after intensive and complicating studies, we determine what is permissible—then try like h—l to get it.

Sends EOP Greetings

This being a temporary type of construction, innumerable restrictions on use of critical materials are rigidly enforced, making it decidedly hard to gear down the layout; in addition property restrictions abide on all sides.

And then to build a plant that will collapse like the "one horse shay" on the 1826th day—that's a job, too. Couple this with difficult topography and fixed safety distances, and you have a slight insight into why we "burn the midnight oil."

Further, the shortage of experienced construction key men, now being absorbed by the Army at an increasing rate, is a continuing wrinkle-maker.

Sufficient and workable equipment is another factor in the struggle.

Yet, with all these obstacles, we have kept our head above water, and are riding the crest of a wave we sincerely believe will carry us through.

Elwood, our pater noster in Ordnance—we salute you and extend our heartiest greetings.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Lyle Safford explained why he wears his shoes on the wrong feet every other day. Said he: "It wears the heels and holes down even all the way around."

No one could understand why the sweeping compound was disappearing until it was discovered **Art Voss** was using it for snuff.

George "Mayor" Sangmeister hired a firm of experts to recommend improvements in the city government. The experts recommended that the mayor's job be abolished.

Mary Vent remarked that a man who won't lie to a woman has very little consideration for her feelings.

Milford O. Hintzes has joined the office force.

Harlan Kadow, upon being stripped for an examination by the doctor bared an abdominal tattoo reading, "Hello, Doctor."

Henry O'Reilly was in a phone booth talking to his girl, but someone wanted to use the phone. So they had to get out.

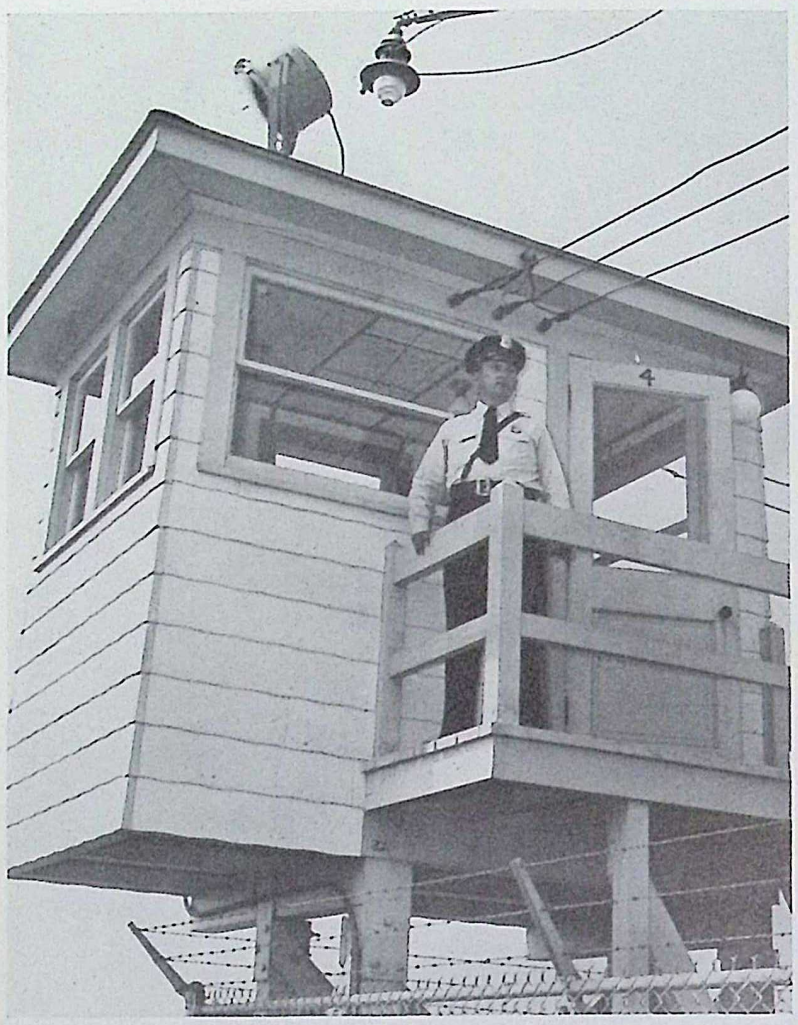
Scotty Soper's daughter is recovering from a recent operation.

The Fire Department rushed out the other morning to the other side of the plant guided by a glow in the sky. It turned out to be the sunrise.

Mike Doyle, historian, tells how it started. The term "hitch-hiker" started when two men with only one horse between them went on a journey. One man would mount and ride an alloted distance, dismount and hitch the horse to a tree or fence and proceed on foot. The other man would walk until he came to the horse, then ride on until he caught up with the hiker.

Lucille (reading from her diary): "Up at 8. Felt a little seasick so took two pills. Passed an iceberg at 10."

Greta (listening): "My dear!"



GOOD OBSERVATION is obtained from the elevated watch stations provided for EOP guards at strategic points. The guard on duty at the time the picture was made of the one shown here is Arvin Lerch.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Detected, arrested, finger-printed and locked up by **C. J. "Spike" Klafta** *during vacation of Gene Ryan.*

Walter L. Bayer, supervising sergeant, who is on vacation, is going after the big ones at Lake Mille Lac, Minnesota.

The Guards' bowling team is entered in the YMCA League. They bowl at Jahnekes Alleys in Joliet every Thursday at 7 p. m. The team is composed of **Sergeants Bayer** and **Harry Dowden**, and **Guards Paul Elliott, Darwin Matter, Vincent Stiglich** and **Walter Sack**. They have won 7 games out of 9.

Military drilling of the guards began September 15 and will continue under the able direction of **Capt. J. A. Hardy**, security officer at EOP. Sergeant Dowden and **Corp. Frank Pate** were selected by Captain Hardy as his platoon leaders. Every member of the Guard realizes what this means to them and not only will it make the Guards a more efficient organization but the training may come in mighty handy when that old call comes from Uncle Sam. Since this training began many have heard the Guards counting off 1-2-3-4 as they walk down the hall.

George E. Madden, Joliet, a former guard, graduated with the highest honors in a class of 51 marines who qualified for second lieutenants' commissions. A former platoon sergeant who first enlisted four years ago, the Joliet marine took an intensive month's training in a special course at the officer's candidate school at Camp Elliott. Lieutenant Madden reenlisted in the marines early this year after spending two months at his home following the expiration of his former period of duty with the leathernecks.

The following members of the armed forces who formerly were Guards paid a visit here last week; **William Sklut**, now a sergeant of Military Police stationed at Brownsville, Tex.; **John Krogstad** of the Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, and **Laverne Smalt** of the Military Police stationed at Hype Park, N. Y.

Corporal Pate: "Frequent water drinking prevents becoming stiff in the joints."

Corporal Pate was instructing rookie guards in drilling.

From the rear ranks: "Yeah, but some joints don't serve water!"

A picture was found hanging above the radio in communication room.

Dispatcher John Smith: Who in h—— put that up there?

Dispatcher Carl Kornmeyer: The Chief put it there.

Dispatcher Smith: Pretty isn't it?

1st Guard: "I feel like telling that Sergeant off again."

2nd Guard: "What do you mean again?"

1st Guard: "I felt like it yesterday, too."

Word was received from a former guard, **Gordon Peterson**, who is stationed at Mather Field, California, as an Army aviation cadet. He said he was injured in accident at the flying field and would be confined in the hospital for a while. He was due to graduate in six weeks, but due to this accident will be set back about two months. He would appreciate hearing from former fellow-workers. Drop him a line or two . . . his address . . . Cadet Gordon Peterson, Mather Field, California.

Sgt. Matthew "Moose" Mueller will be leaving in a few days. Uncle Sam has called him to service.

Corp. Herman Walter is eagerly awaiting the next EOP get-together.

Custodian "Dime Pie" Morgan is getting into everyone's hair lately. When someone requests change for a quarter so that cigarettes can be purchased he furnishes the change. *25 pennies.* Wonder how the baby's bank is standing up under this strain!

With the Women

Chevrons are being worn by some of the women guards. **Gladys Armstrong** is wearing the emblem of a supervising sergeant. **Eve Anna Castle** and **Helene Harbison** are sergeants. **Billie Taft** and **Rachel Morehead** are corporals.

Sergeant Harbison, a veteran woman guard, is leaving to return to Kentucky. Mrs. Harbison watched this department grow from "five to fifty." She will be missed. It was a pleasure to start the day after she sent each and every one off with a cherry, "you all look very nice." **Ruth Chidsey** has been appointed to replace Mrs. Harbison as sergeant.

Another loss to this department is that of **Pauline Morrow**. Mrs. Morrow is going home to Minnonk, Ill.

Due to ill health, **Fay Melville** has resigned.

Four new women have been added "to the fold." They are **Florence Bradeacick**, Kankakee; **Josephine Fench**, Morris; **Nora Ann Secor**, Joliet, and **Beatrice McInerny**, Wilmington.

Lucia Jane Pearson represented the women guards at the first meeting of the Employees' Activities Committee.

"Chattanooga" Pearson is planning on chartering a "choo-choo" to take her to and from work. According to Lucia Jane, "highways aren't happy ways." The other day the battery fell out of her car on her way home from work. After a great deal of time and considerable trouble, she had it repaired, but had gone a short distance when "boom" . . . a flat tire. Elapse of time . . . again she started home only to run out of gas. "Now tie that," said Lucia Jane.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

In a previous issue, it was mentioned that **Frank Falwell** and Hearse Inc. was having difficulties. Since that time it has been learned that the name of the bus is the one and only "Arabella."

Rowena Roberts enjoyed a two-week vacation, touring Washington, D. C., and Ohio. **Elva Thomas** has returned from her vacation in Indiana. **Roy Chasteen** has left the Traffic Audit Department, and all miss his smiling features.

Mrs. Dorothy Riebert, who returned from a leave of absence, will leave the department permanently soon.

Dick Naughtin, who has been doing some pretty serious pleading not to print anything about his romantic ideas, has informed us that he has been married to the young nurse for a period of three long months or 90 days. He also states that they had a very enjoyable vacation last week, touring the northern part of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Wallace Bensen has recovered from a short illness.

Tommy Burns, now in the Navy, visited the office recently. He was formerly a chauffeur here.

Among the new members of the group are **Ronald Murphy**, Traffic Audit; **H. L. Dempsey**, progress clerk, Group 3, and **Dorothy Bollig**.

CHECK-UPS are taken frequently at the gate stations throughout the EOP area. Here Corp. Leonard Williams, Group 61, is shown attending to the task.

Production Planning has certainly had some very long and gloomy countenances since **Leo Thompson** and **Agnes Freuhauf** left. They are missed very much.

The writer finds that it is easier to dig up *dirt* for the editor than to dig up answers to people inquiring why there was no *dirt* dug up for the last issue.

Wouldn't it be a dull place without **Martha Craig's** incessant chatter . . . **Marjorie Gall's** last call for "Mr. Jim" . . . **Myrtle Cooper's** collection of bottles . . . **Dick Court's** "Miscellaneous Mat. Transfers" . . . **Dorothy Maxwell's** "Gurgle" . . . **Frances Mores'** "Giggle" . . . **Helen Duval's** questioning remarks . . . **Mae Norem's** commands and demands . . . **Fred Mastin's** friendly corrections . . . **Mary McGovern's** blushes . . . **Harry Brown's** everlasting patience . . . **Bud Wright's** helper . . . **Dick Ebben's** "teletypes" . . . **Ewald Becker's** noise . . . **W. Dronsfield's** call for less space . . . **Rowena Robert's** *"aide"* . . . **Argyle Dalziel's** quiet presence . . . **Paul Picken's** poetry . . . **Irene Blotnik's** pennies . . . **Fred Legris'** "Equipment Files" . . . **Frank Falwell's** "Railroad Books" . . . **Larry Crawford's** "dashing in and out" . . . **Jim Murphy's** ability to carry the adding machine away . . . **Elva Thomas'** "you don't say so" . . . **Jim Wilson's** friendly help to everyone . . . **Dorothy Riebert's** happy disposition . . . **Dick Naughtin's** long move orders . . . **Dorothy Bollig's** typing ability . . . This reporter to look after them and take roll call?

John Connors has become the new chief of progress clerks at Group 1. Mr. Connors hails from Morris, Ill.

Personnel

DORA PREW
Correspondent

They say it's a woman's world and from this date forward it will be the *woman's word* from the Personnel Department as the girls tattle. Erstwhile reporter **Jack Garnant** started a few weeks' training at Ithaca, N. Y., October 1 prior to becoming a full-fledged ensign in the Navy.

Since frost has killed the pestiferous chiggers, the Personnel Department has missed them so that they have created their own personal *chigger*, **"Chigger" Howard Hauze**, to be more explicit. In the first days of getting his new schedule as a receptionist organized so that applicants could be given an approximate time for interview, he bounced about so fast in and out of offices that he was christened anew. By the way, he is very proud of the new "moniker."

Upon calling some of your old friends over here in the building outside the fence, don't be alarmed if an almost strange voice answers the telephone's insistent ring. "De col' in de head" is responsible for some new bassos in the group so that as many rejoice over the coming of frost as the end of hayfever season others join the sniff and sneeze club. **Helen Bardi** is welcomed back from the second week of her vacation. (Don't mention it to her, but she spent two of those seven days in bed with a cold and then got up to see the "Icecapades," only to have a sore throat again.)

June Morgan insists that she has the perfect cure for those figure troubles known as "stenographer's spread." Since she purchased her new riding horse, she moans (or secretly condones) the loss of five pounds.

By the way of the rumor trail, comes a hint that **Marge Bittles** was spotted in the Blackhawk Saturday night with no less than 14 sailors.

Jeanne Gay has the "strangest malady." If you have a spare half hour some day, ask her about it and follow her all over the world as she takes the cure.

Words of explanation flew fast as a card from **Carmen Steed Oldani's** soldier husband came in from Alabama addressed to "Mrs. James Oldani & Children"—signed "Papa." It seems that the fun-loving girls in Carmen's office had sent a letter to Jim addressed to "Dear Papa" and signed "Your Affectionate Daughters."

If **George Barford** didn't have the nickname of "Dagwood," wonderment might have started at the rehearsal of "Pinafore" the other night in the Bent home. By way of complimenting **Mrs. George Bent** on her excellent coffee, he began, "This is sure a lot different from the coffee I make every morning!"

Incidentally, the choral group was also refreshed by the presence of **Edward L. Walkup**, recreational director, who spread words of wisdom and encouragement in an impromptu talk.

In a recent discussion Miss Bardi reiterated that the gingerbread did have dates in it, when **Marcella Burnham** commented with a drawl, "I had a date once." Needless to say, that ended the comments.

There's a new wrinkle between **Loren Ross's** eyebrow, but both the transfer and photograph departments are running smoothly.

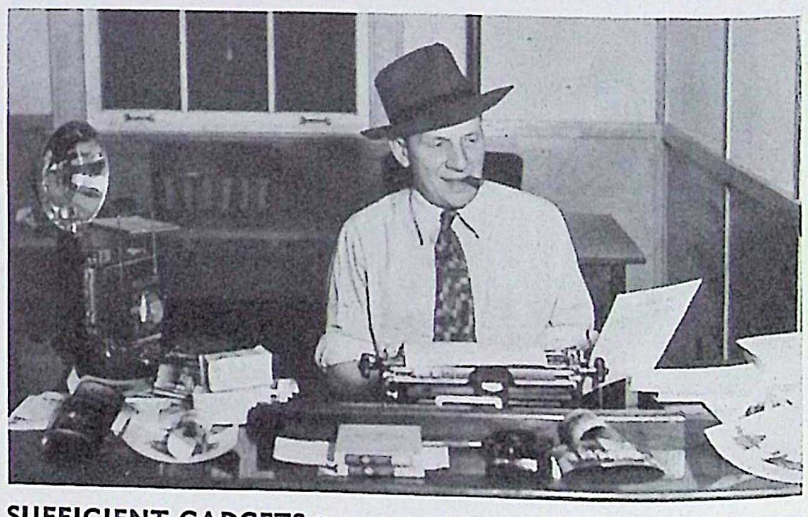
Newest wrinkle from the Army Front comes from former receptionist **Pvt. John Koch**, Camp Grant, Ill. As you will remember, John was one of the weightier of EOP employees and he said that he will be at Camp Grant for a while—*until they get a pair of pants big enough to fit him*, in fact. He hopes to become a receptionist there, too, as that's how he's classified. **Larry McGann**, a former timekeeper, is there too.

The ever-smiling Swede, **Merna Wemstrom**, the girl who never leaves her sunny disposition at home, is now wearing an SAE pin.

The latest to tax the patience of interviewers was the case of an old man who had not completed the list of his personal references on his application blank. Probing gently, the interviewer asked him if there wasn't someone whom he had known for a long time who would write him a recommendation. After pondering, the man slowly drawled out two names of which he couldn't verify spelling. A few minutes later he quietly added, "Of course, they're dead."

A Frenchman came to America to learn the language and soon got into difficulties with his pronunciation, especially with the group comprising "though," "plough" and "rough."

When the film "Cavalcade" began its run, one newspaper review was headed "'Cavalcade' Pronounced Success," and the Frenchman gave up the struggle and went back home.



SUFFICIENT GADGETS to meet all conditions surround George Horton, Personnel Department photographer, who has contributed numerous pictures to recent issues of "The Bomb-Shell."

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Charles Mann, our married assistant superintendent, returned to his desk smiling as usual after taking a bride and enjoying a grand vacation. He, as well as his bride, wish to thank the boys for their gifts. He has dismissed his personal secretary and believes all the questions were answered . . . any further questions will be answered by his ex-secretary, except a few. They will reside in Aurora temporarily.

Best wishes go to **Donald McCauley, Joe Bodrero, Walt Stewart, Charles Turner** and **Dale Metzinger** who are entering the armed forces.

Just who **Betty Ross** was coming to see the other day was a problem to the office staff . . . it turned out she was one of the new girl mail carriers.

Walter Mork is welcomed to the material checking staff and it is hoped he will enjoy his association with the department.

Charles Ashworth and **Charles Gorham** will soon be among those able to administer first aid.

A. P. Balston, superintendent, served as chairman of the EOP Fellowship Meeting October 1st. If you really want to enjoy an evening with good food and get acquainted with fellow workers, plan to attend these meetings.

Thanks go to the Utilities Department for the road program . . . no more slipping or mud wading. The Mann Road from North to South saves much trouble for the timekeepers.

Ted Hintz soon will be seen picking flower seeds at Group 27.

If anyone has any problems, see **Harold ("Dr. Anthony") Albee** at South Inert and he will set you straight.

Lawrence Lavicka of South Willie has broken many a heart as the result of his marriage last month.

David Lardi tells us he has hopes of becoming mayor of Brooklyn (Ill.) since he built a new house there.

Art Kettleson is still the envy at South Inert—why?

Instructions on how to use a slide rule are now being given by **Charles H. Gorham.**

Earl Ziemer had the misfortune to be put on the accident list with an injured toe.

Some of the boys wonder if the gardners at Central Fire Station will remember them at lunch time with some of those green vegetables.

George Gray has returned from his vacation in New York City . . . just cannot stop talking about it.

Many of the boys will be writing to **Tom Reay**, a brother of **Matt Reay**, who is in the armed forces.

George Shaw soon will be eating steak again—has a new set of China.

The early bird is **George Newton**—he discovered at the gate he left his badge at home, boarded a bus back home, got his badge and then drove to the plant and punched in ten minutes early.

Seen hereabouts recently were **Charles Connell, Oakley Norman** and **Ed "Jerk" Jurjevich** of the Planning Department . . . just checking lots of lots.

Watch the *birthday column*—your name will appear. Among those for the month of September were **William Allison** and **William Denver.** *The Guide Post* might sell your car or get you riders.

The 10 per cent War Bond Club continues its popularity—many of the boys are hitting 20 per cent and more.

The little black dog of the Fire House occasionally enjoys breakfast at North Inert.

Now that baseball and outings are at a standstill, barnyard golf and bowling are leading the list of fall activities. If you think you can, or would if you had a chance, you have the opportunity before you to try your luck for a place on the teams.

Twins (Siamese) are now on the nick name list — **Ed Zarley** and **Kenneth Jones.**

Winfield Arthurs returns from a second vacation allotment . . . no fish, no golf, no baseball—just rest.

Richard Ashworth is quite the trouble shooter. When an ugly squeak was heard in the office Dick proceeded to oil the chairs. On his way back to the boiler room he heard it again and again . . . if he oils the drawers it will not help, if he oils the typewriter it will not help, if he oils the windows it will not help. He'll have to find it, no one will tell.

The boys at Inert have pledged themselves to follow the moral of the following lines—

The wise old owl
sat in an oak,
The more he heard
the less he spoke,
The less he spoke,
the more he heard,
Why can't we be
more like this bird.

First Aid Is Added Punch

(*Continued from Page 1*)

first aid given during the first 15 minutes following the accident usually determines whether the victim lives or dies.

There is no charge for first aid training. There is a nominal charge for the manual used. The lessons are presented by qualified instructors in an interesting fashion easy to absorb.

See the chart on Page 10 of this issue and determine now to spend a small portion of your spare time this fall and winter in acquiring this additional knowledge. For additional details, telephone Extension 4227.

ACCURATE INSPECTION of ordnance requires maintenance of correct standards on all gages. This is a responsibility of the Inspection Department. Harold Troupe, shown here with some of his apparatus, is gage tester for the department.

I Have Written A Poem

(*Continued from Page 2*)

If we must do without
Do not let out a shout,
Just remember
The Soldier, the Sailor and the Marine.

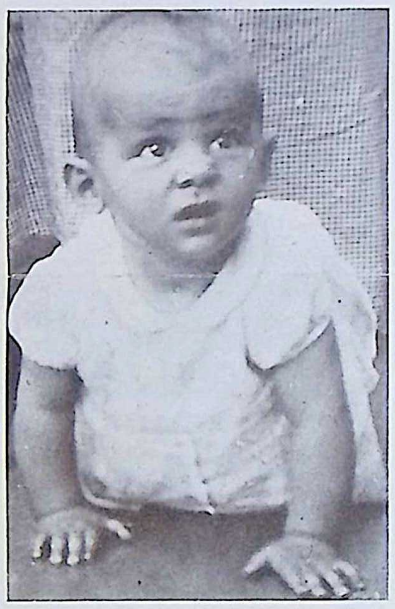
When the day is over
And we homeward trek,
Pause a moment and think of
The Soldier, the Sailor, and the Marine.

Let's buy bonds and stamps,
More shells, more bombs and more tanks,
And remember in our daily thanks
The Soldier, the Sailor, and the Marine.

—**S. H. Faupel,**
Ordnance Department.

For Sale: One Kankakee Bus

From Kankakee to EOP,
Over 9-foot paving it flits.
Thru mud and dust, in God we trust,
And the riders pay two bits.
It's famous for one piston ring,
Two front wheels and one rear spring.
Carburetor busted half way thru,
Engine isn't gone, just misses on two.
Twenty years old, twenty-one in the spring,
Riders get the shocks, makes 'em sing.
Tires blowed out, ain't worth a cent,
Ten spokes missing, front end bent.
Without any fenders, seats or plank,



DADDY won't have to work overtime again tonight, hopes Carolyn, cunning daughter of Frank Zupancic, Inert Storage Department.

Boils oil by the gallon, have to crank.
Radiator busted, sure does leak,
Differential bone dry, you can hear it squeak.
Got plenty of speed, runs like the deuce,
Burns hi-test gas or tobacco juice.
Tires all off, been run on the rim,
But it's a darn good bus for the shape it's in.

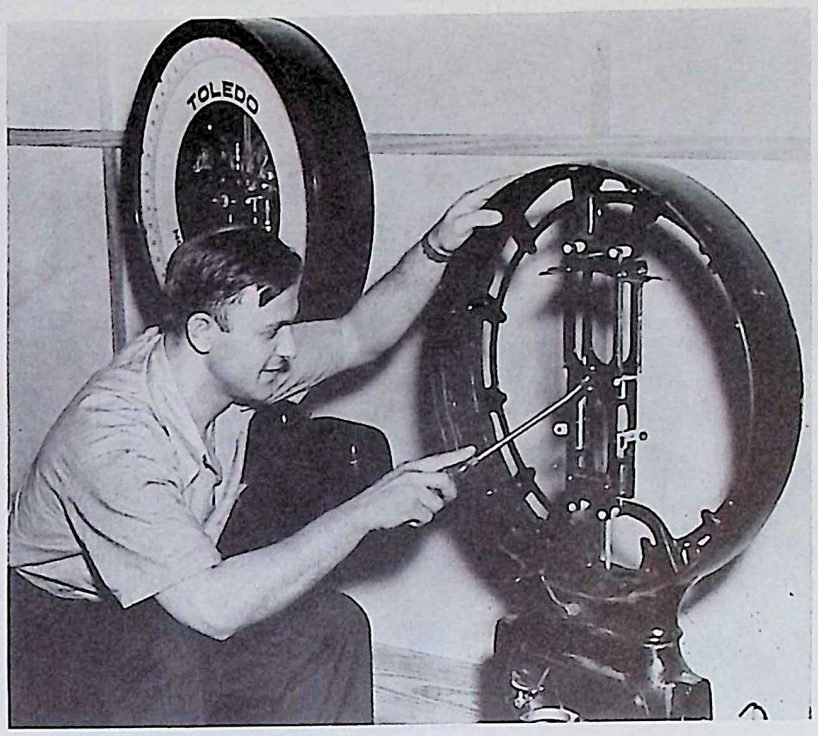
—**Arlene Schloendorf,**
Mimeographing Department.

The Ordnance Workers

They're a humble crew and a modest one, they'll decline all praise with thanks,
Though composed of many races, they're all proud to say
"We're Yanks."
Far from the din of battle, they work from sun to sun,
For they're the guys who stand behind the man behind the gun.

They're the chaps who keep him shooting while amidst the fiercest strife.
He battles to perpetuate our good old way of life,
And they'll stay right in there pitching, eschew all joy and mirth,
Until the oak of freedom doth shade a gladsome earth.
And when the knell of tyranny and force at last is rung,
And the doves of peace have settled upon those fields far flung,
They will lend their strength to build a world from which all hates are gone,
That all may know they're keeping faith with those who've traveled on!

—**Winifred O'Connor Rajala,**
Payroll Department.



SCALE TESTING is an important function of the Inspection Department and Bill Kirban, who is in charge of that phase of shell loading, is shown here testing scales for accuracy.

Elwood Bombs

"Look out, Herr Hitler, here we come
With these Elwood bombs we'll make you run.
And you, Mussolini, playing second fiddle,
Will be torn asunder in the middle.
Hirohito, you'd btter make a dash
'Cause these Elwood bombs will grind you to hash.

—**Geraldine Ward,**
Ordnance Department.

It's Great to Be a Fireman

It's great to be a fireman;
I'm going to tell you why,
You couldn't join a better bunch
However hard you try.

What explains all this? Some people say
Uncertainty is the answer.
You never know from day to day
What kind of call you'll answer.

When the alarm is sounded by the Chief
Oh boy! How the shoes do fly!
And into rubber boots they jump—
To protect the Plant's the reason why.

You may go out on a false alarm,
You may look for some lost soul,
And once in a while your duty calls
To get a cat down from a pole.

This is quite different, to be sure,
From other organizations:
They have their meetings, time and date
At definite locations.

But take the fireman, if you will,
And compare him with the others.
They don't know when and where they'll meet,
But still they too are brothers.

They might be dressed in gay attire,
Or may not be dressed at all,
But when they hear the call of "Fire!"
They'll be there, one and all.

Their plans are made right at the scene,
And not two weeks before.
Their thinking must be fast and keen
Or the public will get sore.

We have no set dismissal time
But work until we hear
The officer in charge call out:
"Load up, let's get out of here."

It's great to be a fireman.
I think this tells you why.
It fascinates you more and more
As days and years go by.

—**F. J. Rutkowski.**

Hey Mister

ARE YOU

Man or Mouse?

You pride yourself on your ability to take care of your loved ones fistically and financially, but could you take care of them in disaster or catastrophe? Fill that gap in your ability to provide, to be prepared, by taking a first aid course. Read the story on Page 1, see the chart on Page 10 . . . then act. Put your spare time in first aid training . . . your spare cash into War Bonds. Both will pay dividends in happiness and satisfaction. Enroll today. Telephone Line 4227 for additional details.

EARNEST CONVERSATION continued without interruption when W. E. Canniff, EOP manager of engineering and operations (left), and R. L. Hamill of New York, a partner in the Sanderson & Porter firm, were photographed in Mr. Canniff's office as shown here. Mr. Hamill was here for several days representing the firm during the absence of Harrison Smith, resident partner.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Norman Crocker, formerly employed in the Fuze and Booster Chemical Laboratory, recently blossomed into picture and print in *The Tribune* when his picture was snapped on the University of Chicago campus. He is now in the Army Air Corps and is at the U. of C. studying meteorology.

Group 6 "Booster Boasters" have challenged Group 8 "Primer Rollers" on the bowling alleys at the Recreation Building. Both teams are open for games.

Vic Dagenais has promised instructions on the technique of removing the thumb from the ball to prevent sliding down the alley and kicking the pins over.

Group 6

Marlene Kramer left for her new home in Amarillo, Tex.

Myrtle Odle left to reside in Highland, Ind.

Al Nelson has returned after an illness.

Dalton Daly, foreman in the assembly room, returned from a vacation in Larchmont, N. Y. Considerable time was spent in sailing the briney deep.

Theresa Kump became the bride of **Bert Adams** in St. John's Catholic church in Joliet, September 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bergstrom and **Mr. and Mrs. Washko** are happy over the arrival of baby daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Daniels spent their vacation in Ohio, which according to Danny is the only state in the Union.

The men have organized a bowling team and challenge all comers, so get in touch with **Harry Engel.**

The girls are all ready to move back into the new change house this week end.

If **Larry Patton**, assistant superintendent, doesn't get new tires soon, he will have to thumb his way to work. Fixing flats daily gets pretty tiresome.

Have you noticed the new timekeepers office? They moved in September 28.

Marie Partak and **Juanita Thompson** report having a glorious time on their trip to California. They saw several movie stars such as **Claudette Colbert, Abbott and Costello, Shirley Temple** and several others.

Art Jensen, foreman 6-4, moved into the Foreman's Quarters last week.

Farewell to **Ola Heck, Glenna Zimmerman, Theresa Moroski** and **Flo Harvey** who are leaving this week.

Ruth Starkman, office girl, and **Mr. Jensen**, have been selected as representatives of Groups 6 and 7 for any and all recreational activities. If you have plans for bowling, basketball, volley ball, ping-pong, etc., get in touch with Ruth or Art.

Willie Vail is back again looking hale and hearty after a siege of illness.

Elsie Bundy was married October 3.

Jimmy Ewing is the proud father of a daughter born September 21. The baby has been named **Marsha Kay.**

Joe Keefe is spending a week's vacation visiting friends and relatives in his old home town in Iowa.

Group 8

Bob Selfridge has passed his exams for the Air Corps and expects to leave soon.

H. E. Tuntland, Group 8 electrician, lost a little time because of a tooth extraction, which was not so little.

Rose Blazekavich and **Gertrude Haldorson** don't believe in signs or maybe they need their glasses changed.

Emma ("Marie") Nutt, 8-11, was in a serious accident and everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

Twenty men including superintendent, assistant superintendent, foremen and laborers started a bowling team which met for the first time September 29. Twenty men and each an expert challenge all comers.

You should see **Eli ("Bill") Petan** throw out his chest now that he is the proud father of an 8½ pound son.

You should see some of the cut-ups from Group 8 sprinkling Ben Hur perfume on everyone's clothes. Believe it or not the next day **Robert Otte** had chicken in his lunch. He was the only one who had any good luck.

You should see **Alice Pruss** and **Veronica Gordon** do their stuff on the crimping machine and head machine. There's two gals who think they can replace any man.

Group 5

Juanita Buztow, forelady, has returned to work after a three months' illness.

Pat Gallagher, assistant foreman, always looks in his lunch box before leaving the Change House.

Ida Moers, forelady, tried to start her car in a hurry. After working on the car for ten minutes she finally discovered that she forgot to turn on the ignition.

Kathleen Bautre was recently presented with a powder girl badge given by **Eddie Burns.**

Ray Turner, powder boy, plans to join the Navy soon.

Rose Di Salvo is reported to have found a few sailor boy friends while she was in Chicago over the week-end.

Inspectors are trying to figure out why **Bob Welch** is wearing his hat at work all day.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

John Welch of Auditing has been in the hospital for the past month recuperating after an operation. All hope he will be able to report back to his desk soon. Sorry this writer didn't know about it sooner, but remember the old saying, "better late than never." . . . **Jim Pavel**, that suave gentleman from Transportation, sure makes a nice appearance when he struts down the avenue. . . . Poor guy . . . he never gets *The Bombshell* . . . his exercise consists of yawning profusely . . . he's still a member of the Traffic Club in Chicago and his hobby . . . well . . . ask him to tell you some of those Railroad stories of his.

Si Faupel of Auditing is quite a guy . . . have you ever seen him without a cigar . . . he likes to dance with **Ann Gubbins**, the cutie blondie from Auditing . . . and escorts **Helen Harmon** from Payroll to all the shindigs at the plant. . . . A letter from **Jim Walker** of Transportation reports he's in the Hoosier state . . . Fort Benjamin Harrison to be exact. . . . Promises a picture soon and wants everyone to write him . . . stop around for the address.

This bit of intrigue came via the grapevine. . . . **Walter Mooney** of Payroll, who has just become a professional sponger, is now searching for his next victim . . . the guy who wants to buy him another cup of coffee. . . . For further information contact his manager, **"Tightwad" Ream.**

On a recent expedition to Cherryville, Kan., **Chief Inspector "Duke" Douville** found a new meaning for the popular slogan "V for Victory." . . . They enhanced the sweat shirts the gals were wearing there. . . . Ask "Duke" what they meant. . . . The Cherryville inhabitants must have taken George Washington literally . . . 'cause the truth and nothing but the truth seems to prevail there.

Personnel received a letter from their former messenger, **John Hausser**, he's in the Marines . . . stationed at San Diego . . . and from all reports . . . is really in the "boot" training stage.

The duties of the expeditors of Operations and Engineering have almost reached the "tea dancing" stage . . . what with ten lovely visitors apiece for **Bob Kennedy** and **Ken Bull**. . . . Questions galore, but you can bet they had the right answers. . . . The "Ollie" gang from Payroll sure have some fancy nicknames . . . f'instance: . . . **Kay Cusick** is "Casey," **Jo Anne Comerford**, "Coach"; **Mary Dagon**, "Beautiful"; **Rachel Johnson**, "Termite"; **Juanita Kliegl**, "Tarzan"; **Joan Malloy**, "Squeaky"; and **Dick Shelly**, "Flask" . . . next issue will bring you more. . . . By the way . . . have you heard that there is a priority on the drinking fountain across from "Ollie's" office . . . reason . . . all the gorgeous gals he has in there.

Mail and Record will be running extra smooth now. . . . **Ralph Clutts** . . . the guy what got himself mixed up with a truck many moons ago . . . is back on the job. . . . Bet **Molly Baker** will be glad to get back on that day shift . . . course the boy friend won't . . . Not much . . . **Mary Lou Schwartz** of the same department spent a few days in Wisconsin on a second honeymoon . . . and don't let her fool you . . . that's what it was. . . . Heard that **Harold O'Keefe** has enlisted in the Air Corps. . . . Boy, oh boy . . . somebody's heart will be sad, definitely **Marge Jesberger's.**

Bill Perkins has moved his belongings to Wilmington . . . and what do you know . . . it's Streator he moved from? . . . Watch **Anne Kakara** boil when she reads this. On the romantic beam . . . **Kathleen "Don't you dare call me Lois" Dugan** has a yen for **Bob Stewart**, messenger. . . . **Ann Melovic** has been overloading the mail for Hawaii these days. . . . Have you heard . . . **Flossie Babecke** will be a Mrs. soon.

James George has the nicest voice over the phone . . . sure makes a difference when you pick up the phone and hear a friendly voice.

Heard that **Mary Biernat's** husband is now somewhere in England . . . the pride of the office, **Harold Kapsch**, will be inducted into the Army soon. . . . **George Margetts** of Group 1 has returned from a visit with his son at Camp Crowder in Missouri.

Bar the doors and put cotton in your ears . . . the Timekeeping gals have formed a bowling team. . . . They will challenge one and all . . . want to know who they are . . . all right. . . . **Mary Biernat, Martina Schomas, Shirley Campbell, Mary Gliha, Lorretta Franke, Elaine Levanduski, Geraldine Parthun** and **Betty Lou Page.** . . . P. S. Never mind . . . some girls in the Administration Building have been practisin', too, and they'll issue a challenge soon.

Betty Jane Jensen is now tagged "Flying Jane" . . . yeah . . . she flew to Cleveland last week end to visit friends. . . . **Otto Zenke** and **Louis Schuck** are now "Dormitory Dons," having moved into the dorms at Wilmington.

Lt. F. G. Kuether, that swell fellow, is now area engineer at Lewistown...sure miss him around here. . . . The gang welcomes **Lt. Robert Johnson** who is taking his place . . . he's got a nice smile, don't you think? . . . "Tommy" Haigh has been angling for a date with an unidentified lassie.

Capt. George Reece has been spending some time away from the office . . . a week's leave.

Gerry Stephen is the new appropriation in Personnel. . . . **Ginnie Harrod** got a diamond t'other nite and she hasn't hit ground since. . . . *Ya know someone asked me once, and I mean once . . . why I didn't get married. . . . I coyly said "I can't afford a husband." . . . After all, they are somewhat of a luxury.*

Capt. John Hardy sure has a time with his "boys" over on the tennis courts . . . have you ever seen them . . . they are shaping up nicely and will be a source of pride to him.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

The women's Change Houses in the Fuze and Booster area are a constant bee-hive of activity. Morning rest periods blend into lunch hours and then revert to afternoon rest periods. A shift change and the process begins all over again. So the job of keeping the lunch rooms and locker rooms clean and orderly is no snap job. But they always are, and the credit is due to 12 Negro girls who make the job look easier than falling off that log you hear so much about. They also have a fund of information on anything from "what shall I do about the tear in my uniform" to "has the area bus gone yet?" **Ann McFarland**, supervisor of the women's Change Houses, will take you on a tour of inspection at the drop of a hat. And she doesn't have to use an ounce of her Irish charm to convince you that everything is just what good housekeeping should be.

Vignette Portrait

In response to 19,137 requests from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, we herewith publish a picture of **Norma Fratia** who was the subject of last issue's vignette. All further communications should be addressed to Norma at the Personnel Building.

Ingenuity Saves Day

A few weeks ago women in the Fuze and Booster area were thrown into chaos when hairpins were put on the taboo list as a safety measure. Shoulder length bobs and braids to the waist were doomed. But **Veronica Gordon** of Group 8 has a husband who thought the whole situation over and saved the day. He devised a clever wooden hairpin that is "the McCoy" and thus passes inspection.

EOP Road to Success

We now have two more supporters of the theory that all roads from EOP lead to success. **Lucy Harkness**, former Hospital correspondent, writes that she is doing very nicely on her new job in Joliet but that her heart is still with EOP and *The Bomb-Shell.* **Agnes Crownover**, former timekeeper, made the jump from overtime to quarter time and is now a star attraction at the Ivanhoe in Chicago where she plays the electric organ.

FASTER DELIVERY of War Bonds to employee purchasers at EOP is due in considerable measure to the Bond Department's efficient staff shown here at work. Delivery is now made within a week after the last payroll deduction is made. Pictured left to right are Beverly Wynkoop, Kathleen Conway, Marjorie Connoly, A. E. Kinson, supervisor, and Arthur Witty.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

The Engineers' Bowling Team has four players by the name of Peterson, yet the present standing is 4 won, 5 lost. Poor teamwork?

O. K. Madsen visited his adopted American mother at Champaign, Ill., September 25. She is 86 years old. He visits her every year. During the last war her son and he were buddies at Chanute Field. They went to her home for a visit and since then she is his "Mother." The two boys went across together and after being together 18 months, O. K. was wounded and they separated. Since the Armistice he has always been in touch with her.

Max Wolffson lives in a 13-apartment building in Chicago. Each apartment has a new baby. Four are boys. Max's son is grown up at 27 months. He calls his dad "Hey Max."

George Rummel has two weeks' vacation coming up. He is at a loss as to what to do with it. Any suggestions?

Fred "Pop" Poplausky is a "Book of the Month Club" member. Many are pleased because now they can have quiet (?).

In **J. C. Quades** express to Elwood the question was "What is the capital of Massachusetts. **Don Roberts** said Boston. **Audie Allison** and Pop yipped and said nope it is Salem. The debate became heated until **H. T. Rostron**, who lives near there, told them which was which.

Walter Krohn kibitzes on the drilling of the Guards each lunch hour. They are becoming quite expert under his guidance.

Art O'Neil is really "holding" up the bowling team. He uses a green ball. His splendid score is around 90. He also uses green golf balls. His war stamp bouquet will be given to the nosiest bowler.

Harry Mac Rae is sporting a new hair-do or else he needs a haircut.

Don Lewison received a letter from **Fred Oman** and **Henry Lockwood**, two former engineers, now in Pearl Harbor. They are happy and would appreciate letters from their friends.

Robert "Wimpy" Forst is thinking of opening a Court of Human Relations. Many go to him with problems domestic and otherwise. Yes, he solves all except his own.

Nels Gronholm is a bit sleepy driving at the new 35-mile-an-hour limit to Chicago. His riders have to keep him awake.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Now that most of the boys who have left this line for the armed Services of Uncle Sam receive *The Bomb-Shell*, **Gerald "Whitey" Hall** suggests that we send our regards and expression of full support.

Frank Renchen returned from his vacation this week but no one has learned where he went and with whom.

It was heard that **Thomas Patton** has been seen making several trips to the first aid station lately. After all, when one has a chronic headache aspirins do help.

Dean "Two-Shot" Harrison and **Howard Gueller** were squirrel hunting a few days ago. Howard said Dean bagged the limit and after checking up found that he had fired twice as many shells as he had squirrels in the bag. He should take a double barreled shotgun next time and give 'em both barrels.

It was necessary for the boys in Building No. 10 to give **James Musso** a sedative during the ninth inning of the first World's Series game. Wonder what they gave him after the second game.

The bowling team added two more victories to their string the past week.

When **Arthur Thompson** put on a safety shoe he learned that you can have Bees in your shoes as well as in your bonnet. However, there was an argument and the result was a victory for the bee.

Jack Willhoit and **Donald Schlemmer** are leaving to join Uncle Sam's fighting forces this week.

Donald Breen, Building No. 4, would like some good advice. He would like to know what a bridge costs. (Automobile Bridge.)

Eddy Arnold (not the movie actor) says the time has finally been reached when a flat tire means something besides a bum date.

John Dillon is on leave of absence due to illness.

What **Emory Akeman** says about good housekeeping — "No one single factor has contributed as much to safety as good housekeeping. Essentially, it is cleanliness and orderliness, twins of any safe production program. These two not only reduce hazards of all types but are morale builders. Men are proud of a plant that is both clean and orderly. A certain amount of Group pride and loyalty is desirable in any of the groups at EOP. Men must feel keenly a loyalty to their group if things are to move along to a successful production program. Pride and loyalty do not thrive in disorder and uncleanliness. Our men are sold on Group 3-A.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

The Ordnance Inspection Department consisting of 370 employees is 100 per cent in donating at least 10 per cent of their salary for War Bonds.

Chief Inspector William F. Douville and Edward J. Nemanich, Gr. 9 Inspector, visited the Kansas Ordnance Plant at Parsons, Kan., September 21 and 22.

The winner of the War Bond for the pay period ending September 30 was **Clara I. Wehner**, chief clerk.

Catherine Tomlianovich entertained at a dinner party September 19 at the Hotel Louis Joliet in honor of **F. Warren Weithofer** who celebrated his birthday anniversary September 18. The guest list included **Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Wooley** and **Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birkey.**

Donna Joan arrived September 28 to brighten the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Smith.** Mr. Smith is a division inspector. **James G. George** loaned the bassinet used by his two sons to the Smith family. When he was taking it over to the Smith residence, his son, **Jimmy**, said "Daddy, don't take our bassinet away, we are saving it for a little baby sister." Whereupon Mr. George replied, "Son, I'm merely loaning it *temporarily* to the Smiths."

Two new employees are welcomed. **Vieana Wheeler** in Mail and Record and **Betty Ross**, who is delivering the mail out in the groups.

John Ney, Group 62 North, is endeavoring to survive on a half-sandwich and an apple for lunch. It seems that he has been gaining weight rapidly and the little wife wishes him to retain his youthful figure, hence the diet. It is pathetic though, especially that John had been accustomed to drinking a quart of milk and devouring at least three "Dagwood's," a generous portion of pie, etc., before the arrival of **Mrs. Ney** who formerly resided in Wisconsin.

It was reported in the last issue that sympathy is extended to Alice Steinberg whose mother died, whereas it should have read **Ellis Steinberg**, Group 71.

There are some real horsewomen in the inspection force. **Catherine Kemp** and **Eleanor Landers** of Group 4 visit Woodruff Stables frequently.

There is a magician in Group 4, none other than **John L. Habes.** Talking about prestidigitators, see **Warren Hoffman** for some real stories.

The inspectors in Group 4 felt a great loss when **Marie Plankar, Kenny Abbott, Norman Roski** and **Max ("uncle") Krup** were transferred to other groups. **Ray Lucas, Warren Hoffman** and **Lucille Olson** replaced them and are welcomed to the ranks.

Leo Sreebny left for officers training to help Uncle Sam win a speedy Victory.

Edward Ritter, assistant Group 6 inspector, has returned from a visit to the ordnance plant at Burlington, Ia.

Robert M. Harbison, Group 7 Inspector, journeyed to Cincinnati to attend the wedding of his son. He returned with rosy cheeks and glowing eye; that wonderful Ohio air, no doubt. He was overheard to mutter something about the train pulling out of the terminal sideways; maybe the air isn't the only good thing that can be inhaled in Ohio.

Dorothy Jean Haag, Group 6, is vacationing in Texas.

Mrs. Lottie Maloney recently joined the staff at Group 7.

Ferdie Biegus, assistant inspector, Group 8, has taken over the duties of **Ronald Sachs** who recently enlisted in the Army.

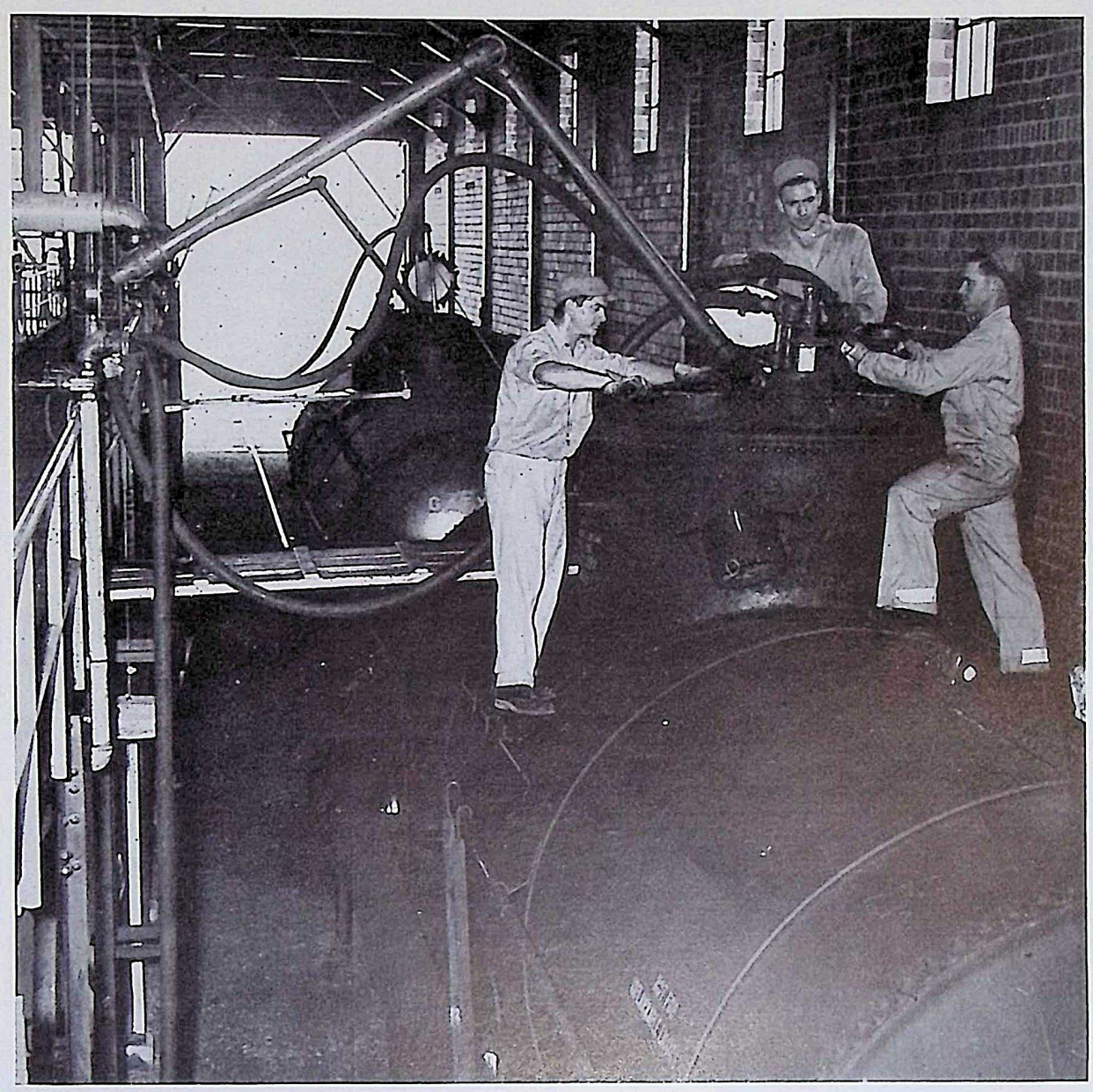
Arnold Hoffman, inspector, Group 8, was transferred to Scott Field where he will be trained to be a radio instructor. He was presented a gift by Shift 3.

Jerry Preboy and **Bettie Stalzer**, Group 8, are hard at work practicing vocal solos and dances with a view of being ready for EOP stage projects.

Cards were received from **Nadine Naese**, Group 8, who enjoyed a week's vacation in Iowa.

Sigmund Wysocki, Group 8, celebrated his birthday anniversary October 9.

Robert Wysock, Group 68, resigned September 19 to enlist in the Navy. His co-workers presented him with a gift.



AUTOMATIC UNLOADING of a tank car of liquid nitrate of ammonia at Group 61 as shown here is supervised by Stephen Juricic, Loren Horrie and James Halpin, pictured left to right.

OPERATION ORDERS to EOP guards in gate stations and squad cars are issued over the two-way short wave radio system from this radio room in the Guard House. Operators shown on duty are John Smith (left) and John Welch.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Now that vacations are over and all the timekeepers are back at their regular stations, the Time Department again is running more smoothly and efficiently. Everyone seems to have had a good time, refreshed and eager to give their all once more for the war effort.

Big **Jim Murphy** let *Young Kid Illness* knock him down for a few days but Jim came back with a savage defense and was awarded a technical knockout. Jim is once more at the Railroad Section House doing the good work he has done in the past.

Donald Riordian, who left to join the Merchant Marine, was presented a gift and number 64 was added to the service flag in a ceremony at the time office. The girls in the office are doing their bit for victory by kissing each boy as he leaves, Donald being no exception. **Carl Cornelius**, recently returned from Hollywood, California, was offered two contracts while there. One being to play the corpse in **Boris Karloff's** new picture, "The Ax Murder," the other to replace **Clark Gable** who is now in the Army.

Geraldine Graham seems to be the girl they left behind. Letters that come back from the boys in service are usually addressed to her.

If the timekeepers ever have a basketball team **Robert Griffin** should be cheerleader. Bob used to lead the Indiana University football team to victory.

The newest additions to the timekeeping staff are **Virginia Conrad, Marcella Corbett, Stanley Chapin, Louis Brainerd, Franklin Guest, Robert Zobel, Bernard Bellot, Lawrence Prodhel** and **Laverne Hohn.**

This one's on me. After running around pulling my hair out and screaming at everyone for news, to be put off with "I don't know any," to finally scrape up a little, make it newsy and get it printed, only to have the "I don't knows" come up to me and say "Why I knew that," then I can only exclaim weakly, like a lion's roar, "Why didn't you tell me about it then?" Oh, nurse, please bring me a strait-jacket!

The exploits of **Eva Sweda**, the Rockdale lotus flower, are of interest. Though she likes **Bernie Smego, Harry Knarr, Carl Cornelius, Bob Griffin, Samuel Epstein** and a few others, they all wonder who "Bill" is.

Notice the new sparkle in **Rosemary Veach's** eyes, created by the presentation of a new fur coat by her parents.

Robert MacEvoy claims Harry Knarr has the biggest feet in the area while Harry insists that Bob's nose was the original eagle's beak used on the silver dollar. They are the best of friends.

"Wish you were here," wrote **George Margetts** while on a recent visit with his son at Camp Crowder. Do you know that **Vince Parry** occupied the first trailer at the Wilmington Housing project? **Joseph Smajd** was the first dormitory "guest." **Bob Balma** is spending his vacation up north fishing.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Two of the hospital staff have been called by Uncle Sam to the armed forces. **Dr. Stephan Panzerella** received his commission as first lieutenant in the Army. His service here lasted but one week. He spent several days at the Personnel Building, in the men's medical division. Within two weeks he is to report for duty in California.

Another to hear the early bugle call in the morning is **Joseph Chizmark**, who entered service September 25. He has been an ambulance driver for many months at EOP. His flashy ties, especially a tan one which when properly held in the light displayed graceful, curvaceous figures, will long be remembered.

Before leaving a party was given for him. **Mrs. Joseph Gergovich** and **Mrs. Theodore Busse** made all the arrangements for a successful evening. Guests whiled the night away with dancing. Refreshments were served buffet style. A gift was presented by the group. Among the guests present were **Dorothy Schoop, Elizabeth Russell, Bertha Perush, Evelyn Moore, Marty Noels, Lorene Motta, Lucille Ambrose, Lucille Nahas, Marjorie Hartong, Mary Kulpa, Alma Nahas, Lucy Harkness, Sara Crate, Thersea Nahas, Veronica McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson, Dr. H. W. Harrison, Dr. B. G. Geil, Dr. L. N. Cohler, Dr. Jacob Wechsler, Roy Picaman, Gladwin Ashton, Tom Singer, Vance Cook, Fred Nahas** and **Joseph Jasper.**

Pete Busanelli, janitor at the Hospital, lost his helper, **Salvatore Cimino**, "Sam" for short. As Sam put it, "I go out to Calie—for—nee-a, by my wife. And-a seet under beeg-a orange tree and-a eet orangees by the bushel. And-a when I eet-a all thaa orangees, aah teenk of-a you."

Whether September 21 was a bright, sunny day or a cloudy, rainy day isn't recalled, but there was a bright new face in the first aid room. There was **Mrs. Anne Johnson** bandaging hands and fingers. She is a graduate of Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Before coming to EOP she did general duty for several years and was obstetrical supervisor for one year at Wesley Memorial. She now resides at Gardner.

The first aid cars are being driven by a new man this week. And those who are picked up from the groups will find him to be **Edward McKenney**, transferred from Group 61.

Gene Hurley, who suffered with the flu, is back to work again after a week of illness. She left the flu at home but brought a little red nose to work with her, and is wondering if she will ever stop sniffling.

Oswald Blanchard can't quite appreciate his newest coiffure. It seems that he visited a new tonsorial artist. The motif accentuates the old Indian scalp-lock. **Dr. McClure**, hailing from Colorado, near an Indian reservation, almost forgot to leave a lock. In fact, it looked like what the service men call a G.I. job.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Group 66

A letter addressed to "Farmer" from **Ralph Seeley**, former member of Group 66 and now in the Navy, states that he is lonesome at times for his old associates at the group and sends a hearty hello to all the boys. Ralph is a Naval cadet studying at Milton College in Wisconsin. He already has more than four hours of flying and from the schedule outlined he has very little free time. The letter was much appreciated by the fellows in 66 and Ralph concludes by saying, "You make 'em and I'll distribute them."

Earl Hunt is still here—"thanks to providence," say the fellows in Group 63.

Dale Smith, one of the older crew members, is spending anxious hours when away from home these days. Needless to say, he is expecting a new arrival any minute. The new tax "exemption" will be the second in Dale's home. Many here are acquainted with Mrs. Smith, who was the former **Margaret Powell**, supervisor at the Manteno State Hospital.

Did you know . . . that **George Hatting** is the ideal father—he takes his 13-year-old son fishing every evening . . . that **Loyal Olson** has recuperated from a recent illness and is back on the job . . . that Mr. DiPeso wasn't kidding when he said "stay out" to gentlemen of 66—if you don't believe this just take a squint at the new Yale lock on the timekeeper's door . . . that **"Mac" McCray** is not only tops on efficiency but is a great humanitarian as well—he shoots through the "branch" at the squirrel to "lighten the shock" . . . that **William Cota** is fishing—no one can imagine for what . . . that **Donald Green** left for a brief vacation at his home in Moline, Illinois.

Group 63

Paul "Smokey" Davidson has been wearing a broad smile since September 27—wedding bells rang for him and a pretty little Texas girl on that eventful day.

On the sick list are **Claude Heap, Rex Thomas** and **Johnny Zopf.**

Group 63 contributes soldiers-to-be in the persons of **Sam Howard, Christ Athas** and **Dale Robertson.**

Understand **Paul Hall** is plenty alright when it comes to playing a guitar and a harmonica in regular hillbilly style.

If betting is in your line contact **Lorin "Mike" Ellis**, burning pit foreman—he'll always lay a little wager with decent odds on most anything from the weather to a prize fight.

Ray Offerman takes on a few wild ones too.

SWINGING along in a gay mood is Mrs. Marlene Steiskal, recent bride of Robert J. Steiskal, Government inspection office, Group 3.

Group 66A

Three cheers for **"Pop" Redmond**, 66A foreman, who, during his eighteen months at EOP has neither been late nor missed a day of work.

The guards here seem to think 66A is the Eden spot of the area—and maybe they've got something there.

Group 68

Winners of War Bonds for the last two weeks were **Cecil Morrey**, truck helper, and **William Hayden**, better known as "Old Dad."

Laboratory

Saturday evening last, **Bobbie and Brid Bridwell** had "dinner and demi-tasse" with the **Jess Kinsers** at the "Louie." Rumor has it that due to an embarrassing lack of funds, Bobbie and Marge found themselves doing dishes and wearing off their filet mignons simultaneously.

Nelson Tippett has partially recovered from the *pip*, a rare disease which heretofore has attacked only baby chickens. Unfailing symptoms of the unusual illness is the inability of its victims to say "peep." Instead they say "pip." It has been a sad summer for Nelson.

Marcia Mitchell has started a fund for the benefit of **Marcia Mitchell.** It seems that hubby Jim called her Sunday from Camp Roberts—and they talked for thirty minutes to the tune of $26.35—*collect.*

Dog fancier **John Snyder**, who has christened his newly acquired daschund "Rosemary" after **Herb Hafele's "Rosemary,"** has established a haven for homeless dogs and cats. It is this quality in John—the one that he keeps the quietest—that is one of his noblest characteristics.

Rover Overholt and **Teddy Snyder** added infinitely to their aesthetic education by seeing "Good-Night Ladies" at the Blackstone in Chicago last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Teeter spent Tuesday in New York City (well, they can dream, can't they?)

Abraham Agamy entertained at a lovely garden party in his Coal City home the night of the snow. The guest list included **Ellis Steinberg, Ray Hybarger, Vern Holder, Dave Hill, Ronald Beck, Alexander Becker, Charles Clifford** and **Richard Orndorff.** *(It would have been great fun if someone had thought of it.)*

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stenstrom spent their vacation at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. Mrs. Stenstrom really enjoyed it, but Malcolm said it was just a waste of time. He sat in a boat three days in succession from daylight till dark with a fishpole in one hand and a hot water bottle in the other, and all he caught was a cold in the head and back. He went to a service station in Wilmington and sat on a greasing pit for two hours while an attendant worked on him with an oil can and grease gun to loosen up his joints so he could return to work.

Leslie Ross spent most of his vacation playing cow-pasture pool, commonly known as golf. Leslie said there is not much to the game for all you need is a ten-acre field, a bundle of wood, a foolish look and a pocket full of golf balls and tees. First you put the ball on the tee, then you tee off on the ball, driving it as far as you can. Then you go looking for the ball. If you find the ball the same day you hit it, you win the game. Leslie tee'd off on the ball and drove it one-quarter mile. He then went looking for it and what do you suppose he found? He found a billy-goat eating the ball. So he tee'd off on the goat and knocked his *goatee* off.

Material Checker **Robert Grady** is in St. Mary's hospital in Kankakee recuperating from an operation performed last week. His fellow-employes at the Hub and the other Material Warehouses wish him good luck and a speedy recovery.

Johnnie Purcell, now working in Group 70-5 Warehouse, was a jockey in his younger days and he was picked to ride a red-hot favorite one day on a well-known Indiana race track. The horse he was riding was a little wild at the post, but finally got off to a good start. Johnnie's mount went into the lead and held it all the way to the stretch, where the horse fell, throwing Johnnie over the rail on to a mule someone had parked there. So Johnnie rode the mule the rest of the way, winning the race only to be disqualified for failing to finish on the same horse he started on. When Johnnie was told the Judges wouldn't pay off on that one he swore he would never ride another horse or a mule either.

Hub News

Harold Ellis has resumed his work after a two weeks' vacation. We understand that Harold spent some time at Cedar Lake, Indiana.

Gerald Fitzgerald, alias Corrigan, spent an enjoyable vacation in Joliet. Gerald did not leave home as he was too busy catching up on sleep.

Quite a few tall fish stories have been floating around the Hub office recently. Some wonder if **Kenneth Pratt** has any pictures of those fish he caught at Monticello, Ind. Kenneth did catch a good sun tan.

***Gaylord Spies** has joined the* staff. He hails from Cabery, Ill.

Can you imagine something like this? **Harold Culbertson** spent his vacation fixing his furnace and laying pipe. Cub says these loose ends must be taken care of. A stitch in time saves!

Congratulations to **John Markley** for his courage and bravery. He still drives that flivver of old vintage and says its good for the duration (that is if the duration is not too long.)

George Duren, genial G-man and engineer, has been transferred to the Administration Building.

Dave Simm has been assigned to the warehouse as G-man and all hope he finds the little gray schoolhouse a pleasant place to be.

James Eib is not in the best of health. All hope that Eib will return real soon.

Schedule of First Aid Classes at EOP and in Nearby Communities

Location	Date	Place	Time	Instructor
Joliet	October 7	Joliet Township High School	7:20 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.	Mary Lou Wagner Meyrlin Hohnenstein
Plainfield	About October 15	Plainfield Library (Basement)	Open	Genevieve Hammel
Lockport	About October 15	City Hall	Open	Contact Local Red Cross office
Braidwood	October 15	P. T. A. Room (Grade School)	7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.	I. W. Hawes—Phone EOP Ext. 4227
New Lenox	About October 15	Village Grade School	Open	Lucille Drake
Gardner	October 15	Gardner Town Hall	7:30P. M. to 10:30 P. M.	I. W. Hawes—Phone Ext. 4227
Wilmington	October 20	Red Cross Chapter (Bank Bldg.)	7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.	Irene Stanley—Phone 5741 I. W. Hawes—Phone Ext. 4227
Kankakee	October 20	Labor Temple—220 W. Court St.	7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.	Mrs. Morris Cooper—Phone Main 2398
Coal City	About October 15	City Hall	Open	Mrs. P. G. Nicholson—Phone 2561 Mrs. Norman Campbell—Phone 2071
Morris	About October 15	County Building	Open	Mrs. Loretta Scavy—Phone 333
Ottawa	About October 15	City Council Room	Open	Arthur Barron—Phone 717 or 510Y
Elwood Ordnance Plant	October 19	Recreation Bldg., 2nd Fl.	4 P. M. to 6 P. M.	I. W. Hawes—Phone Ext. 4227

Shift changes will be given consideration **If you desire further information contact Group Safety Engineer**

Be sure you Register immediately for both Standard and Advanced Courses

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

October 12

Carolyn Bally, Group 9; Dorothy Bokoski, Group 5; Alonzo Buell, Group 3-A; Cecille Cheffer, Group 6; Samuel Cobb, Utilities; Sherman Cook, Utilities; Irene Coriell, Group 9; Eldon Fillman, Group 1; Nellie Finco, Group 9; Patrick Gillespie, Group 1; Frank Greene, Guards; Paul Higgins, Group 3; Harvey Johnson, Watchmen; George Karas, Engineering Department; Anna LaMontagne, Group 5; Monica Limacher, Ordnance; David Linton, Inspection; James Moore, Group 3; George Nichols, Group 3; Frank Nolan, Guards; Francine Perenchio, Group 6; Dagmar Peterson, Files and Mail; Eunice Pilotte, Group 4; Alena Reimers, Ordnance; Woodrow Sanders, Group 3; Jewell Spears, Group 7; Matthew Steinmetz, High Explosives; Esther Strunk, Group 4; Edward Turner, Group 5; Herman Utech, Utilities; Yvonne Voights, Group 4; Charles Wachendorfer, Utilities; Scott Whalen, Group 61; Clark Willhoite, Group 3; Dorothy Wright, Group 4.

October 13

Wilbert Andrews, High Explosives; Kenneth Argo, Group 3; Walter Butt, Group 1; Albert Carlisle, Utilities; Phil Center, Group 3; Joseph Connors, Group 2; Betty Eckhardt, Group 4; Mary Elias, Group 7; Edgar Englehart, Guards; M. E. Enrietta, Group 8; Charles Filkins, Group 1; William Gomora, Group 66; Mary Gross, Group 5; Michael Gruber, Utilities; George Holzhauer, High Explosives; Roosevelt Jackson, Group 4; Paul Johnson, Group 5; Lydia Kirkendall, Group 4; Ann Knezevic, Group 4; Leroy Lambert, Group 70; Otha Lewis, High Explosives; Mary Machino, Group 4; Nora McConalogue, Group 7; David Magee, Group 1; John Morgan, Guards; Landis Morris, Utilities; Delbert Neece, Utilities; Wayne Nissen, Group 1; Charlotte Oseland, Group 9; Jones Potts, Group 8; Joseph Ralston, Ordnance; Delores Rustman, Group 9; Edwin Shunk, Group 3; Henry Skoien, Group 3; Alex Stein, Ordnance; Francis Wallrich, Jr., Group 1; Clarance Wills, Group 1; Clarence Wills, Group 3; George Zerbanos, Group 9.

October 14

Lucile Boudreau, Group 9; Clifford Buell, Group 1; Minnie Carraher, Group 9; Daniel Coffey, Group 2; Fred Dix, Group 2; Raymond Ekkert, Group 1; Martin Gibson, Group 1; Anne Hann, Group 9; Jesse Hartlep, Group 2; William Hatting, Utilities; Edward Kendziorek, Group 2; Anna Klein, Group 5; John Lawson, Group 1; Emily Matis, Group 4; George Mayerick, Accounting; Ruth McCalip, Group 7; Alfred Muzzarelli, Utilities; Marcella Novak, Group 7; Eileen Olroyd, Group 9; Stell Ozengloski, Group 4; Carl Reardanz, Utilities; Grace Reedy, Group 7; Florence Risinger, Group 5; Joseph Scheidt, Group 1; Freda Smith, Group 7; Robert Smithberg, Group 1; Paul Speaker, Accounting; Peter Speaker, Utilities; Mary Stewart, Group 8; Grace Wendall, Group 9; Mary Williams, General Offices.

October 15

David Anderson, Group 4; James Baumgardner, Group 61; Everett Boatman, Guards; Idella Cromwell, Group 4; Beatrice Cross, Group 9; Elizabeth Drennen, Group 8; Howard Fischer, Ordnance; Joseph Harkins, Utilities; Essie Johnson, Group 9; Emmitt Leonard, Group 1; Theresa Licht, Hospital; John Meredith, Utilities; June Million, Utilities; Ruth Mueller, Group 7; Ruther Sanderson, Group 4; John Simmons, Utilities; Otis Strapp, Group 8; Irene Troutman, Group 4; Mary Weber, Group 4; Robert Williams, Group 1.

October 16

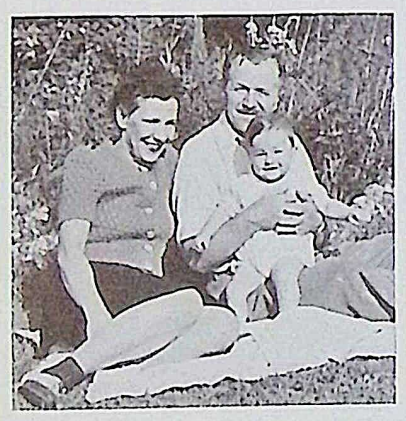
George Anderson, Utilities; Walter Aussprung, Utilities; Crawford Bailey, Group 7; Barney Beoletto, Group 61; James Bick, Utilities; Carl Blasing, High Explosives; Francis Denoyer, Group 5; Olive Duvall, Group 9; Esther Guthrie, Group 7; Elsie Hubert, Group 7; Genevieve Karr, Group 4; Virgil Kissee, Utilities; Andrew Kwasniewski, Utilities; Paul Lynes, Utilities; Evelyn Melby, Personnel; Howard Pearson, Guards; Donald Peterson, Group 1; Raymond Pomeroy, Group 3-A; Jack Probisky, Group 3; Julia Reshak, Group 8; Lula Sefcek, Group 7; George Shablatura, Group 1; Helen Skumanich, Ordnance; Woodford Smith, Guards; Mary Tokar, Accounting; Ernest Wendt, Utilities; Andrew Wicevic, Group 1; Elmer Wichmann, Group 3-A; Girlie Woosley, Group 8.

October 17

Horace Clark, Purchasing; Leo Croxen, High Explosives; Joseph Gasperich, Ordnance; Mary Greenley, Group 9; Charles Howell, Utilities; Marjorie Kisner, Group 9; John Kroehnke, Group 1; Betty Lubanick, Group 9; Dominic Magnani, Utilities; James Moody, Ordnance; Dorothy Norton, Group 5; Morton Olson, Ordnance; Betty Peterson, Group 9; Edgar Redmon, High Explosives; Joseph Rivers, Group 4; Edmond Rowley, Accounting; Lois Schultz, Group 4; John Sercelo, Utilities; Arthur Sinclair, Group 1; Frances Sinkovec, Group 4; Richard Stanley, Inert Storage; Earl Weakman, Group 1; Homer White, Inspection; Frank Willis, Guards; Harry Wiseman, Ordnance; Edward Young, High Explosives.

October 18

Julia Astle, Group 4; Rosemary Becher, Group 1; Chester Bennewitz, Group 2; Ralph Berryman, Guards; Royal Blackford, Group 1; Elizabeth Boldan, Accounting; Roy Border, Utilities; Agnes Brown, Group 4; Vern Bryant, Group 5; Verla Chism, Plant Protection; Claude Cole, Utilities; John Daniels, Utilities; Gerald Delaney, Utilities; Edith Dinon, Group 5; Patrick Gahagan, Watchmen; Clarence Green, Inert Storage; Marion Griffin, Group 7; Walter Horst, Utilities; Elizabeth Kambic, Group 5; Joseph Kolich, Group 66; Monica Kotowski, Group 6; William Malzow, Group 1; Pearl McElvain, Group 4; Paul Moews, Guards; Beatrice Moon, Group 9; Oakley Norman, Accounting; Edith Patterson, Group 5; James Riddell, Utilities; Oladean Rockenbach, Group 4; Robert Rub, Group 2; Clyde Runyon, Group 61; James Ryan, Group 3-A; Anna Seliga, Group 8; Virginia Snader, Group 5; Gerald Tostesen, Group 2; James Turner, Group 7; Elmer Wenbert, Utilities; Wesley West, Group 1; Orval Wolfe, Utilities; Orville Ziller, Guards.



GONE, or almost so, are the days when such poses as these are possible with winter coming on. Shown are Frank Kadlec, auditing department; Mrs. Kadlec and their 9-months-old son, Robert. They have moved from Chicago to Joliet.

October 19

Calvin Ashline, Utilities; Elsie Beach, Group 4; Kathryn Bushey, Group 7; Robert Calahan, Group 2; Charles Chole, Utilities; Ida DeMoss, Group 5; Albert Ferriter, Accounting; Dorothy Formenti, Group 5; Robert Hansen, Group 1; Tony Harding, Group 3-A; Walter Houdlett, Inspection; Paul Lauer, Timekeeping; Clifford Lockwood, Group 3-A; Leo Lovell, Utilities; Donald Lytle, Group 1; Thomas Mills, Utilities; Albert Nelson, Utilities; Charles Page, Group 1; Raymond Pratt, Utilities; George Schlegel, Utilities; Patricia Scofield, Group 7; Lionel Senesac, Utilities; Harley Snow, Group 1; Genevieve Spreitzer, Group 9; Albert Stefani, Group 8; Jessie Sweatt, Group 1; Eileen Terlep, Personnel; Jesse Thomas, Utilities; Helen Welus, Group 5; Paul Wood, Utilities.

October 20

Joseph Allard, Group 1; Alton Allison, Engineering Department; Irvin Anderson, Group 3-A; Michael Bobel, Group 1; Doris Bullock, Group 4; Julia Crate, Group 7; Paul Diggle, Utilities; John Dvorak, Group 3-A; Evelyn Fears, Group 7; George Fikrle, Utilities; Joseph Gura, Group 1; Vearl Heinis, Timekeeping; Dorothy Herlihy, Group 7; Lawrence Huster, Ordnance; Ivan Janelle, Group 2; Harry Laubhan, Jr., Utilities; Catherine Lindblad, Hospital; Thomas Machetti, Ordnance; George Margetts, Ordnance; Emily Murin, Group 4; Kenneth Palmer, Ordnance; Robert Pester, High Explosives; Charles Peterson, Group 3; Howard Rose, Group 66; Jeanette Salzman, Group 1; Kenneth Sandvall, Group 6; Ira Schick, Fire Department; Thomas Shay, Group 1; Angeline Sovinski, Group 9; Ray Spivey, Inert Storage; Ethel Studer, Group 4; Faun Ulmer, Group 4; Joseph Walsh, Group 3-A; Melvin Watters, Group 7; Carl Wekander, Group 1.

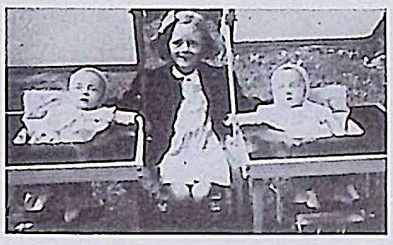
ORDNANCE inspectors of Group 62, O. J. Ralston of North Inert and Thomas Dillon of South, are shown discussing baseball in the quiet and cool of the woods.

October 21

Irving Adams, Utilities; Frances Biros, Group 8; Thomas Bruce, Utilities; Helen Camp, Group 6; Everett Denoyer, Group 3; Walter Dixon, Utilities; Bernadine Dolinshek, Group 5; Clarence Dumjahn, Group 66; Leo DuPuis, Group 1; Armando Govoni, Utilities; Harry Hightower, Jr., Group 4; Raymond Hoffman, Group 3; Mary Holeman, Group 8; George Holland, Group 3; Helen Hoyt, Group 9; Albert LaBorence, Timekeeping; Charles Lesnik, Utilities; Anton Loda, Inert Storage; Raymond Mallie, Group 3; Walter Moorhead, Jr., Group 2; Frank Perino, Jr., High Explosives; Oliver Pierce, Personnel; Donald Pinder, Accounting; Clyde Taylor, Group 2; Fedele Testa, Group 1; Orville Schweigert, Accounting; Marion Shaw, Group 4; Connie Singleton, Group 1; Margaret Smith, Group 5; Carl Swanson, Timekeeping; Mary Viggianelli, Group 7; Stanley Wojciechowski, Group 2; Evelyn Wood, Group 9; George Woodworth, Group 4; Freddie Yarno, Group 1; Royce Young, Group 1.

October 22

H. Alexander, Group 1; Clarence Barrows, Inert Storage; Stephanie Bielec, Group 9; Eileen Bombasaro, Group 4; Everett Brannberg, Group 1; Lillian Calahan, Group 5; Bertha Cremer, Group 7; Arneita Dicken, Group 8; Thomas Dixon, Utilities; C. A. Dziurzynski, Group 3-A; Bartho Fioritto, Utilities; Derald Grimshaw, Ordnance; James Hayes, Group 66; Myrtle Horn, Group 9; Paul Jenkins, Utilities; Arthur Jones, Inspection; Walter Jones, Utilities; Ward Kellogg, Group 1; R. LaMontagne, Inert Storage; Andrew Levitt, Group 4; Darwin Matter, Guards; T. A. Matuszewski, Inert Storage; John Merrick, Inspection; Leonard Nelson, Inert Storage; Gladys Odette, Group 7; Mildred Ostoich, Group 4; Stanley Pajak, Utilities; Geno Rugeri, High Explosives; Leo Schroeder, Guards; Walter Sherman, Guards; Robert Smith, Group 3-A; Charlotte Smith, Group 9; Barbara Stacy, Group 7; Floyd Stevens, Utilities; Frank Stuky, Utilities; Paul Trepanier, High Explosives; Joseph Turk, Inert Storage; Ralph Turner, Engineering Department; Edward Wince, High Explosives.



TWIN BROTHERS, Jim and John, 6½ months old, are looked after by Patricia, their 7-year-old sister. The three are the children of Louis "Sully" Sullivan, Accounting Department.

October 23

Robert Attaway, Group 1; Helen Bailey, Group 9; Ronald Blackburn, Guards; Bernard Cavanagh, High Explosives; C. E. Christensen, Group 1; Charles Delaney, Group 3; Theodore Demack, Group 4; George Dennison, Group 2; William Dodson, Group 3; Marvin Dornburg, Group 3-A; William Edmondson, General Operations; Sharon Eriksen, Group 3-A; Irvin Heck, Group 3; George Heckenkamp, Group 1; Mayme Hoskins, Group 6; John Hosler, Group 61; Mildred Jensen, Group 8; Harry Lightfoot, Group 3-A; Regina Manau, Group 8; Marueen McElroy, Group 7; James McFarland, Utilities; Walter Mozden, Group 1; Helen Quinn, Group 9; Alvin Rediger, Utilities; Harry Rice, Group 3; Carl Richards, Guards; Arnold Ronnenberg, Group 3; Thomas Ryan, Guards; Ella Savoie, Group 5; Irene Sekola, Group 1; Roland Sisk, Group 2; Esther Speckman, Group 5; Helen Spisak, Group 4; Orville Stevenson, Group 3; Jessie Strapp, Group 9; Walter Voss, Group 2.

October 24

Francis Bridge, Accounting; John Caruso, Utilities; Lester Castongue, Group 1; Lillie Hale, Group 4; Lavera Holder, Group 5; H. M. Hutchinson, Inspection; Gerald Jacobs, Group 3-A; Wanda Johnson, Group 9; William Kelsey, Group 2; Elizabeth LeBeau, Group 6; Frank Lorence, Group 2; Adolph McClintock, Utilities; Jennie Murdie, Accounting; Carl Peterson, Group 1; John Preberg, Group 2; Beatrice Rodgers, Ordnance; Virginia Ryan, Group 5; Arnold Schweer, Utilities; Thomas Shay, Inspection; Gilbert Simmons, Group 3-A; Elizabeth Strahm, Group 4; Clara Surprenant, Group 7; Merna Wemstrom, Personnel; Floyd Westerfield, Group 1; Myra Winkler, Group 4.

October 25

Maratha Allie, Group 9; Angelo Balbinot, Maintenance; Wilbur Bewsey, Group 3; Jean Bolen, Ordnance; Amy Boughton, Group 7; Eylar Brunskill, Guards; Shirley Cooper, Group 9; Isabelle Doss, Group 9; Walter Duncan, Group 6; Robert Fillmore, Group 2; Michael Forkal, General Operations; Mary Fracaro, Group 9; Irene Gehrke, Group 9; Donald Godich, Group 61; Virginia Green, Group 9; Russell Harris, Group 9; Agnes Jisa, Group 9; Margaret Kormelink, Group 8; Donald Lambert, Group 1; Leona Larkins, Group 9; William Liming, Group 2; Charles Littrell, Group 2; William McCormick, Utilities; Mary Merillat, Group 5; Francis Riley, Plant Protection; Emeline Russell, Group 7; William Ryan, Accounting; Henry Spellisy, Utilities; Frances Sukle, Group 5; Charles Swartz, Group 3-A; James Tucker, Group 1; G. C. Weidenbach, Group 6.

Third Fellowship Meeting Oct. 15

Third in the series of EOP fellowship meetings is scheduled for 6 o'clock Thursday evening, October 15, in the Cafeteria, with a program of entertainment following in the Recreation Building. The committee in charge is composed of **John H. Walker**, chairman; **C. J. Coburn**, steward; **J. J. Fitzpatrick, St. Clair Smith, George F. Bent, Paul L. Deylitz, C. W. Wade** and **John O'Connell.**

All those expecting to attend are urged to communicate with Mr. Coburn by 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 14.

About 200 men attended the second meeting October 1. After a turkey dinner in the Cafeteria, Chairman **A. P. Balston** invited the group to go to the Recreation Building, where they were entertained by **Leona Hagen**, of the Personnel Department, **Beverly Swenson**, and **Robert Henderson.**

The rest of the evening was devoted to bowling, billiards, table tennis, cards, and shuffle-board under the supervision of **Chief M. C. Baughman.**

The EOP Guide Post

SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT — BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—1937 Ford, 4-door sedan, radio, heater, 5 good tires. $175 cash. Call **Carl Anker**, Line 4280.

Riders Wanted—For Chicago or intermediate points either by Route 6 or 7. 1940 Oldsmobile. See **J. E. Ryan**, Room 39, Administration Bldg., or call Line 2263.

Riders Wanted — Between Wilmington and EOP. Leave Wilmington at 6:45 a. m. Pass Group 8, Group 4, Group 68, Group 63, Group 70 and Richards Farm. See **T. Tomaszewski**, Group 68, or call Line 3163.

Riders Wanted—To and from Wilmington on 4 to 12 shift. Call **M. Stenstrom**, Line 4291.

For Sale—At public auction at 10 a. m., October 15, at Court House in Joliet, 5-room house and acre of ground in Custer Park opposite Wabash depot. Write or call **Pence B. Orr**, 201 Chalstrom Bldg., Joliet—telephone 2-0255.

Lost — Ladies' yellow-gold wrist watch with gold band. Lost Friday, September 25, in Group 8 change house or on area bus between change house and shakedown house. Call Group 8 superintendent's office, Line 3244.

For Swap—Will trade model airplane kits and supplies, poster stamps, cigarette cards, etc., for Raleigh cigarette coupons only. Will also trade coupons. Write **Robert J. Steiskal**, Government inspection office, Group 3, or Hawthorne Station, Chicago.

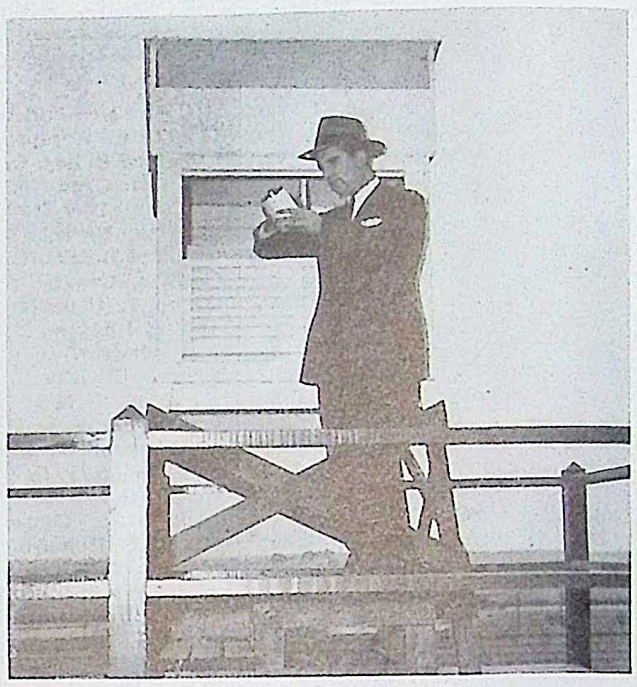
Wanted—Riders from Morris to EOP on the 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. shift. Call Extension 61 at Richards Farm.

Ride Wanted—To and from Joliet. Arrive in Joliet at Rock Island station about 7 a. m. Want ride about 7 or 7:30 a. m. Leave EOP about 4 or 4:30 p. m. Will try to arrange hours to fit driver's. Call **G. S. Hedrick**, Line 3182-3.

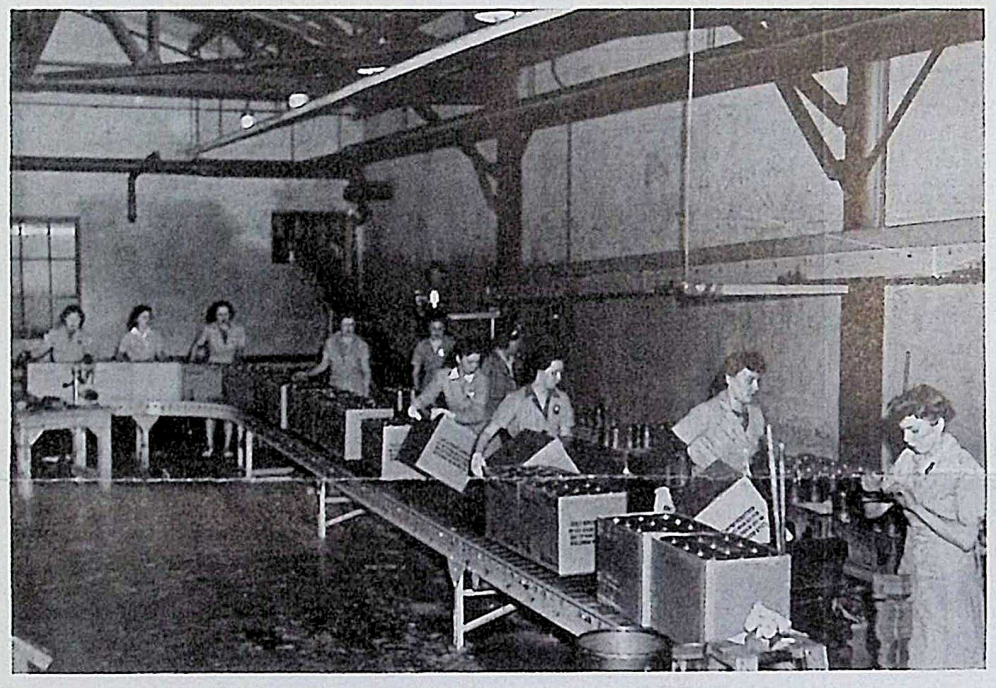
ELWOOD ON PARADE

SOLDIERS' kits will be furnished by the EOP Red Cross Chapter with the $50 presented to Mrs. Don M. Hoffman, chairman, by J. E. Olson for War Dept. Employees Service Group.

STENCILING the brass cases for 105 mm. shells is the job of Fern Timm (left) and Priscilla Shepperd, shown here at work in Group 1. Men and girls work together in this bay.



FORECASTING the weather to aid in loading line operation is the task of Guy Ward, EOP meteorologist, shown here in his observatory atop the Administration Building.



BRASS CASES for 105 mm. shells are shown here being unboxed and sent to a loading bay by feminine employees of Group 1. Pictured left to right are Cecelia Bebey, Violet Mitchell, Louise Ariagno, Catherine Gabrys, Eloise Kelley, Violet Goffin, Phyllis Pement, Dorothy Parks, Vera Lee and Mae Abney.

INSERTING PRIMERS in the 105 mm. shell cases is rapidly done by the agile fingers of Louella Hilgert (left) and Nelda Bergman after they come off the conveyor in the receiving room. This is another of the assembly assignments given to girls in the loading lines and is followed by insertion of powder bags.

MUSCLE AND SKILL are required in the loading operations shown here, a close-up of part of the bay pictured on Page 1. A heavy hammer and wrench are used to tighten the fuzes in the 105 mm. shells, but the girls in Group 1 have proved equal to the task. Shown left to right are Ruth Welch, Martha Mings, Marie Heintz and Billy Gibbs. Julia Kirby and Pat Fitzgerald are in the rear.

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New C. O. Served Long in France in World War I

Purple Heart Given Major Haber for Combat Activities

(Pictures on Page 3)

Major Kenneth M. Haber (pronounced Hobber), new commanding officer at Elwood Ordnance Plant, saw considerable overseas service during World War I and was awarded the Purple Heart decoration when he was wounded in Belgium. He came here from the Ravenna Ordnance Plant at Ravenna, Ohio, where he was executive officer.

Major Haber, who was graduated from the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland as a chemist and mining engineer, and also took a journalism course at Columbia University in the interest of his writing avocation, was founder and general manager of the Chamberlain-Haber Chemical Company, Cleveland. He retired from this business in 1940.

He served with the 112th Combat Engineers in France and Belgium, and received the Purple Heart. He was in service 26 months, and overseas 13, and took part in the Meuse-Argonne, the St. Mihiel, the Vosges, the Pannes sector and the Lys-Escaut sector campaigns. He was a master engineer, highest non-commissioned rank with the engineers. After the war he returned to civilian life, and for a time was interested in the conversion of war gas plants to peacetime purposes.

Although he has not been writing for several years, Major Haber formerly was a frequent contributor of short stories to national magazines, and Mrs. Haber, who writes under the name of **Elizabeth Haber**, is an author of stories for children. Until a few years ago she was a columnist for the Cleveland *Plain-Dealer*. Major and Mrs. Haber have two sons, both in school. Mrs. Haber and the boys do not plan to come here, the major said.

Horseshoe Tournament Starts October 26

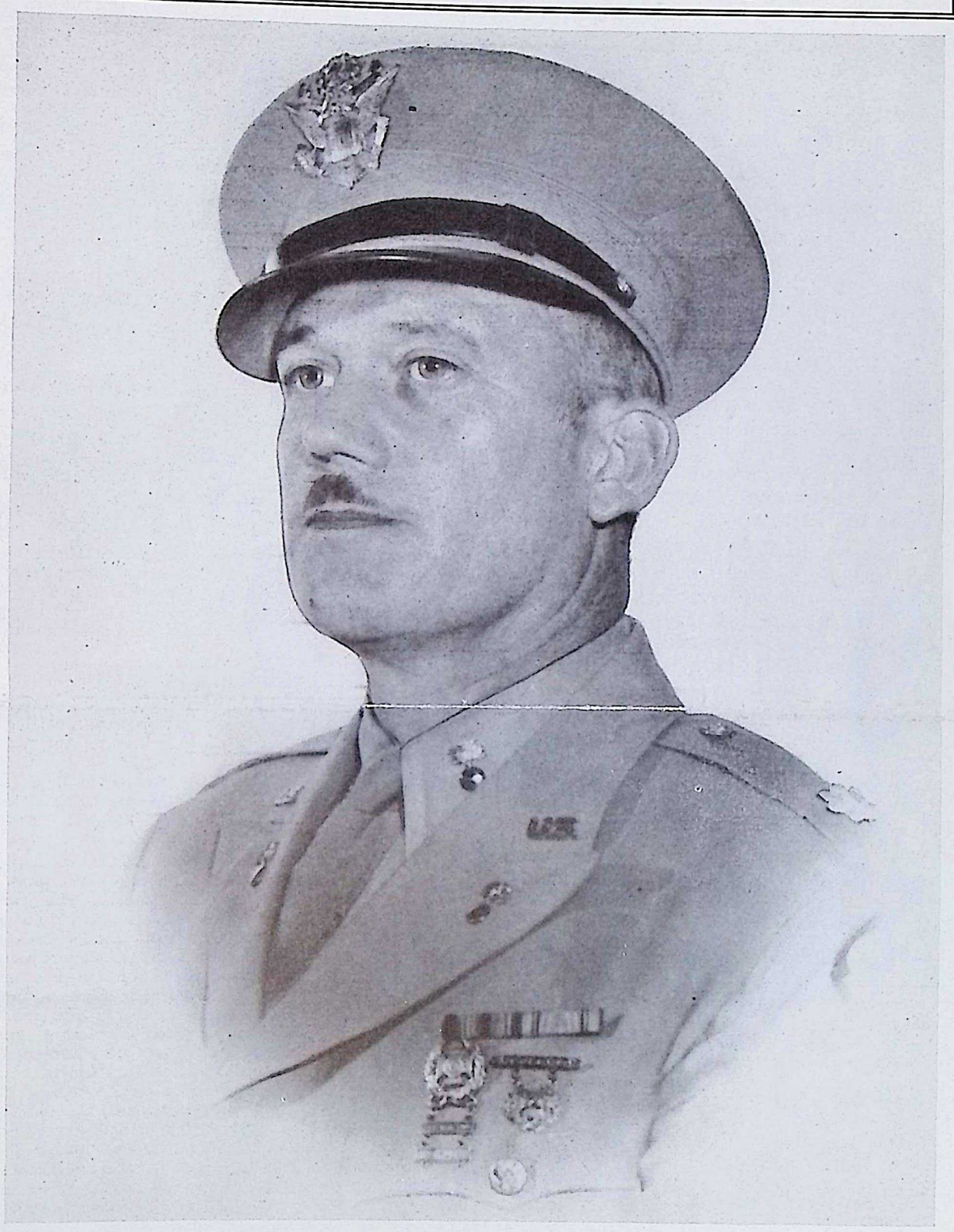
Entries have been closed for the championship Horseshoe Pitching Tournament and the schedule drawn up. The nineteen entries will bring together some of the best players in the plant.

Play will start on the courts at Fire Station No. 1 Monday, October 26, and will continue daily until the championship is decided.

Next year this will be made a major event; new courts will be built in the recreation area back of the Recreation Building and every evening will see men and girls throwing Dobbin's castoff footwear.

The schedule will bring together the following teams for the first round: **Grover Alexander vs. Francis Downey; William Hayes vs. Louis Residori; Fred Wesselhoff vs. John Arnold; Walter Lueder vs. E. Bramhall; Virgil Bell vs. Robert Irwin; Joseph Vacarro vs. Ralph Sassenger; Sidney Leeve vs. Virgil Fear; Angelo Amorose vs. Leanord Terry.** The following have drawn byes for the first round, **Julius Naurot, Frank Pavlick** and **Paul Lester.**

Promoted to Greater Ordnance Assignment



LIEUTENANT COLONEL DON M. HOFFMAN

"Miss Victory" of EOP to Be Selected

In co-operation with the Chicago *Herald-American's* nationwide contest, EOP employees have the opportunity to select from among their girl co-workers one who by outstanding contributions to the war program through daily work and extra-time efforts can earn the title of "Miss Victory."

With other newspapers, the Chicago paper is seeking to have some girl war worker named "Miss Victory" for the Nation. The divisional contest, embracing the Chicago area, will select an entrant who will be sent to Washington to compete for the national title. EOP's entrant will compete in Chicago with representatives from other war plants in this section for the divisional title.

Some 35 or more EOP girl war workers will be considered by a committee of judges for the EOP title. They can be nominated by any employee and those receiving the highest number of nominations will be considered as semi-finalists, from whom EOP's "Miss Victory" will be selected by the judges at the Hallowe'en dance, October 31, in the Recreation Building.

For your convenience, a ballot is enclosed with this issue of *The Bomb-Shell*. Please act according to instructions at once, as the deadline for entrants is Thursday midnight, October 29. Fill in your ballot, put in the name of your nominee, indicate the reasons for your support, sign your name and clock number and mail to "Miss Victory Committee," Elwood Ordnance Plant, Joliet, Ill.

The semi-finalists will be called before the judges' committee at the dance, and an entry who will go to Chicago will be selected. The winner of the national title of "Miss Victory" will receive a $1,000 War Bond as a prize and will be entertained without expense to her in Washington.

Members of the EOP judges' committee are **George F. Bent**, chairman; **Helen Bardi**, secretary; **Helen Shimek, John H. Lower, John Condi** and **Capt. David P. Tunstall** as EOP public relations officer.

Delay may be costly to your candidate's chances, so send in your ballot at once. Only those postmarked on or before midnight October 29 and received Friday morning may be considered. You may find help in the following excerpts from the Chicago newspaper's contest rules:

"Contestants shall include girls and women of any age, single or married, working in war industries, who are regularly employed. They must have good attendance records and must be approved for honesty and efficiency by their employers.

"Selections will be made on the basis of the candidate's record, in-

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Col. Hoffman Leaves After Two Year Stay

Takes St. Louis Post; Succeeded Here by Maj. K. M. Haber

Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, commanding officer of the Elwood Ordnance Plant since March 10, left October 13 to assume new duties as executive assistant to the Field Director of Ammunition Plants at St. Louis.

Colonel Hoffman was succeeded here by **Maj. K. M. Haber**, who previously was executive officer of the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, Ravenna, O.

Colonel Hoffman was accompanied by **Mrs. Hoffman** and their 14-year-old son, **James R. Hoffman.** Another son, **Sgt. William R. Hoffman**, 22, has been in Egypt since February, 1941, attached to the British Middle East Armies, where he has participated in the campaign of that sector.

Arriving in Joliet, October 27, 1940, Colonel Hoffman has represented the Ordnance Department at EOP continuously since that time. Ground for the plant was broken in November, 1940, and Colonel Hoffman has played an important part in its planning, construction and operation.

Native of California

On January 17, 1941, he was made executive officer of EOP and retained that post until his promotion to commanding officer last March. In the meantime, the staff of Army officers has been increased to 20.

Born in San Francisco, Calif., July 4, 1898, Colonel Hoffman is the third generation of a family of newspaper owners and publishers in the state. He was graduated from the University of California in 1917 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Enlisting in the Army after this country's entrance into World War I, he was assigned to the first Air Force ground school at the University of California and later was transferred to the 27th Engineers. With this outfit and the 472nd Engineers, Colonel Hoffman participated in World War I.

From that time until 1927, when he was promoted to first lieutenant and transferred to Chemical Warfare division, Colonel Hoffman was with the U. S. Army Engineers, attached to the

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Next Fellowship Meeting October 29

The next of the popular EOP fellowship parties will be held Thursday evening, October 29. Dinner at 6 o'clock at the Mess Hall will be followed by a program of entertainment in the Recreation Building.

The committee in charge is composed of **George F. Bent**, chairman; **R. T. Read**, assistant chairman; **H. H. Clark**, steward; **George Mowitt, R. C. Wilhelmi, E. G. McAloon** and **Joseph Salmon.**

All men desiring to attend the party should contact Mr. Clark by 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 28.

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The Bull's Eye

Some article around the house was wanted the other day. The "head" of the family suggested that it was probably in our boy's room.

In our boy's room! I hadn't been in that room for weeks. It was quiet in there, neat, everything in its place. The sunlight filtered fitfully through half-drawn curtains. One of the sunbeams lighted up a picture on the mantle over the fireplace where he used to take off his shoes and stockings at night. It was his graduation picture from military school. I remembered how proud he was when he brought that picture home, brave in its uniform and the bars of his school commission—and how proud we were.

And then I knew why that was so quiet and so neat. He had worn another uniform that day when he marched away to camp. It was a real uniform then, that which Uncle Sam had given him. He walked with squared shoulders, head held high, proud again that he was wearing that new uniform. And, again, we were proud —proud that we had a *son* to give to Uncle Sam.

Maybe it was a bit of mist before my eyes but in that room again I saw a disorder of boys' clothes piled on a chair, one shoe here, another there, a baseball bat in the corner, a gun on the wall, a football with the name of a half dozen of his University's gridiron heroes scrawled on it. Then I looked in the bottom drawer of his dresser. Yes, they were there—the tin soldiers that were an early Christmas gift that he had treasured through all the years.

I could see him in knickers and shirt-waist marshalling those tin soldiers, parading them on the living room floor, flushed with victory as "his army" put most of the opposing army hors-de-combat. And then I saw him again with wooden sword and paper hat, marching in a column of neighborhood boys and girls parading in the street in front of their homes at make-believe war.

I walked over to the bed, half hoping to rumple the tousled, sleepy head and in assumed stern tones command him to get up, get washed, eat his breakfast and be on the way to school.

Strangely, I went back down the stairs without even having thought to look for the thing I was to get. But his mother did not mention it to me as I began talking about getting right out into the yard to do some work around the yard.

And as I puttered around the lawn, I wished that I, too, were young enough to be out there with my boy carrying a gun, to pat him on the back again and say, "that was a good job you did."

—**B. C. Wollan**, Group 3.

October 17, 1942

TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS:

I am sure you will all be glad to know that the payroll deduction for purchase of War Bonds for the payroll period ending October 10, 1942, was 10.56% of gross earnings.

I think this is a fine record and I hope very much that it can be maintained.

(Signed)
W. E. Canniff

Manager, Engineering & Operations

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

This dispatch shall deal with that favorite, but often badly handled, subject of women. In fact, it may take on the proportions of a warning to some of the more securely situated male members of that great EOP family that they had better be on their toes or they may soon find themselves relegated to the world of "not necessary" men.

Each and every one of us sooner or later is going to arrive at the sudden conclusion that we have a war on our hands and, also, that despite the individual gigantic mentalities that seemingly know all the answers, it takes men to win the war itself but nonetheless, the wheels of industry are going to turn at home, or the war might be won by someone else than our side.

The fellow who thought up the idea that the fair ladies might pitch in and turn out a respectable day's work really had something that you and I should have thought up sometime back. The possibilities of little dames, dames, and yea, verily, even the mesdames, dancing an industrial minuet to the accompaniment of grinding gears, sparking metal, puffing locomotives, and grunting superintendents sort of takes the imagination by the hand and leads it into the world of the fanciful and eerie.

I have for some time been speculating on the potentialities of the idea as it might be applied to the one and only EOP. Picture, if you will, the feminine touch as it would inevitably pervade the atmosphere of "the area" if and when the substitutions are made Catherine for Carl, Edith for Edward, Joan for John, Dorothy for Donald, Helen for Henry, and Zelda for Zilch.

FIRST Accomplishment of Scorchy's diatribes is pictured here . . . St. Clair Smith, superintendent of High Explosives, now wears a conventional hat.

As the transition becomes a fact, it is not unreasonable to expect that the finished product that rolls out of our production lines will be painted in gay, colorful designs with many of cupid's hearts and arrows and other cryptic messages, which could accurately be interpreted as "Love and Kisses from Josie, inspector 982, to the Lug That Pulls the String on the Howitzer." In other fields, the same delicate touch would manifest itself in chintz curtains for the windows of that broken-down timekeepers' shanty that remains from the construction days at Group 3A.

To get down to brass tacks, or to be more specific, to EOP Waacs I nominate that terrifying demon of the Personnel Department, **Helen Bardi**, as the future assistant superintendent of railroad maintenance. It is felt that she would perform admirably as the working boss of a gang whose sole daytime activity consisted of tossing rails and ties back and forth and having them end up in pairs parallel to one another and at all points fifty-six inches apart.

The imagination need not be stressed too far to envision **Billy Nicholson** of **W. E. Canniff's** office rolling empty bombs from freight cars into those gluttonous tombs of storage more familiarly known as the Balston Caverns. The great **Arlene Schloendorf**, Mistress of the Mimeograph, seems ideally suited for the radio department. If one of those long necked antennae should go haywire, she could stand alongside and reach up with a piece of picture wire and a handful of putty and mend the break at the very top without even a chair to stand on.

It would seem only sensible to take advantage of past experience and generous exposure to forceful language and elect **Helen Shimek**, from down Utilities way, as assistant superintendent of the earth moving gangs. It would not be long before each caterpillar tractor would be equipped with a double swivel vanity mirror, a crepe de chine valance to cover up those ugly treads and, of course, each would carry the coat of arms of its dainty operator. The wags would immediately suggest the phonetic relationship of "Cat," the abbreviation of these mechanical dinosaurs with the derogatory tag sometimes tied on to that sex whose representatives we have suggested for promotion.

Travel through the area would soon bring out that lovely touch that only the fair ones can apply. The shakedown house would be neatly lettered with the message "Ye Olde Frisking Shoppe." Some of the smaller structures that have heretofore borne no particular legend would perforce be inscribed "Menanwimmen — Be Sure and Lock the Door." Similarly, the esthetic values of latrinic poetry should rise to lofty heights.

I feel that my immediate mission has been fulfilled by throwing the spotlight on the germ of an idea. You can fill in the details. It may not be long before the boys will foregather and, in plaintive voice, intone, "May we join the ladies?"

I have written . . . a poem!

Fear Goes

There's a smile back of every tear drop
As the sun's behind every cloud,
And the man who today
Thinks he's just a flop
May soon laugh long and loud.

It's not what we plan for tomorrow,
For tomorrow never comes;
It's what we do now
That does 'way with sorrow
And rids us of fear that numbs.

We ask ourselves, how can I do it,
This thing that I'm counting on?
But if we just go ahead,
Get going, begin it,
We find that our fear is gone.

—**Clifford Day**
Time Office

America First

Life isn't just a bouquet of roses.
There's many a thorn before life's chapter closes,
But may these thorns cause us not to stumble—
Let's make "America First" our motto be we rich or humble.

A country divided cannot stand.
Let's all fight together to keep ours a free land.
Let's keep "America First" without falter or fail
So the red, white and blue, we all love, forever prevail.

Let's all buy our share of stamps and bonds today,
And do our part for the boys across the way,
For when they've attained the goal they are fighting for
It will be "America First" forevermore.

—**Angeline Gunnerson**
Time Office

Made in the U. S. A.

Made in Germany, made in Japan,
These are the words we must ban.
To win the war in the American way
Buy goods made in the U. S. A.

—**George E. Mowitt**
Field Engineers

Liberty

L—est we forget our brave boys do bleed,
I—n Bataan no danger do they heed
B—y night, by day, without a pause,
E—nduring death for freedom's cause;
R—espect for Doug MacArthur's plight
T—hroughout all our Western site,
Y—ielding not except for right.

—**Marion A. Carter**
Group 61

Wednesdays Set as Women's Play Days

By Myrna Faris

You women, indivdually and collectively, are contributing enormously to the war production effort here at EOP by turning out vital military needs. You represent a sizable proportion of the many thousands of workers in the factories, offices, etc., who are releasing much needed man power for the Army. We realize that our first and most important job is to "keep 'em shooting" by turning out our full production quota. But "all work and no play makes Jane a dull girl," therefore, it is the aim of the Recreation Department to help each girl build for herself a sane program of leisure-time activity which will keep her mentally and physically fit for her job as a Production Soldier.

Beginning Wednesday, October 28, and every Wednesday thereafter, the Recreation Department will sponsor a Ladies' Day. The facilities of the Recreation Building will be exclusively their's from noon until 8 p. m. This will enable women working on the second shift to take part in the various activities before going to work and the girls working the day shift will be able to have a few hours of recreation after working hours.

All facilities, including bowling, basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping pong, shuffleboard, pool and cards will be in full swing. So come on over. We'll be tickled to see you all. Don't forget the date —Wednesday, October 28. Bus transportation to Joliet will be provided if there is sufficient demand, so, if you want transportation after the day's activities, call Recreation Department, Line 4109, and give your name.

18 Teams Enrolled in Bowling League

Eighteen teams have registered for the Bowling League for men. Many groups have not as yet sent in their entries, but it has been definitely decided to close the list as soon as 24 teams are in, as that will reach the capacity of the alleys and yet allow time for non-league bowling.

Since the alleys have been resanded and re-finished they have been one of the most popular spots in the Recreation Building. Teams have been getting a lot of practice. Some of the entries have been from Group 8 with two teams; the Guards with about 4 teams registered; the Paint Shop; Group 1 with two teams; Inspection Department; Bus Drivers; Group 70; Group 5; Operating and Engineering; Telephone Building, and Carpenters.

John Kusinski is a busy man these days lining up his basketball teams, and he is going to have a jump on all by having them playing early. Already the gym is pretty well scheduled for practice. Group 62 may have come in second in softball but they are going after basketball with a vengeance. **Edward Sheridan** is managing the team. **Paul Becker** hopes to repeat again with his Group 70 team. **Bill Galbraith**, Group 2, is also going to make it a tough season for the others. The Fire Guards and Guards have teams lined up. Managers should contact Mr. Kusinski and arrange schedules.

Hallowe'en Dance To Climax Fall Activities Here

Naming of "Miss Victory" Scheduled; Fun Features Due

If you want to breathe fast and laugh hearty
And fear not ghosts, witches and bats,
Then come to a dog-gone good party,
We're sure you'll say it's the Cat's.

Leave the world of reality and join the supernatural. See Hecate bowl a mean game. Hear the mutterings of the three Weird Sisters as they mix a strange concoction in their cauldron. Have a toasted marshmallow, hot from the fire of Mephistopheles, served by a witch. Watch the ghost of Hamlet's father cut a rug. Watch yourself having the time of your life at the Hallowe'en dance at the Recreation Building October 31, starting at 9:00 p. m., central war time (by courtesy of the groan witch company).

Helen Shimek, Utilities; **Dara Prew**, Personnel; **Helen McGinnis**, Ordnance; **Ruth Starkman**, Group 6, and **Arlene Schloendorf**, General Office, all of the advertising committee, will leave no tombstone unturned to remind you of the date, the place and the occasion.

Wilbur Galbraith, Group 2, and **C. O. Finnegan**, Field Engineers, who have been listening to sepulchral voices over their invisible wire, report that tickets will be fifty-five cents per mortal.

Charles Harris, bus driver, is lying awake nights, going on midnight walks through graveyards and is in daily conference with the *spirits* who are giving him confidential advice for his special project, the Chamber of Horrors.

Colby Eriksen, Group 3-A, one-man committee of entertainment, is dreaming up something fancy and non-spiritual for a floor show. "Mr. E." is a man of vision, too, because he definitely promises a real fortune teller.

Lucia Pearson, woman guard, and **Harvey Steffes**, Group 61, are looking gravely artistic as they plan decorations. They think it will be on the corny side. **Robert C. Wilhelmi**, assistant chief inspector and currently head of the refreshment committee, says that no spirits will be charged.

Edward L. Walkup, recreation director and guiding spirit, says that it's o. k. to trot the family skeleton out of the closet, but to leave your city slicker clothes there and come strictly informal. You'll really want to get hep when the EOP band gives out with that solid music.

Get your ticket at the Recreation Building or from any member of the Employees' Committee.

EOP's entrant in the "Miss Victory" contest will be announced and introduced.

Col. Hoffman Leaves After 2-Year Stay

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U. S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Public Roads and the Federal Power Commission. The Power Commission assignment was for several years and during that period he was engaged in design, construction and studies connected with the activities of that agency in California, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. He had a part in the early surveys and designs for Boulder Dam and Shasta Dam as well as other projects of that era.

For a period of about three years, Colonel Hoffman was in private contracting business engaged in highway building and other construction. In 1931 he returned to active duty with the Army as a captain and for five years was engaged in construction and other activities in both Eastern and Western parts of the country.

In Private Business

In 1936 he was engaged in his own business as a consulting civil engineer and served simultaneously as county engineer of El Dorado County, California.

Recalled to active duty in August, 1940, Colonel Hoffman was assigned to the office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington and, following a short course of several months at Picatinny Arsenal, was assigned to duty in Joliet with EOP. He was promoted to major in September, 1941, and to lieutenant colonel in February of this year.

Colonel Hoffman is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Chemical Society, Society of American Military Engineers and is a fellow of the American Geographic Society.

Although they know it is due to the needs of war time, the many friends of Colonel and Mrs. Hoffman, both at EOP and in the surrounding cities, regretted to see them leave. Mrs. Hoffman was a leader in women's activities and was chairman of the EOP-KOW Chapter of the Red Cross.

TABLOID IS PRAISED by Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, EOP's new commanding officer, who said "The Bomb-Shell" is a means of cementing the employees and their families into an efficient, hard-working organization intent on "keeping 'em shooting."

Do You Belong

For September, 1942

"NO LOST TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 1*
Group 2**
Group 3***
Group 4*
Group 5*
Group 6**
Group 8**
Plant Protection****
Group 27***
Group 60****
Group 61*********
Group 62 N***
Group 62 S*
Group 65****
Group 66****
Group 68****
Group 70**
Richards Farm***

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

More Power to You

HAIL AND FAREWELL are bid by Harrison Smith (left), resident partner, to EOP's outgoing and incoming commanding officers, Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman (center) and Maj. Kenneth M. Haber (right).

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

That week-end short change has been made much more pleasant by the eloquent (and loud) singing of **Fireman Lawrence Dailey** of DeSelm. A real Caruso —in the rough.

How it got on the grapevine isn't known, but when **Fireman Robart DeBolt** was asked about a cigar treat a few days ago he replied that if he was guilty he would also be very proud. Nuf sed!

Fire Station No. 2 mourns the loss of an old reliable: **Fireman Charles Crain**, better known as "Mule Skinner," who is going to work in Uncle Sam's Army.

A big home-coming was tendered **Fireman Gerard Hanlon**, who has just returned from his vacation.

For good clean fun see Magician-Fireman **Ira Schick**.

By looking at **Fireman Carl Richards'** car you can see that fire hydrants are put into the ground a bit too securely. For further information see Mr. Richards.

Information Wanted

Robert Everhart — "Do they pitch horseshoes in the Army?

Walter Hilgert—"Where can I put my locker key?"

Harry Swartz — "Am I big enough to drive the La France?"

Fire Inspector Johnny Connelly is quite proud of that new front tooth and he points it out to everybody he meets, showing the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth.

Otto Mietz, an efficient inspector, is also quite capable in his home work. In spite of the continuous rain last month he did a swell job of painting on his North Hickory Street home. The "Mrs." should most certainly give Otto good marks for the month.

Inspector Walter Panian should tell why he didn't fix the defective wiring for his lady friend in Rockdale last week.

Several new inspectors have joined the department recently and they especially like the way the experienced men have shown them around. Thanks go to the veterans, for courtesy such as this creates the co-operation that keeps a branch operating with efficiency.

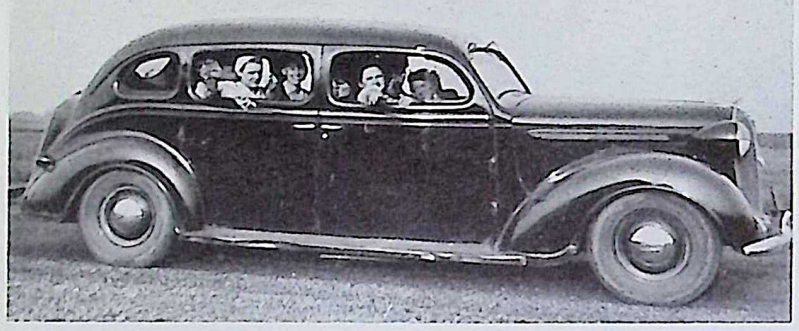
A Day at the Central Station

"Here" . . . Line up for Roll-call, and with bass and treble voices sounding off, the apparatus and men are warmed up and made ready for action. **Sgt. John Alar**, happy to distribute a very small number of hazard cards, assigns the boys to their posts and sends them off to work. The kitchen boys and their coffee. "Routine duties and drills," which never lets you guess how much hard practice and hours the boys put in. The shrill sound of the fire bell and a "Signal 3." The telephone rings—is it a "hot" one? The boys have been up on their toes so long that they all have fallen arches. Water barrels to be filled, a faulty hydrant fixed, a tank truck on the job. The sweeping detail and the fly-spray and poor **Frank Scoma**. Dinner time and what's cookin'? Two o'clock and gas mask training—clean up and shine the truck. All's quiet until some inspector wants a relief. Roster and schedule changes and 3:30 . . . time to go home . . . another day and another dollar.

The recently held "Get Together" at the Recreation Hall was glamorized by the presence of **Policewomen Luella Lipschultz** and **Marie Klein**. **Marjorie Howerton**, who makes a classic of the High Explosives column, proved herself a rug-cutter super de luxe. **Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Cleary** and the **Jimmie Dillrees** represented the Fire Department. If this list is incomplete it is only because your correspondent could not see through **Guard Edward Stonich**, who gave a beautiful demonstration of a windmill, what with knocking himself out on his "gittar" and waving to all the boys in his department who helped make the affair a success.

Anyone wishing to relinquish a used Irish-mail, suitable for cross country hops, will kindly contact **Chief Roy W. Mortenson**, if you can catch up with him.

Oral Cox, a former member of the Fire Department and now in the armed services, writes from "somewhere in England" that he is receiving regularly issues of *The Bomb-Shell* and enjoys them immensely.



WHOLESALE SHARING of rides is practiced by nine girls who have traveled daily from Kankakee to EOP in the fashion shown here. There happened to be ten riders when the picture was taken and they are, right to left, Betty LeBean, Electa DeVore, Dorothy Serle, Mattie Redfern, Edna Smith, Isabel Reynolds, Ann Schaforth, Jeanette Guertin, Julia Swenson and Vina Memengo.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Now that baseball season is over, **Bob Hankes** will have to find another excuse for the old one—"Played a double-header tonight."

George Pilcher is back after about two weeks at Group 3-A. He thinks he has finally landed permanently now.

What happened to **Bill Beringer**, former correspondent for this group? Well, Bill is doing bigger and better things up in Building 16. It also gives Bill more time with his rabbits between shifts.

Charlie Robbins and **Harry Melby** think they are pretty good hunters after getting their limit of squirrels with 16-gauge shotguns, so they borrowed a Thompson sub-machine gun for the opening of hunting season November 15.

Woodrow "Woody" Koerner says time is getting very short, but he should know there is no need to chew his finger nails down to the knuckles.

R. Waggener, Building 5A, probably has some comments about one-armed driving. He needs a new paint job on the rear fender of his car.

If, in the future, you notice **Ray Rivard** losing any weight, it may be because Ray has been donating half of his allotment of milk for the cats in the Boiler House. They are gaining rapidly.

It seems the Army boys can't forget good old Group 3. Letters have been received from **Joe Garavalia, Don LeRette, Ray Gaddo** and many others. Keep up their spirits by writing to all former associates who are in the armed forces. Letters from all the other boys would be appreciated, too.

Eddie Wicks has an appointment with Uncle Sam. He feels that he can help out a lot. That's the right spirit and is also claimed by **Kenneth "Speedo" Fendrick**, who is going to leave after serving a long term in Group 3.

The men in the Power House are still chuckling over the fact that **George Weber** and **Charles Robbins** went fishing at Two Rivers, Mich., and caught nothing but a cold apiece. **George Pilcher** offered his raincoat when they left, but it was refused.

Will wonders never cease? Someone saw **Wayne Munyon** running the other day. Did **Al Matteson** teach him to try such a great task?

Henry "Little Boy Blue" Risk has decided that his blue suit has seen enough service, so he may be expected to blossom out in a new regalia soon.

Vern Worden and **Harl Son** have decided to bag some ducks on opening day. We don't care for wild game, but will help you add up the totals.

Charles "Chuck" Gorman says that his New Deal is proving successful.

Mrs. Gorman is probably the boss.

Walter Jones and the little Jones' had the time of their young lives viewing some Wild West movies, and does Papa Jones love them.

A **Raymond Whalen**, Building 10, is now showing great respect for explosive trucks. He always thought these drivers were very friendly and waving to him to pay their respects.

Stan Pearson still shies at having women riders, as somebody objects.

Did you ever hear of the former secretary that was very much surprised by the fact that they went right on making shells when her boss asked her to work overtime? She said, "This war production must really be serious stuff."

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

"Never was a Jap or Nazi born tough enough to *lick* a U. S. War Stamp," says **Whitney C. Miller.**

Seen at the EOP dance . . . **Harvey Steffes** eating ice cream—? . . . **Harold Rouff** guttering three bowling balls (score 103) . . . **Wayne Howard** playing ping pong . . . **Fred Colombo** with a handful of bottles . . . **Tony Ganz** dancing with a couple of girls and his wife of course . . . Enjoying themselves were **Robert Churchill, Paul Burke** and **Amos Campbell** . . . **John Meyer** looking over the situation . . . **Lyle Hazel** also enjoying himself . . . **Art Swinghamer** not doing so bad.

Ill with typhoid at the Silver Cross Hospital is **Mrs. Leonard Williams.** Here's hoping she recovers soon. Husband Leonard has lost fifteen pounds eating his own cooking.

Lou Bartholme has purchased a new "Brownie" rifle. He plans to do some hunting. Rabbits and squirrels, beware.

Jack Auberry gives out short and sweet information. He says "I have a new grandson." However, it is possible that the young lad isn't named yet.

Two active fellows here are **Bill Busing and Victor Fournier.**

How about a toast to two swell guys, **Corp. Jack Alberts** and **Corp. Roy Fox?** Jack was transferred to Group 2 and Roy has replaced him here.

After a few days' visit with folks in Wisconsin, **Ralph Walter** is back working.

Everyone here is proud of **George Kushner**, former guard, and **Gerald Riley.** George holds the guard shooting record on the pistol range with a score of 96.66, and Gerald plays a saxophone in the plant orchestra.

At home ailing was **Bill Powers.**

Planning a few days' leave are **Lee Minton** and **Dick Unmisig.** Lee is going to Southern Tennessee and Dick to Plainsville, O.

Welcomed to the group is **Donald Sharp.** Fellow employees have their fingers crossed that as timekeeper he won't make a hobby of moving the time cards around every night.

Back from their vacations are **Grover Taylor** and **Elmer McCans.** Whitney Miller is still enjoying his.

On the "gone but not forgotten list" are **Bob Brumbach, James Halpin, Loren Horrie** and **Jess Shelby.** All are Uncle Sam's boys.

It would be nice if . . . friends knew that **James Decker** is sporting a new jacket . . . **Ed Hasse** gained the knowledge that oil stoves had to be turned on before heating . . . when making out reports, **James "Shooter" Sinkular** didn't boast too strongly—his statement for one day to **Harry Brown**, Production Planning, was seven million pounds . . . in person, **Ronald Blackburn**, had the pleasure of thanking **Bill Biggs, Paul Burke** and **Bill Johnston** for the duck dinner they invited him to but he didn't receive . . . the real reason were known why **Edgar Bartlett** has a swelled jaw . . . all lunches were packed as delicious as the ones by **Mrs. W. C. Miller** . . . **Willis Lee** didn't have to drive sixty miles a day to work . . . while visiting the Brown Derby, **Allen Heaven** sat further away from the stage—a good way to keep out of the "doghouse" . . . more people had **Clifford Kidney's** curly hair . . . **Earl F. Johnson** didn't lose so much of his 204 pounds . . . it were known why **Wilbur Connor** doesn't bring his lunch to the building any more . . . **Melvin Moore** had the price of a haircut . . . you saw **Howard Cadwell's** new hat . . . **John Strufe** would save **Pearl King** a seat on the Dwight bus.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

Smart efficiency took a strong upward curve in the Ordnance Department when the women came forth in their uniforms on Official Uniform Day, October 13. "Who are they," was the unofficial question of the day. The curious were informed that they were not visiting Wacs or Waves, but girls they have seen every day for months and months. The uniforms have complete approval of all employees with the exception of one man who, after gloomily surveying four uniformed girls, exclaimed, "Gosh, now it's just like an Army camp."

Play for Fitness

The shape of things to come is going to be plenty good if the returns on the women's recreation questionnaire mean anything. **Myrna Faris**, director of women's activities, says that bowling, calisthenics and skating are taking the lead. If you didn't get your bulletin call Miss Faris at once over Line 4109. Your job of "Keep 'Em Shooting" is the most important in the world, but a little play will make you better fit for your big job. And don't forget about women's day at the Recreation Building.

Save Worn Hose

As you wistfully gaze at that run in your last pair of nylons, be cheered by the fact that now they can serve your country. The War Production Board asks all women to save their discarded nylon and silk hose. The stockings can be processed into supplies needed by the Armed Forces, chiefly powder bags. So save those that can't take another mend until the date for the stocking collection is announced.

Women Bus Drivers

All cracks about the women drivers are now out . . . or on their way out. Five brave females have joined the bus drivers in the Fuze and Booster area. The girls at the present time are doing conductor's work in the trailer trucks used to carry employees to and from work within the area. They are also being trained to drive the trucks and are doing all right according to instructor, **"Sweeny" Leggero. Margie Stevens** was the first recruit. After passing the acid test, **Tillie Davis, Eunice Mantia, Edith Cerre** and **Pearl Raridon** followed in her footsteps.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Charles Herbig, superintendent of the Material Warehouse Department, and all his employees extend their deepest sympathy to the wife and family of **Edgar Ashley**, one of Mr. Herbig's loyal and faithful employees, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon, October 10, while at work.

Mr. Ashley was not only a trustworthy asset to his employers, but a real friend to his fellow employees, willing and ready to help them when ever and where ever he could. Mr. Ashley started work here November 6, 1940, and was the first material checker on the job.

Paul Roy became the proud father of an 8½-pound son last week while on vacation and the boys enjoyed the cigars he passed around on his return to work; all but **Perry Bruno**, who made a mistake by stenciling his cigar "EOP" and put it into stock.

The Material Warehouse Department is about to lose another loyal and very popular employee, **Ray Puffer**, who has been handling the checking in of material received in Warehouse 62-1 of the South Inert Group. He is going to Texas, where he hopes the change of climate will benefit his wife's health, which has not been the best. His friends and fellow workers wish him good luck, and his wife a speedy recovery.

Lester Patterson went into a restaurant in Monee, Ill., one morning last week for a cup of coffee and when the waitress told Pat about all the big fish she caught the week before, he got so excited he became a fish himself, giving the waitress a $5 bill for the coffee and walking out without receiving his change.

The Lord gave all two ends to use, one to think with, one to sit with. The war depends on which one is chosen, "heads we win . . . tails we lose."

Funeral Services for Mrs. H. L. Schultz Held

Funeral services for **Mrs. Esther E. Schultz**, 47 years old, wife of **Dr. L. H. Schultz**, head of EOP's Medical Department, were held October 20 at the Wunderlich Funeral Home in Joliet. Burial followed in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Berwyn.

Mrs. Schultz died Saturday night in Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, following a brief illness. Surviving are the husband, her mother, **Mrs. Charlotte Ericsson**; her brother, **Anthony C. Ericsson**, and two sisters, **Mrs. W. L. Whitman** and **Mrs. B. H. Palmer.**

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

Congratulations go to **Glen Bohm**, Building 4, who left the bachelors club last Saturday. Glen took the vows at his home town of Pontiac, Ill. "Wee Willie" Zauratsky, often referred to as the hero of one of Kipling's poems, enjoyed the wedding reception no end. He added a novel touch to the affair.

Someone asked why **Joe Alberts** enjoys coffee and—with a very pretty nurse in this Group.

John Johnson, assistant superintendent, is reputedly being sued by the makers of a well known breakfast food due to certain remarks passed at the recent Murphy's Boys Victory Banquet. It seems that "John" accounted for the bulge in front of his coat with the explanation that he is an ardent admirer and user of puffed rice and that he didn't have the hotel silverware concealed under his coat.

Glen Rub is still asking if the World Series Baseball Pool operated by **Mike Bruno** and **Don Bryant** was on the up and up. He won on the Cardinals and asked for the pool winnings to which Mike and Don replied that he had bet on an International League Team and didn't have anything coming.

Hoarse O'Kane, Government inspector in this Group, was ordered to report to the Army October 20.

A lad by the name of "Jerry" reports on two fellow EOP employees, namely **Raymond "Red" Powers** of Group 66A and **Juanita "Red" Milmaker** of Group 7. "Muggin" at the College Inn is the answer, it seems

Melvin Umphenour, it is rumored, cleaned up enough on the Illinois-Minnesota game to buy a new car and a couple of new suits.

"Jersey" Klegman is still keeping his fingers crossed these days hoping **"Boiler Maker" Joe Connors** answers a call from Uncle Sam. This, "Jersey" explains, will leave him free to claim all of Joe's silk shirts as well as the entire wardrobe Joe has accumulated over a period of time.

Talking about rabbits lately, **Don McMillan**, safety engineer, remarked "the rabbit suddenly sprang up in front of me and began running as only a rabbit can. I immediately let out a loud whistle, the rabbit apparently charmed by the sound stopped and I shot him." Now all the fellows want to borrow the whistle or have "Mac" go with them when they go rabbit hunting.

Murphy's Stadium has been converted into a football field and some hard fought pass and tap games are being played there as **Gene Hunt, Chuck Pierce, Bill Stanley, Sam Hoffman, Ray Murray, Roger Lotz, Bill Galbraith, "Jersey," Warren Hambourger** and **Ed Keenan** will attest with all their aching muscles. Sam remarked, "there's no use kidding ourselves," meaning the old legs will take so much and that's all.

Farewell greetings are extended to **Loren Blazer**, former storekeeper in this Group, who left to join the Army October 7. **Fred Mogle** has replaced Loren in the Storeroom.

Karl Ulrich reports that **Paul Tucker**, a former Murphy's Boy, is now attending St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Ia., where he is studying medicine.

Jay "Burt" Folk has been revealed as an amateur poet with this contribution:

Le Borences' chicken dinners are
the rage at Group 2,
Any old hen does the trick, roasted,
fried or stew.
Pagnusat, his Italian chef, certainly has fits
When Archie eats an 8-pound hen
And gives poor "Pag" six bits.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Many of the boys are following the crowd to the Thursday evening Fellowship Meetings. The committee advises a surprise of entertainment awaits each evening and that rides are plentiful always.

Plans are under way to form a bowling team and all who are interested should turn in their names to **Charles Mann**, giving their average score. Both day and night shifts can participate.

A Victory letter has been received from Corp. Edward L. Heard in Hawaii saying he missed his friends at Inert and enjoys reading of them in *The Bomb-Shell*. Why not drop him a line? Call the office for his address.

The boys at Group 27 are wondering when **Otto Heap** will pass the cigars for his new grandchild.

Congratulations go to **Del Rabe** of South Inert . . . is the father of an eight pound boy.

Pictures of the mascot (goat) at South Inert can be obtained from **Jim Whitley**. Jim says he had first aid treatment for the goat, which stepped on a rusty nail. A new rooster has been added to the pet list at South. The North pet list includes birds and snakes. The other day they captured what they thought was a rattler, but it really was a garden snake . . . it will climb a broom handle to enjoy a feast of roast sparrow . . . no sparrow, no climb.

Among the visiting inspectors at Group 3-A is **Myron Shampoo**, with hair all combed and pencil in hand.

Something new has been added, **Leonard Spooner** to the clean-up gang and then to the service gang.

Frank Zupancic carries his lunch with two hands since the picture of his daughter was published in *The Bomb-Shell*.

The Timekeeper's Gallery at North includes pictures of **Gen. Douglas MacArthur**, as well as favorite movie and baseball stars.

The department's accident barometer is nearly at the bottom. Keep it there by safe and sane working, and reporting all scratches or bruises immediately even though they may seem unimportant.

Among the boys being inducted into the Army are **Cyrus Cobb** and **Joseph Monroe**. They have everyone's best wishes.

Art Kossak found first aid a real help the other day when his finger became infected from a scratch . . . **George Newton**, a first aider, performed. Mr. Newton said four similar cases were treated recently.

Matt Reay seems to enjoy the company of a vivacious blonde in a distant city who holds her own even though Matt plays two ends against the middle at Fuze and Booster . . . the winner still undetermined.

The landscapers are busy again . . . South Inert's lawn and picket fence are receiving attention.

Ed Spezio of Group 27 is organizing a basketball team. Ed would like for you to report to him if you want to try for a place on the team.

Group 27'rs are enjoying drinking water from the fountains . . . no more bubblers.

Frank Abbott of South Inert has made a vow to obey all traffic rules including the 35-mile-an-hour limit.

South Inert welcomes the following new employees: **James Newsom, Cloud Ulmer, George Love, J. J. Wood** and **H. G. Bellamy**. North welcomes **Herman Boston**.

The Morris *Herald* recently published a picture of **Thomas Delockery's** bride-to-be with the following lines— "**Supervisor and Mrs. Carl Oswood** of Saratoga Township have announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, **Inez**, to Thomas Delockery, son of **Mr. and Mrs. William Delockery, E. Jackson Street**". Another good timekeeper taking an important step!

The window washers are active again both at North and South offices, and everyone's happy. Now it can be determined if cars or trucks are coming.

War Bond deductions are on the increase . . . keep it up, boys. Just fill out the increase slip and give it to your foreman.

The Bomb-Shell note-boxes are for your convenience in turning in interesting facts or figures which you feel would make good news for your paper.

Kenneth C. Jones will have to change all his plans for the fall hunting trip . . . his duties are more important these days.

Cyrille Grandame of the Ordnance Department enjoys living at the barracks in Wilmington and is considered the sheik of the department . . . single and free.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Dr. and Mrs. Bascom H. Palmer, guests of **Dr. H. L. Schultz**, visited the Hospital before returning to their home in Miami Beach, Fla.

Expressions of sympathy were sent to **Lucille Nahas** by the Hospital staff, following the death of her father.

Dorothy Schoop almost succeeded October 6 in celebrating her birthday without anyone knowing it, until her co-workers saw the date in *The Bomb-Shell* birthday column.

Theresa Licht, nurse at the first aid station in Group 3-A, celebrated her birthday October 15. Following her close was **Catherine Lindblad**, nurse at Groups 8-9, whose birthday was October 20.

One-two-three-shift. Three-two-one-shift. **Mrs. Nellie Lazio**, formerly at the first aid station in Groups 7-6, is now at the Hospital, and **Mrs. Helen Edwards**, formerly at the Hospital, has shifted to her place.

Let's see (*thinking out loud*), you turn this valve on—that one off—wait for the meter to register 15 pounds pressure—you now open this valve, wait awhile—and begin to time the autoclave. Tick—tock—tick—tock—minutes go by and time is up. Now turn all valves off—let cool. Hummmmmm huh—that's what I did, I did it right. Now why in the world don't this (darn) door open? At this we saw **Evelyn Doran** pulling and tugging on the autoclave door to open it. After trying it again we heard a voice call out, "Mr. Sidell" . . . (no answer) "Oh! Mr. Sidell!" (louder this time). "Yes, can I help you?" he asked, as he gingerly started up the hall to the autoclave room. "The door won't open, I mean I can't get it open." **R. R. Sidell** turned and said "you forgot to open this valve." The next thing we saw Evelyn Doran all smiles again and holding her precious flasks of culture media in her hands she went tripping down the hall to the laboratory. Upon entering she mumbled something like this—"Glory be! I thought I'd never get this out. Glory be!"

James "Jimmy" Hartshorne, who has been a patient at the Hospital for a number of weeks and occupying a ward by himself, was glad to get a fellow partner, **Jess Hartly**, even though it was only for a few days. He is feeling so good now that he wants to go home and beat people—at playing checkers. Thanks go to his mother for the luscious apple squares that she sent to the Hospital.

Dr. L. N. Cohler is being nursemaid to their 4-year-old French-Boston bull dog this week. When asked if the dog could do tricks, he answered, why, yes, he does tricks. He eats, he loves to eat; barks and obeys me. He can even dance, especially if he is offered food. However, the dog has no inferiority complex and follows his own fancy in obeying orders especially with a little bit of encouragement from **Tom Moore**.

A new talent was found in **Elizabeth Russell** this week. Her cartooning ability was brought to light when she donated to the Hospital a complete character cartoon plaque of the Hospital staff. It was good fortune to obtain an interview with the great artist, but every word had to be coaxed from her. It seems she started to doodle at the early age of three, on the wallpaper of her home, but this was stopped abruptly by her mother. Discontinuing her doodling for a while, she later took to drawing and admits most of her drawings were on blank checks. However, she doesn't remember when or who put an end to her drawing initiative. This is when she made her mind up to be a cartoonist. "You see," she said, "I am rapidly approaching middle age spinsterhood and had to do something to idle my hours away while waiting for a catch, and the persons I work with inspired me so much that I just couldn't resist the temptation to cartoon them.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

The master mind of **Alonzo "Red" Buell** is still clicking on new gadgets and devices for more efficient operation of this line. However, there seems to be some question about Red's four missing front teeth; were they extracted by a professional man or did he present his inspiration to the wrong person?

After spending a strenuous week-end, planting fir trees and shrubs, the landscaping around the home of **Robert Walsh** looks much improved.

Allen Ackerman and **Charles Christy** are leaving for the services of Uncle Sam.

All the employees of this group extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. M. Sanders** in their recent bereavement.

Ned "Torchy" Belesio, the walking delegate for the pipe-wrench carriers, is back on the job and looks fit as a fiddle after two days of rest.

The blood-pressure of **Evan Lewis** must be alarming when he has to be accompanied to an EOP party by a nurse.

The boys of this line, including **Albert Bailey**, are glad to see **George Costello, Jr.**, back on the job as efficient as ever after a brief illness.

It is evident that harmony exists in the Inspection Department. **Govt. Inspector Roy Hallihan** and Mr. Walsh, the company inspector, are always seen together.

It cost **Walter "Buttercup" Sipe** exactly $150 to return a smile from a pretty girl. He is now riding on his thumb.

Corp. Cecil Johnson and **Thomas Cerre** have returned from a vacation, destination unknown.

Crawford "Keep 'em Rolling" Kerr can advise how to keep fit and expand your chest. Crawford still has a big chest, but it slipped a little though still expanding.

It was heard that **Jim Hendershot** misunderstood someone who was trying to advise him on the care of his mustache. Instead of buying mascara he bought cascara.

Groups 61 and 1 Praised for Safety

The Ammonium Nitrate Plant, Group 61, has gone nine months without a lost-time accident; in fact, has a perfect record since starting operations. Group 1, largest single group at EOP, joined the EOP No Lost-Time Accident Club for September, and supervisors and workers are being congratulated on the feat.

WAR WORKERS of 1915-19 looked like this. If you want to make a comparison, you'll see Vic M. Dagenais, office manager, third from left in the back row, and in the front row, second from left, T. M. Burns, superintendent of Groups 4-9, and at extreme right, Supt. James J. Murphy, Group 2. The three were employed by the Oliver Shell Loading Plant at Runyan, N. J., during World War I. Mr. Burns was recovering from a motor accident when photographed.

Inspection

ROBERT PIERSON
Correspondent

Robert Wilhemi, assistant chief inspector, is back on the job after a short illness.

Rumor has it that Lorrayne Ostrem of the Inspection Department and two of Mr. Watts' typists of the Investigation Department are seen quite frequently visiting the local socialite spots in Joliet.

Is there any one working here who can talk faster than **Frank Lewis**, Group 1 head inspector?

No one seems to see or hear much about **Bob Schmitz**, head inspector of Group 2, lately. It must be that the little woman has him under control now.

Would someone tell who has more troubles and headaches than **Godfrey Herscher**, Group 3 inspector?

Harold Troupe, gage technician of the Inspection Department, nonchalantly whistles his way in every morning, and is always willing to work late in the evenings.

The boys from the Inspection office agree that **Mrs. Robert Wilhelmi** is quite a pie maker.

Bob Walsh, Group 3-A head inspector, is trying very hard to get his yard in shape before the snow begins to fly.

Al Rosier, inspector in Group 9, is a candidate for Will County Superintendent of Schools in the November election. Al has worked in Groups 2, 8 and 9 and he knows that his many friends wish him all the luck in the world.

Elmer Nesius, head inspector for Groups 6 and 7, is negotiating for an important role in one of the Joliet playhouses. Hollywood, here he comes.

Shift Inspector John Smith of Group 61 blames everything on tough "Irish Luck." All of his men are sons of Erin.

Willy Vail is back after an operation. He is looking fine again.

Famous last words regarding **Edward Vani**, Group 9 inspector. "Have you lost weight or had a hair-cut?"

Mary Jane Clennan looks mighty "perky" these days—could it be the Irishman she encountered in Coal City?

Some are wondering if **June Siebert** has had a "line" on **Bill "Mac" McCormick** since he left to attend Dayton University.

Best wishes go to **Mrs. Stanley Jean**, formerly **Beatrice Crosiar**, on her recent marriage.

Many thought that **"Wally" Gable** was telling a "fish story" when he told all about a spotted adder snake which he had captive in a bottle, but seeing is believing. One of the girls in the shipping room saw it in the ramp and Wally came to the rescue and transferred it into the bottle and bravely displayed it. Now he is wondering how to dispose of it.

Vitamins and iron might be good for most, and all that, but there is one person who says that "too much is too much." He is **Gordon Schroeder**. Gordon tells that he got just a little excess of iron in his foot a few days ago, in the form of a nail. He is now limping around and is having a "devil of a time."

"Bud" Brown has been inducted into the Army and was ordered to leave for service Saturday, October 24. **Glen Sparks** is welcomed to the staff and has taken over the work that "Bud" is leaving. Everyone extends best wishes to "Bud."

Open House Called Success by 800

The Open House activity sponsored by the Employees Activity Committee to acquaint the people from all groups with the many activities to be found operating in the Recreation Building, was an outstanding success. While the bowling alleys, under the supervision of **Eddie Murphy**, were the center of attraction, table tennis and shuffleboard enthusiasts as well as those interested in pool were keeping the equipment going all afternoon and evening.

Enough interest was shown in badminton, one of the really fast tennis games, it is going to be necessary to organize a club and set aside time for play in the gym.

The crowning event of the day was the dance in the evening with an attendance of about 800. The EOP Orchestra, under the leadership of **George Zelke**, made many new friends.

Many requests have been received by the Recreation Department for more of these popular dances on Saturday night. The Employees Activity Committee, however, will sponsor only three dances during the winter, the Hallowe'en Dance, one about the holiday period and one late in the spring. It is their plan to encourage different groups to sponsor similar Saturday night dances throughout the winter.

EOP Lions Invited To Ladies' Night

The Lions' Club of Joliet will sponsor a Ladies' Night Thursday, October 29. All members of Lions' Clubs, either in Joliet or other communities, employed by EOP, are invited.

A chicken dinner will be served at the Rialto Cafeteria at 7 o'clock. **Dr. Rudolph Malek**, world traveler and lecturer, will speak on "The Occident Faces the Orient."

Reservations can be made by calling **Harold J. Cripps**, president, over Joliet 2-8557, or **Fred A. Trehn**, secretary, over Joliet 2-1161. The charge is $1 a plate.

CONTEST DETAILS for EOP's selection of a "Miss Victory" are in the hands of a committee headed by George F. Bent, Personnel Director. Pictured here are the members of the committee, left to right, Helen Shimek, Utilities Department; John H. Lower, representing the Fuze and Booster area; Helen Bardi, secretary; Capt. D. P. Tunstall, Public Relations Officer; John Condi, Group 1, and Mr. Bent.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Since this column has been taken over by the girls, several of the men in the Personnel Building have voiced their apprehension that perhaps they would be excluded from the printed page. That isn't the case, as it is planned to serve all the people all of the time; but if the men don't do things interesting enough to include . . . well!

Pink-cheeked **Jimmy Barrowman** has been voted the sweetheart of the building; especially since he has taken to carrying typewriters the entire length of the building for girls when the need arises and is the champion gum "go-getter."

Then there was the investigator who was hired one day and resigned by the next noon. Since the Investigation Department is under the same roof with the Personnel Department, they've been rather adopted. So when a box, which was identified as confidential evidence, appeared on a desk one morning, the girls just couldn't resist the temptation to open it. They found a live mouse as curious as they. Perhaps it wasn't the same rodent which reposed in the desk of **Marge Forrest** in a box from a typewriter company, either, but it certainly must have been his brother. Marge still avers that she isn't afraid of the little varmints if they'll just stay on the floor.

Elroy "Bud" Kile, who left for Marine Corps base in San Diego, Cal., early this week, came back for a visit one afternoon just before his departure. With his riding breeches carefully pressed and those shiny boots, he was the Bud all knew so well with the exception of that haircut. The girls in the fingerprint division practically took sides debating whether the brush cut was becoming or not. Others in the department had already decided for the "not" side.

Dire threats have been distributed promiscuously by **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist** to her friends if they let a certain bit of gossip get into the hands of the Personnel reporter. Certainly it isn't known what that could be unless it concerns her avowed choice of Pablum as a breakfast food, preferably when a baby's formula is used over it instead of cream.

Credulous **Mary Cunningham**, whose pet word is "really," with a long drawl, hit the crest in questioning the other night enroute to Joliet. After being told that a celebrity had committed suicide, she queried, "really, did he die?"

From a letter received recently from **Lynn McCoskey** who is now at Fort McClellan, Alabama, it is learned that he has just been awarded a medal for sharpshooting. Of course, he was a trouble-shooter, but this is the first indication of his activity with a gun. He reports that he now has more clothes than he ever had in his life. This must be a slight exaggeration as Lynn was konwn as one of the best dressed men in Personnel.

"One bright morning in the middle of the night" was a perfect quotation for the girls in Personnel one morning last week when they stepped into the rest room. Besides the regular haze, there was a positive blackout as the bulb had burned out and with no window it left the two rooms as black as a hole in Calcutta.

As she looked down at the application of a man who wished to be rehired, one of the girls gasped and then doubled up with silent laughter. It couldn't be, but there it was in green and white—the man had resigned—deceased. However, it wasn't a ghost on that sunny afternoon but merely a timekeeper who had jumped to conclusions. **William Goble Rakes** had been sick but he was still active and kicking when last seen.

Peg Collins found out that trying to be the early bird that catches the worm doesn't always pay. While running ahead of a group of people to clock in she caught her heel in the door and in addition to having a sore heel, she was the last to punch her time card.

A brief report from **Rita Cooney**, as to her short vacation in Erie with soldier-husband **Ken**, was "Heaven and roses, Ken and Erie."

For an anthology it is desired to record **Kathryn Smith's** description of the new rayon mesh stockings. She swings in a sort of sing-song accompanied by a demonstration—a little water on the knee and a pouch in the back, if I wear these they can't have my husband.

Debonair **Gordon McQuiggin** stepped from his pedestal of suave manners the other afternoon to caution **Charlotte Doxsee** seriously, "Why that carbon-tetrachloride will take out the grease all right, but in about two hours it will eat the goods away." For a few minutes there was a perturbed girl as the office watched to discover her reaction as Charlotte had already applied some of the cleaner to a spot on her favorite suit.

While she haunts the room into which the mail comes, **Carmen Steed Oldani** yearns for a letter from husband Jim in the armed forces in Louisiana. Last weekend she journeyed there to help him celebrate his birthday.

No Personnel column would be complete without recounting one of the experiences of the interviewers which they call their causes for murder or how to turn gray over night.

Clement Lambert told of his first one the other day. After carefully interviewing an applicant, Mr. Lambert explained that the man couldn't expect a call before a week or ten days had passed. In reply, the man casually remarked, "Oh, I don't want a job. I'm just killing time while waiting for a friend."

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Lucille Brown of Wilmington and **Helen Cutler** of Dwight are welcomed as new members of this department.

Ray Van Hook left to join the armed forces and, by the way, that's why **Dorothy Mihelic, Mary O'Connor** and **Marie Sanders** have a bit of grease on their faces, a screwdriver ever in hand and a hammer nearby, for they have been forced by Ray's absence to become full-time mechanics. They are also strutting about with new uniforms for the purpose. With the aid of **John Daily** of Wilmington they should be able to carry on successfully.

The Planning Department has found new quarters in the East wing of Administration Building. Everyone seems to be pleased over the fact that there is more space and a tranquil atmosphere of quiet.

Dorothy Bollig, one of the newest members of the department, has been, or still is, a very lucky girl. She took a flying trip to Texas Saturday afternoon to attend the graduation of a friend who received his wings. She returned Sunday—accompanied by said party.

Dorothy Riebert was presented with a lovely gift as a going-away token from her associates who miss her very much.

Much discussion has been going on about the football teams, especially where Northwestern is concerned, because **Dorothy Maxwell** seems to be of the opinion that this university is the winner at all times.

Larry Crawford still makes that weekly trip to LaGrange. Could it be the one and only?

Tommy Burns, U. S. Navy, has written that he is now stationed at San Diego, Calif., and would appreciate hearing from all in the department.

Have you noticed **Dick Court** sailing along like the clouds, light of heart over a certain blonde miss at the Cafeteria. Along with that fact, he hums the tune of Sylvia continuously, and wonders if there is no justice.

Frank Falwell will not auction any more series tickets for the small fee of 50 cents. **Mary McGovern** purchased such a ticket, and was the winner of same, thanks to Mr. Falwell.

Group 1 has two Progress Clerks added to their force, **Alfred A. Remillard** and **Edgar A. Martin.**

Agnes Freuhauf, a former member of the Department, sends her greetings to all, and wishes to thank everyone for the remembrance.

Other new members of the Department are **Benjamin H. Money**, Classification Yard; **John Cann**, equipment checker; **George K. Hayward**, Groups 4-9; **H. E. Dempsey**, Group 3; and **Merritt E. Godwin**, Group 3.

Mrs. Irene Blatnik has become the proud aunt of a new nephew.

George Sangmeister, a member of the department, is running for the office of Probate Clerk for Will County, and would appreciate any votes that are cast for him. From his past record as Mayor of Frankfort, Ill., you can be sure that he is well qualified for the office.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Jack Barry, Group 1's stirling correspondent, is confined to his bed with pleurisy. A few of the boys in the back room uncovered these choice morsels—to wit and woo woo as follows:

Ode to a Missing Truck Driver

Hail and farewell to **Dan Paunovich**
Our group truck driver, a job in which
He slaved to please people, from top to bottom.
But to no avail—the Army got 'em.

Three of the members of Group 1 Inspection Department sponsored a stag party ($2 per ticket) in honor of some of their boys who were leaving for the Army. Food and drink were promised in abundance and some of the boys say they are still hungry. Anyone who is dissatisfied, see **Dave Rosen**, claim agent.

The search for "Miss Victory" brought the photographers swarming the other day. **Mary Danser, Ophelia Quinn, Emma Sprouu, Betty Marvette, Edith Kesich** and **Bessie Danisen** had their pictures in the Chicago papers and are awaiting the Hollywood talent scouts. The girls held an election October 16 to pick their choice. She will most likely be in the line-up for the judges of this plant to see. If she is the one we have in mind-m-m-m-m.

Marcus Davis, assistant superintendent, was on vacation last week. A-fishing he would go but a-catchin' was no go. Result: Mr. Davis is writing a treatise on "The part canned sardines play in our daily diet."

Congratulations go to **Walter Norman** who has been made foreman of the Drilling and Boostering building.

Pvt. Harvey Levasseur, Co. D., 14th Bn., 1st Platoon, Camp Wheeler, Georgia, (they ought to give soldiers clock numbers so you wouldn't have to write a book in order to address them), writes to his friend **Don Kurbis**, who used to be his foreman, that everything is hotsy-totsy in the Army. . . . **John Policandriotis** is a foreman whom the Greeks designate as *kalla*, which means good. Under pressure to make a quota in September shipping, he pushed his men hard and got the job done much to their own pleasure. The crew of table 6 in his bay shattered a long-standing record on the last day of the month. The men were **Sam Azzarelli, Jerome Benoit, Ed Jesonowski, Bob Lewis, Sam Hansen** and **John Munich.** . . . **Rudy Wirth** doesn't know which side of a baseball is up, but has an uncanny faculty for picking winners. . . . **Frank Kakacek**, who used to live in the trailer camp at Wilmington, has bought a home at the new town of Lidice. . . . **Eugene "Lightning" Holland** keeps a-crying. He wants to go back to Oklahoma and ride horses. . . . **William Hamilton** of Mazon, Ill., is trying for the Air Force and all wish him happy landings. . . . **George Galvin**, foreman of the magazine line, moans that the walnut crop in his area has been harvested by two inspectors, namely, **Harold Canady** and **Michael Keller.** . . . The lads in **Leo Keefe's** warehouse gang gave a purse and a party for **Ted Caldwell**, who left for the Army October 6.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Five more boys have accepted the challenge and have joined the armed forces. They are **Edward Bishop, Robert Vollmer, Everett Quayle, Robert Hartley** and **Oakley Roat.** Edward, better known as "Bish," started out as a timekeeper but is now a clerk in the Posting Department. Quiet and unassuming, he has done good work in the year and a half he has been with the company. Robert Vollmer, good looking and recently married, will leave a lot of friends behind. Bob has been on the staff for nineteen months. Everett Quayle, neat appearing and well liked, will be missed most of all by a pretty brunette from Kankakee. Robert Hartley, good personality and flashy dresser, will be missed by the feminine sex in Group 9. Oakley Roat, who has been plugging away, working nights continuously, got a lucky break by joining the Army. He got to work the day shift his last week. These boys are all a bunch of swell fellows and a great bunch to work with. Each member of the Time Department wishes them all the luck in the world.

Love and romance blossoms even in keeping time. Wedding bells are not too far distant for **Frank Zupancic** and **Doris Tatro.** They have their furniture all purchased and an eight-room house. The bug seems to have hit **Tom Delockery**, who will also take that certain step soon, while **Alice Secor** is expected to be happily married by the time this hits print.

Flowers to **Big Nick Earthly** for the quiet way he goes about collecting dues on Sunday. Merthicolate to **Angeline Gunnerson** for bruising her knee while skating. Compliments to **Emily Kexel** for her always neat appearance. Appreciation to **Dwight Reitz** for worrying about **Eva Sweda's** ride to work. Perfume to **Rosemary Veach** because she is always wearing it. A bowl of stuffed avocados to "time on his hands" **Bernard MacShane** since installation of the dial phone forestalls his chinning with the telephone operator. A tube of shaving cream to **Thomas Tomaszewski**, who, since he stopped taking girls out, goes days without shaving. A big, juicy persimmon to all who think two bits a week is too much to give to the fund for timekeepers entering the armed forces. A pouch of Cupid's arrows to **Milton Treitel** for his continuous fixing of dates for the girls in the Time Office. A string of pearls to **Marcella Corbett** for doing war work while her husband is in the Army. A toast to **John O'Connell**, who is always toasting everyone else. Thanks to **Homer Smalt** for helping me get out this column.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS are the forte of E. J. Egan, superintendent of EOP's railroad, shown at his desk at Richards Farm.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Electrical Epitomes
By Ray Charles and Dan Webster

Some wise guy said, "Continuous drops of water will wear away a stone." Thus, after much persuasion, the Line Department has reluctantly and ruthlessly torn asunder the veil of secrecy which has so long surrounded it and here joins the Electric Shop in the Utilities column.

October 10 was moving day for the Bonding Department and Line Department. They are now located at their new quarters in Group 70. The Line crew say they will miss the old place on Hayden Farm, but that the new quarters are not so bad—just too close to the "Narrow Backs."

With tears in their eyes the Line Gang said farewell to one of their oldest and hardest working members, **John Wagner,** last Saturday night. He is a chief petty officer. John left October 20 for the Construction Battalion of the Navy and the party was held in his honor. The gang presented him with a gift as has been their custom when one of their members leaves for the armed forces. **Tex Bunch** left in August to join the same branch of the service and is now on his way to (censored) outpost to begin work on new bases for the Navy.

Forrest Reeves left October 15 for the Navy service of Seabees.

Although the Line Department always call the inside electricians "Narrow Backs," it is gratifying to announce that they have moved into the Electric Shop neighborhood. Now they are close by for necessary information.

The Electric Shop claims the title for the handsomest and best dressed man should go to one of their number. **Sherman Hendrick.**

Some interesting tales are reported by **Carlos "Flying Richards** about his trips with the Civilian Defense pilots.

John Follett was called to the Air Corps camp in North Carolina to see his son who has been ill.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

Just got back from a grand trip spent in "Ole Miss." Had a wonderful time down among the "you-alls." Visited the Army air base in Columbus and got a real thrill seeing so many planes at one time and also so many cadets and officers. It sure makes one realize what an important job there is at home to support these lads who are flying day and night in order to build up the greatest air force in the world.

Was very much surprised to see **Bunny Arthur's** waist line still expanding. He was going on a diet, but he's getting like the women—no will power.

Supt. E. J. Egan attended the Stanford - Notre Dame football game and, of course, was very happy with the outcome.

Robert Peterson and **Ernest Raunser** are contemplating going to see the Iowa Naval Cadets play Notre Dame at South Bend. Of course they will have feminine companions.

Fred Strobel, train dispatcher, is leaving and will be succeeded by **Maurice D. Denbo.**

Howard Stockum, regular first trick dispatcher, is vacationing in the general vicinity of Chenoa, Ill.

Sheet Metal Shop
By Jess Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ryan recently held open house at their home in Joliet in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

The entire shop sympathizes with **Don Haines** in the loss of his mother.

Clarence Ryncarson, blacksmith, has decided that his new power saw is just not made for delicate operations. Manicure scissors might be a little more appropriate for trimming finger nails.

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

Wonder why **Bill Handlon** says he worked last week for nothing. Couldn't have been that trip to Lemont last Thursday night?

Wanted: Someone to challenge **"Bim" June** to a marble contest.

Ernie Steinbach has recently been made superintendent of the Yards. He changes flats and cars now.

"O.K." Hatting is quite a fireman. He's trying to find a substitute for fuel oil, but has been unsuccessful so far. Water really doesn't work so well. **Frankie Zembruski** isn't a bit worried about the Army. He's being drilled daily by Mr. Hatting with a broomstick.

Tom East is transferring to the Classification Yards.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

Lt. Glenn Johnson of the Army, former Radio Department employee, has joined the ranks of benedicts, it is reported.

There is a war stamp pool at this department each week. **Ken Storch** was overheard asking **Clarence Coope** if he wanted to "get into the pool." "Do I have to bring my own soap?" queried Coope.

Ed Soulon brought that big green job (his Packard) out to work the other day. Many eyes looked longingly at it and one employee remarked that to own just the seat covers would make him happy for a week.

Labor Pool Logs
By Edwin Geeding

'Tis reported the EOP Fellowship Meetings have proved financially successful for the **Milford Green-Jack Watchorn** combination. Nice work, if it works.

The Labor Pool extends it's wishes for a speedy recovery to **Thomas Scott,** labor foreman, who has been very ill in a Joliet hospital.

Eddie Geeding, clerk, has been accepted by the Navy Construction Battalion, the "Seabees," as petty officer third class, and is now on inactive duty awaiting his call to active service.

Claude Sayre has finally found a way to his wife's heart. He just buys her a few bantam chickens. Well, the dog house has been empty for some time, anyway.

Why does **Edward Kocielko** have such a forlorn look on his face these days? Could it be that the women just aren't to be found in the "boneyard" at Group 70 like they were at the Fuze and Booster Area? He should take heart, they'll be there eventually.

Locksmith Shop
By "Doc" Craig

"Tim" Thompson has been a fancier of fine poultry for some time and now has a considerable flock of his own. According to "Tim" these birds are real egg producers. With the rationing of meat almost certain, "Tim" says boastingly that no one need go hungry as long as he has any chicken left.

Bus Transportation
By Seveno "Sweeny" Leggero

Ray Pratt, mechanic, has been visiting down in old Missouri.

Wonder why **"Sweeny" Leggero's** hair is turning grey the last few days. Could it be because there are five girls learning to drive busses, oh, boy! You can hear him saying, "left turn, right turn, back up, look out, oh, gosh, this way not that way." The new bus girls are **Tillie Davis, Pearl M. Raridon, Margie P. Stevens, Edith Cerre** and **Eunice Mantia.**

"Lucky" Davis gave **F. J. Aster,** bus transportation superintendent, a song book. Now you can hear him croon, "Look out, Bing Crosby."

John Hennessy, dispatcher, always keeps mumbling something about horses. Wonder if he is a farmer.

Pete Peterson, the Bus Dispatchers motto is, "get them in and get them out."

Eddie Koerner has enlisted in the Navy and is waiting call.

Service Garage
By S. J. "Kelly" Kukulski

John F. Enrietta was scheduled to leave the "Royal Order of Bachelors" October 24. He has heartiest wishes for a very happy and successful married life.

Uncle Sam is calling, so several more buddies are ready to hede that call. Those scheduled for induction are **"Tony" Kuzma, Clyde Sheridan** and **Bill Barr.**

"Buck" Rogers and his night crew in the body shop are right on schedule with their truck refinishing project. Some ask if they can keep up the pace. Well, two will get you five if you think they can't.

Joe Szwja has acquired an extra title, that of rubber administrator, and one of his recent duties in that *capacity* was to estimate the approximate mileage remaining on each tire. Imagine him looking over a tire that was vulcanized in eight spots and worn down very smooth and then putting his approval of 2000 miles on it. Wonder if he meant that it could be lugged around for 2000 miles as a spare? Joe may have an answer in the next issue.

Did you know that:

Ralph Groll looks very dignified when wearing his glasses. . . .

Francis Rabe and **Lionel Senesac** have a weakness for chicken. . . .

Harry Laubhan and **William Booker** have started smoking cigars (cigars don't care who smoke them nowadays!) . . .

June Wood is the *toughest* person to get riled-up about anything. . . .

Jim Stuver is going back to the land as a gentleman farmer. . . .

Leroy Hutchinson and **Joe Gutierrez** are musicians. . . .

Robert Watts does fender work and cooking as side lines. . . .

Jimmie Wilhelmi is a farmer at heart, and **Paul Swisshelm** an aviation mechanic. . . .

"Heinie" Johnson is still collecting some of his winnings from the recent World Series?

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

I haven't fully recuperated from all the activities in which I participated during open-house October 10. After bowling so many lines that I reached the point of having to be picked up off the floor every time I lifted a bowling ball, I foolishly indulged in several games of shuffleboard, ping-pong, and pool. Wow! What a day.

Bea Bovee has acquired a new hobby, but she won't reveal it.

Group 66

Paul Lester was spotted in a jewelry store recently purchasing what looked to be a '43 model wedding ring.

George Attaway, Inspection Department, submitted to a medical examination October 7 and it *wasn't* for insurance.

Ray Offermann, material checker and "duck" salesman, left for the service October 14.

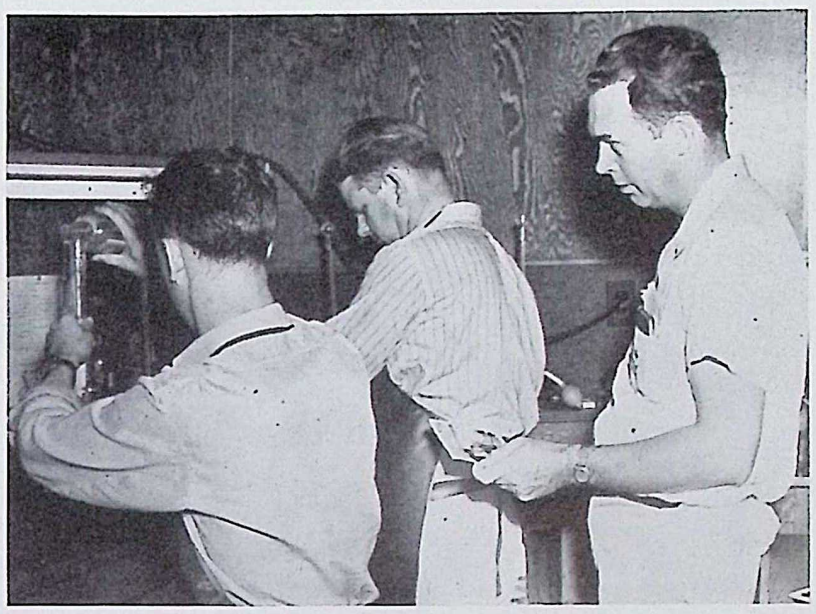
By the appearance of the "aileron fenders" on **Vic Skorupa's** car, he's taken up flying.

George Hatting reports that amusement is rather hard to find, now that it's getting too cold to fish.

Bill Cota spent his last week's check for storm windows and long underwear.

It may interest you to know that "66" now supports an innovation in the way of a "Jam Band." These boys can really go—they read 'em, fake 'em and their theme is the "Box-Car Blues." You should hear them swing it. Tops was reached when a fellow by the name of **Joe Morin** joined up recently. Joe is a natural born "swingster" and he wasn't born yesterday either. He has trouped with the best of 'em and can bark "licks" on his trumpet faster than a cat can lick milk. The page never gets so cluttered with hen tracks that Joe can't straighten 'em out, in fact he can even write 'em.

The three-piece "Box Car Band" covers a list of instruments as long as your arm, such as trumpet, sax, clarinet, bull fiddle, guitar, violin, trombone and vocals. Sessions will start soon during the lunch period.



MODERN LABORATORY technique is utilized by EOP's Water Department in assuring a plentiful supply of pure water. Supt. J. W. Stark (right) is pictured here watching Waldo Weaver (left) and Eugene Dowell run one of their frequent tests.

It is rumored around 66 that **Homer Peters** of Group 63 is landscaping his premises, which is a splendid gesture. However, it is reported with regret his misfortune of falling into his sunken garden.

Some unidentified malady has overcome **Bill Zarley** of late. A change of diet might help.

The inspectors here are still in the dumps since last Saturday's Illinois football game.

Barnyard golf and flyball are occupying all spare moments during this beautiful Indian Summer.

Earl Hunt is catching up on his "home-work" before leaving for the Navy. With reference to the seven-day week proposition—as a matter of choice between work here and at home, the boys are voting for EOP.

Group 68

Lucky winners of Group 68's War Bonds for the previous two weeks were **Irving Bovee** and **Lynn Wade.**

Group 65

Leonard "Frenchy" Guenette is recuperating at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee and wishes to thank the fellows for their kindness and generosity. **Sparky Adams** is losing weight rapidly Wonder why?

Group 63

Ed Oard has left for the Army—he was presented a cash gift. **Leonard Johnson** is the new night foreman here.

Andy Perino will surely look into the cans labeled "fly spray" before he trades again. Imagine trading three empty cans for what was supposedly a full can of fly spray, which incidentally was filled with good old aqua.

Here's one for the books! An innocent bet was wagered between **Elmer Zost** and **Frank Perino** on the World Series. Losing was such a shock to Frank that he walked out the door without the aid of his faithful crutches.

Otha Lewis, Knut O. Axelson, Robert Askew and **John Austin** are members of Uncle Sam's Army now.

Group 66-A

Sound the trumpets for the boys at 66-A. They've gathered keys for the scrap drive and the last count was way up there in the hundreds.

"Pop" Redmond's little finger recently saw sunlight for the first time in three weeks.

Art Skorupa, baby of the Igloos, was taken to the last game of the Cub-Sox city series by **Guard Flash Gordon.** The game was enjoyed immensely by both, since they are rabid Sox fans. They were accompanied by a Cub fan, **Vic "Buttercup" Skorupa.**

High Explosives Laboratory

John Snyder and **Charles Clifford** have been suffering with severe colds. Their condition is not believed serious, but on the other hand, pneumonia may set in at any moment.

Nobody thought he'd make it, but **Palmer Overholt** finally caught the 9:45 train out of Chicago last Saturday morning and went to Columbus to spend a couple of days with his family.

The Ford Teeters are looking for a new home—a job with hot water, they hope.

After covering some very rough territory, the course of true love is running smooth again for **Ellis Steinberg,** Government inspector at the lab. (It may get rocky again if the girl hears Steinberg and **Assistant Chief Ray Hybarger** getting together on those gobstick duets.)

The **Charles Bridwells** and the **Jess Kinsers** saw sights at the L. and L. Club in Chicago recently.

Speaking of musical geniuses, **Alexander B. (B. for Bilious) Becker** isn't one on the trumpet.

Rosemary, the collie who spent several happy months at the laboratory and then sojourned for a spell at the Administration Area fire station, is rumored to have welcomed fourteen little strangers to her nest.

Speaking of nests, **Nelson Tippett's** landlady (poor, long-suffering woman) thinks his room looks more like a nest than a human habitation.

Vern Holder and **Baron Rothschild,** with a party of friends from Columbus, are attending the Northwestern-Ohio game in Chicago October 24.

Marcia Mitchell, who's been slaving on the midnight shift, arrived at a party one night recently just in time to greet the departing guests . . . hail and farewell.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Corp. Orville Warren, veteran Guard Department employee, has entered Officers Training School. All wish him the best of luck.

Guards Byron Culley, Lincoln Linn and **Ira White** have been called to the armed service, all qualified men who will perform their duty well.

Several of the boys enjoyed the last EOP Fellowship Meeting and are awaiting the next one. Their joint approval has enticed more of the boys for the next one.

Dispatcher Carl Kornmeyer has been walking around headquarters in a daze since the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* He made arrangements to have the photographer take the picture of the dispatchers, and he was to be one of the boys in the picture, he had a fresh haircut, clean shirt and new tie, but when the photographer finally arrived it was Carl's day off.

Sgt. Frank Butala in the barber chair:

Barber: "Shall I go over your face again for a closer shave?"

Sergeant Butala: "No! Just wipe the tears outa my eyes and lemme outa here."

Some of the sergeants have had to be content with a little ribbing of late. It seems that a group of dispatchers defeated them in a bowling game recently.

OFFICIAL UNIFORMS are now being worn by girl employees in the Ordnance Department. Shown here, being inspected by Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman just before he retired as EOP's commanding officer, left to right, are: First row: Betty Wilhelmi, Anamarie Schroeder, Florence Babecke, Kathryn Reubart, Ann Melovic, Margaret Jesberger; second row, Bess Moore, Ann Kulpa, Helen McGinnis, Ethel Dirker, Josephine Kush and Dorothy Olson.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Everyone was sorry to hear of **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman's** leaving, for he was a friend to one and all, the only compensation being the appointment of **Maj. K. M. Haber** as Commanding Officer. He's a fine fellow, a good soldier, and will fill the bill to perfection. A hearty welcome to the Elwood Ordnance Plant is extended to Major Haber.

The armed forces have claimed some more of the boys, **Harry Wiseman, Walter Murphy, Ray Coesfeld, Lyle Ingraham** and **Robert Kasten.** Sincere best wishes go with them, and word from them will be eagerly awaited.

Well, the gals have done it . . . yep . . . it's salute, saluta or what have you . . . the uniforms are here, and the girls look swell . . . don't you think? . . . They sort of lend an air of dignity to the Ordnance Department now . . . not sayin' they weren't always dignified . . . (*remember whoops my dear*). . . . Talking of uniforms . . . there was sure some commotion when **Ann Melovic** of Mail and Record walked in . . . they couldn't decide whether she was a WAAC or a WAVE . . . but we know, don't we? . . . and believe me, we are proud to be members of the Ordnance Department.

Catherine Stortz is doin' some worrying lately . . . she can't figure out who **Mel Houston,** the teletype operator, gives all his apples to now . . . how about getting Scotland Yard on the phone? . . . If you'd like to get rid of those five o'clock blues, ask **Charlie DiLorenzo** for a ride home. . . . That bunch will sure blast your blues away . . . and that ain't all.

Betty Kovach was very much "put out" when the gals in the Auditing Section decided that they didn't want her to wear bangs . . . ask her about it.

Mary Scahill of Stores and Transportation is getting her sleep these nights . . . yep, you're correct . . . the one and only is in the Army . . . Mary has lots of pals in the same boat . . . Me included . . . (sh—sh—that was supposed to be a secret).

Everyone had a good time at the farewell party given for **Harold O'Keefe,** who joined Uncle Sam's mighty Air Force. . . . Wonder when **Claire Shols** will stop getting her Rays mixed up . . . and sun ray isn't meant, either.

Didja know that **J. E. "Ollie" Olson** calls his gals and guys by these names: **Vera "Gussie" Gussman, Patricia "Patty Cake" Haley, Hazel "Rollie" Koller, Anamarie "Peanuts" Schroeder, Dick "R. F. D." Dean, Charles "Wacky" Wachendorfer** and dear **Dan Considine "Danny Boy"?** . . . By the way, have you ever heard Dan tell those dialect stories of his? . . . they are a riot. Now for the flash of the week . . . they have nicknamed me "Maggie" . . . why, only the boss man "Ollie" can tell.

Johnny Phelan, that slow motion gentleman from Property, can sure tell a good looking blonde a mile away. . . . Heard that **Sy Kurantman** had a good time at the theater the other night—"Junior Miss," wasn't it? . . . **Ginny Harrod** has a keen picture of her boy friend . . . he should be in the movies instead of the Army. . . . Everyone sure was glad to see lovely blonde **Helen Weber,** the amiable escort, back in the fold again, after a sojourn in the "lines" . . . did you ever notice her dimples? . . . If you noticed a lot of the girls limping around last Thursday it was due to the bowling season being opened . . . several of the girls have formed a bowling league and are going *hot* after that prize money.

From the Tick Tock Timekeepers

Frank Bravato is now the new chief time inspector . . . **Dave Horwich** resigned to accept a position in Chicago . . . **Ed Reichert** can be seen these days huddling in a corner with a pencil stub in his hand—he is preparing a 15-minute speech on "How to Sleep on a Windy Night." . . . Complimentary passes may be obtained from the Time Office . . . that ought to be good, no??

The welcome mat is spread for **Anita Cleveland, Rita Lipotich, Dorothy Johnson, Beverly Bell** and **Dorothy Setina.** . . . Everyone will be calling **J. P. Zagade,** "Ziegfeld," after viewing the lovely ladies of the Timekeeping section.

Lorretta Franke had a group of the kids up to her house the other night for a picnic supper . . . weiners and buns . . . cider and doughnuts . . . were on the menu . . . sure was a swell party from all reports.

Have you heard . . . **Frank Levanduski, Clark McKeehan** and **William "Pappy" Henderson** were wandering around near the city limits the other Saturday night??? . . . Clark portrayed the hidden talent of "Paderewski" when he banged out a tune or two for the boys. . . . Also **Ann Gubbins** is quite a drummer . . . a Conga would go good.

There has been much rivalry over the best-looking haircuts in the Timekeeping Department . . . so far **George Stevens** and his G I haircut is in the winning section . . . but **Eddie Reichert** with his soft waves is running him a close second.

Off the Beaten Path

Wonder why **Helen Harmon** doesn't smile any more?? . . . did someone break her dolly? . . . **Kay Rosenbaum** had quite a conversation with **Francis McCarthy** of the Army the other night . . . via long distance . . . wonder if Kay told him all? . . . Have you ever noticed how strong **Lt. M. G. "Brandy" Brandon** is? . . . yeah . . . he gets that way by "romping" in the woods . . . nothing like exercise, is there?? . . . **Lt. D. A. Yeoman,** "Dale" to his friends, usually accompanies him on his "Tarzan trips."

Well, well . . . the gals are going to have a recreational program . . . reading it over there was calisthenics (or words to that effect) . . . immediately I put a little red mark there 'cause since the uniform situation I find that a few extra pounds make an awful difference . . . so beware, dumbbells . . . here I come.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Lt. Carl E. Beilharz prefers titians to blondes or brunettes. Lest it be inferred that the sale of "Henna-Pak" is attempted, let it be known that the reference is to natural titians.

Chief Inspector William F. Douville and **Divisional Inspector Paul R. Smith** visited the Savannah Ordnance Depot on October 12. They reported the trip uneventful, except for the inconvenience they experienced in obtaining a room for the night. There were no hotel accommodations at Savannah, which necessitated their driving to Dixon, Ill. Upon arriving at Dixon they discovered no available rooms. Mr. Douville settled for a cot in the hotel office. However, Mr. Smith was more fortunate in securing a bed from an elderly gentleman who was sympathetic when Mr. Smith confided that his new baby daughter had him walking the floor the previous night.

NATTY in her uniform is Margaret Jesberger, secretary in the office of the commanding officer.

Reluctant farewells were bid to **Dale Lorentzen, Ralph Weiss** and **Bernard Kapsch,** who joined the Navy. Each were presented with a "buddy" kit and cigarette case from their co-workers, who wished them smooth sailing.

Lois Martin and **Rose Haley,** who joined the office force October 1 and 8 respectively, are welcomed by their co-workers.

Helen Boula and **Ethel Dirker** were the first girls in Ordnance Inspection to don uniforms, and they looked stunning.

Jerry Shirtino is quite a chef, especially when it comes to Italian dinners.

Bernice Shroba, mimeograph operator, was missed when she was absent due to illness.

Kermit Long, assistant divisional inspector, is conducting classes in connection with the training of girl inspectors. Particular notice was taken that he is quite concerned over his personal appearance before leaving the Divisional Office for classes. It was heard that one of his pupils presented him with a huge red apple.

The girls in the Inspection Department are very much interested in the activities offered by the Recreation Department. Despite the fact that lunch period consists of one-half hour, they manage to play a ten-minute game of table tennis, shuffle board or bowling. These sports are very efficiently coached by **Myrna Faris,** women's recreational director, who hails from Texas.

The other morning it looked as though the boys in Group 61 were getting in practice for the football season. There was quite a scramble as to who should carry the mail to the box. **Joe Motta** was badly bruised in the rush, but he says it was worth it to get a glimpse of the new mail girl, **Betty Ross,** who is replacing **Ralph Weiss** in delivering and collecting the mail out in the groups. Since Betty is on the job, the mail is coming in so fast that girls in Mail & Record will be requiring assistance.

It Happened One Night!!!!!

Clara Wehner and **Linnetta Parry** were enroute home after working late at the office. After the driver of the station wagon had discharged one of his passengers, **Geraldine Ward,** he accidently drove into a closed road near a cemetery, in an attempt to get back on the highway. The station wagon became imbedded in mud and it was necessary for the driver to call the plant for assistance. The girls were left alone while the driver was in search of a telephone. Being late at night and so close to a graveyard, they naturally were upset. They started out in search of the Ward residence, but in the excitement, and neither of them being Jolietans, they could not recall the Ward address although they were but three blocks away. They were exposed to the elements and were thinking how good a warm cup of coffee would be. In the meantime, Clara's roommate, **Helen Harmon,** became alarmed over Clara's absence and telephoned **Stanley Eisler** at 1:30 a. m. When the telephone rang, Mr. Eisler became excited and leaped out of bed and stubbed his toe. Helen said, "Mr. Eisler, do you think Clara has met with an accident?" Mr. Eisler said, "I don't know, but I d—— near broke my toe." Mrs. Parry was somewhat upset because she feared her husband would be worried over her absence, but when she arrived home he was snoring loudly and she didn't know whether to awaken him and tell him of her plight or to drench him with cold water. He was in the doghouse for several days. (*All this over a little mud.*)

Mr. Douville was the lucky "winnah" of the War Bond for the October 15 pay day.

Margaret Kertes, inspector, Group 8, is making a tour of the Fuze and Booster Area. The inspectors in Group 8 wonder what frightened Miss Kertes when she opened a desk drawer. Could it have been a mouse?

Wedding bells will ring for **Georgia Byrd** and **Park Paxton** the latter part of November.

Andre P. Lombardi, inspector, Group 1, is always so much more cheerful after he has had his Chase & Sanborn kiss each morning . . . *with sugar.*

When you see the Government girls of Group 9 coming to work under tons of good food, you can be certain they're on **Wally Zukowski's** shift. It seems they believe the saying "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

Want to see something really cute? Go to the Joliet Court House some evening about 10:30 and study **Mary Benac's** technique in saying goodbye to her fiance before leaving for the midnight shift. Woo-woo!!!!

Group 9 has welcomed many new inspectors in the last few weeks with more on the way, and you can bet your boots they will agree with all the "old timers" that **E. J. Nemanich** can't be beat for a swell boss.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for **Margaret "Butch" Saloski,** who became **Mrs. C. Olsta** October 10.

Doreen Birr seems to rate OK with the fellows in blue and white, as seeing is believing if you happen to be down River Street way in Kankakee.

It's a pleasure to go to Group 9 any day and be met at the door by that little ray of sunshine, **Lea "Jigger" Dalton.** Her motto is "a little smile will go a long, long way," and it sho' works. Her co-workers all think she's tops.

Group 5 welcomes the following new Government inspectors: **Lorna Haller, Jean Gunderson, Catherine Cyphers, Margaret McGawan, Ann Jansky, Therese Balck, Ann Balck, Evelyn Slater, Carolyn Cleaver** and **Agatha Drager.**

Naomi Apgar has forsaken her trips to the farm suddenly. Could it be because of someone's diverted interest to that belle of Jones Street?

Horses with black wavy hair and blue eyes prance through the dreams of **"Ivy" Wellman.** Anyone with a charitable heart and owning such a creature will be warmly received at the Group 5 inspection office. Flash—just heard of a hobby horse with five good tires for sale cheap.

Milt Krissman, Group 5 inspector, is nursing a fractured toe, the consequences of a bowling match at the Recreation Building. He says the ball *jumped* off the rack. Ha!

Helen Zivic and **Helen Skumanick,** Group 5, are making a five-week tour of all the other Fuze and Booster groups.

Eddie Kluza, assistant Group 5 inspector, has all the feminine hearts a-flutter. His zuit suit is the combination of a real pleat and a snuff cuff.

A lot is heard about sister teams and mother and daughter teams, but a good illustration is furnished by **Lea Dalton,** Group 9, and **Elinor Lea Gudath,** Group 5. You wouldn't know, but they are mother and daughter. You pick which is the mother and which is the daughter.

Phil Horwitz, acting assistant Group 5 inspector, has suddenly lost his glamour. Could this be due to his making up his mind about the only one, a very nice girl from Joliet?

Sympathy is extended to **Mildred Ashley,** inspector, Group 4, in the loss of her father, who died October 10.

George Attaway, Groups 64-66, was inducted into the Army October 21, and all wish him the best of luck.

"Miss Victory" of EOP to Be Selected

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cluding the quality of her work, her character and her attitude. Secondarily, consideration will be given her activities in outside patriotic programs, such as the Red Cross, U. S. O., Civilian Defense, Servicemen's Canteen work."

Any girl employee of EOP is eligible for nomination. Be certain that her name, group identification and clock number are included with your reasons for believing she should have the title of "Miss Victory."

SEVENTY STUDENTS from the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill., are shown arriving at the main gates on one of their periodic visits for inspection and instruction.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Leading dental dispensers are missing a bet by passing up **Loretta Delaney**, "The Belle of Manhattan." The gleaming smile she uses so freely even makes those gawshawful badge pictures look like a Hollywood press agent's daydream!

Nino Lewis, Group 4, is a little worried these days about her husband, **Lester Lewis**, who was recently operated on. Lester is employed in Group 1.

Isabel Miller of Group 4 is having quite a time keeping her mind on her work these days, because in another week she will become the bride of **Bud Nickel.**

Rena Reynolds, inspector in 4-14, is going to Harrisburg for the week-end.

Mary Campbell is leaving Tuesday for New Jersey, where she will become the bride of **Albert Drazy.**

Dorothy Stahler of Group 4 and her daughter are leaving over the week-end for Cincinnati, O.

Dorothy Vehrenkamp, former office girl of Group 4, has returned to her home in Minnesota.

Gerry Morris is now a sergeant's wife since hubby got a promotion. He is in the U. S. Army Finance Corps, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Bernadine Hughes, the strong arm girl of Group 4, is slowly but surely developing a lot of muscle on the material truck. Says she's ready to give Atlas lessons now.

Harriet Porter, otherwise known to everybody as "Aunt Harriett," had her tea leaves read recently. There seems to be quite a bit of money involved in her near future.

Betty Russell, forelady in Primers, spent two weeks in Oklahoma visiting her boy friend. Betty has been very jubilant since her return. Did she change her mind?

Group 5

Foreman Joshua Garlick of 5-14, dubbed "Pop" by his loyal crew, was as pleased as a pointer pup last week when the "kids" surprised him with a hand-tooled wallet for his birthday. With his usual twinkle when thanking them, he suggested that they could *fill* it for his next surprise!

Joseph Sqellati and **Charlie Boyse**, firemen at No. 5 Boilerhouse, take great pride in their title of championship housekeepers. Their concrete and equipment usually shines like a bride's kitchen. Gee, if they could only cook!

Group 5 comes to the front with their much vaunted "Super-Supers" bowling team, composed of **Edward Burns, John Lower, Don Leonard, Bob Welch, William Lipsey** and **Jack Dempsey.** They have flung their challenge to the four winds, but it's liable to bring back a blizzard.

Demure little **Adalyn Frederich**, forelady at 5-14, received a lovely purse from "The Gang" on her birthday, October 6.

Joe Schuster, Group 4, and Jack Dempsey, Group 5, had a hectic home-coming down at Illinois for the Minnesota game. Murmured Joe, "After three blowouts, a small wreck and a large headache, upsets were no novelty to *us!*"

John Chladek, foreman, thought he was getting a swell table supper. He had the spoon, dish and crackers. He also had what he thought was a thermos jug of chili. When he finally got it open, with the help of three fellows, like Old Mother Hubbard, his cupboard was bare.

Martha Gibbons is walking on air these days, since her boy friend from Fort Louis, Tacoma, Wash., phoned her.

Harvey Studer is still flustered over the coming of his new daughter, **Nancy Lee.**

Harry Smith, Group 5, returned to work Tuesday after a month's illness.

Ronnie Carlson has a sparkle in her eyes these days. It may be on her left finger soon.

The Primer Room, Group 5, is looking forward to the day when **Mary Ann Culick** will return to work after her recent accident.

The girls of Delay Building presented their forelady, **Eleanore Fay**, with a bouquet on her fifth wedding anniversary.

All miss **Audrey Moisant**, inspector, who is ill.

Lorraine Kerouac, who was ill for three weeks, has returned.

Delphine Harsted left her work here to live in California.

Congratulations go to **Nora Doyle** on her recent marriage.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Charlotte Wielock.**

Did you know that **"Marsh" Marshall** is an excellent cook? Just ask any of the boys who attended his Italian spaghetti dinner the other evening.

"Wild Bill" Watt and **"Sweetie Pie" Noble** have a quaint version of the story about "Little Red Riding Hood."

Midge Weir is wearing bows these days. She hopes they are contagious.

June Handley of Odell is leaving Friday. The following week she is going to California and there are rumors of a wedding. The fellow who must be getting all of her attention is **Bombardier Bob Kesslar.**

Edward P. Purns, assistant superintendent of Group 5, is now a resident of Joliet. Chicago's loss, Joliet's gain.

Group 5 has a real "Abbott and Costello." They are **Ray Turner** as Costello, and **Art Myers** as Abbott.

Did you ever see **Rose Di Salvo's** nails? They're real, too.

Ann Bartholme, secretary to **Eddie Burns**, surely is afraid of mice.

Jim McCauley plans to leave in December to try to be an army pilot.

Many wonder what the excitement was around **Frances Ransey's locker.** Could it have been the arrival of **Brenda Startz, Jr.?**

Group 6

Eddy Liebelt, foreman of 6-4, looks a lot like those oomph lads the Arrow Collar people used to doll up their ads with.

Lucille Hritz is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, Ill., recovering from an appendicitis operation.

Farewells go to **Ida Smith, Mary Swanson, Mary Kuna, Cecelia Cheffer, Bob Benjamin** and **Bernard Smith.**

And—welcomes are due **Hester Cheatham** on a new matron in the change house.

Have you noticed **Paul Gay's** crew haircut? It's grown at least one-sixteenth of an inch in the last eight weeks, says Paul.

Remember the Group 6 Victory Dancing Party to be held at Dreamland Ball Room located five miles west of Kankakee on Route 17, Saturday, October 24, from 9 to ?. Music by Weber Rhythm Masters. Admission, $1.50 plus 15c tax. The proceeds are to be given to a worthy cause, so help make this party a big success.

Clifford Marlett, 6-2, was inducted into the armed service last week.

TRANSFERRING to the U. S. Employment Office in Chicago, Bess Moore, shown here, will be missed by the Ordnance Department, for which she was chief, personnel, for 19 months.

Group 7

When Hitler is only a dusty name on a tombstone, and Hirohito has been stuck for the drinks by "Harry Carey" . . . **Al Nahas**, "The Paint Shop Impresario," need never worry about a job. It is reported that he is a warbling wonder, and as nutty as a Christmas cake, so Crosby and Hope had better begin to look to their laurels!

Earl Schmalz, 7-2, is thinking seriously of asking for a Service Flag for his department, as quite a number of the lads now serving came from "the south end of Seven." For instance, **Frank Taylor**, U. S. Medical Corps, is in North Carolina, and **Corp. Earl Smith** of the U. S. Medical Corps is in Arlington, Calif. They would appreciate cards occasionally from the "Old Gang."

Well, the poor abused ducks are gonna get a well deserved break this week . . . **Herb Cracraft**, 7-3, is going hunting. . . . From the bag he brought back last trip, Herbie musta been usin' rejects!

It has been heard that **Eva "Smitty" Smith** can bark like a dog, **Gracie Ross** has acquired a new walk, **Masie Chamberlain** is cutting a wisdom tooth, **Kay Larson** is leaving soon, lil' **Gracie Muller** is called "Sooner," and **Terry Drancik** has an "owl" look but says she doesn't give a hoot.

Isn't this a *capital* idea! **Sylvia Titrant** is visiting her folks in Springfield this week-end.

Nelle Barnett is out in Arizona.

Helen Walick is vacationing in Florida.

Bertha Koehler's husband, a former EOP employee is home on a ten-day leave from San Angelo, Texas. On the other hand, **Henrietta Ellberg** is visiting her husband at Fort Riley, Kansas, for a week.

Congratulations go to **Robert "Chef" Sweetland**, who is the proud father of a five and a half pound daughter, born October 9.

Jimmy "Keep 'Em Flying" Batson left last week to report to Pre-Flight School in Iowa.

Is the romance between **Viola Van Meter** and the "lad" from the Canal Zone serious?

The girls are wondering if **Orpha White** is really crazy about pork sandwiches.

Mary Jane Pucel has a new ring on her finger, and it's not just a friendship ring.

Mrs. Dot Boldak is back at work from a recent honeymoon and happier than ever.

Ange Terzick and **Dick Leighty** are the perfect couple.

Ed Hemmerlle from the paint shop left to join the Navy. Lend an ear and **Margaret Davis** will tell you a story about an operation. When it comes to eating, **Genger Bortoli** has a theme song, "Meat and Potatoes."

Dorothy Bick has gone knee high with a pair of bright red socks.

Dorothy Blanco's birthday was celebrated with a huge cake and she received a very lovely gift from the girls.

Helen Du Lany spent the week end in Davenport, Ia., with her folks.

Mary Shekey left October 17 for Florida to join her husband.

Group 8

Anyone desiring to know that "certain technique" of changing flat tires in wee hours of the morning is referred to the assistant superintendent of Group 8, **George Elum**, and his book on changing tires, page 42. **Joe Basinger** might be of some help?

Jimmy Dvorak shouldn't deny **Margaret Cacello** her desire, a cornstalk corsage and pumpkin banked altar when they say the "I do's" October 31.

Everyone hopes **Al Mandrella** doesn't get sick or lose any time because it really keeps a fellow busy when he has eight little mouths at home to be fed.

Cecelia Grzegorek became **Mrs. Wilbur Monk** last Saturday in Manteno. **Lorrain Nelson** and **Russell Hansen** were married October 11. **Doris Hunter** and **Pauline Moore** left for Spokane, Wash., October 17. They will stop and visit a friend in Colorado, then on to Washington, where Pauline will become the bride of **Pvt. Owen Coon.**

Dorothy Linnard, Ann Runyon and **Mary French** visited **Marie Nutt** in St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, where she is recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Frank Soule resigned to join Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Margy Anderson, Buildings 8-11, is going to take up flying.

Dorothy Lehman and **Bill Birtwistle** are Group 8's representatives on the Employees' Activities Committee. They will welcome any recreational ideas given to them and will in turn submit them at the committee meetings.

Group 9

Glenn Allen, timekeeper, is vacationing, touring the southern states, trying to catch the big ones . . . fish.

Group 9 was not so well accounted for at the Open House. How about doing better at the Halloween Dance. Those who did attend really had a good time!

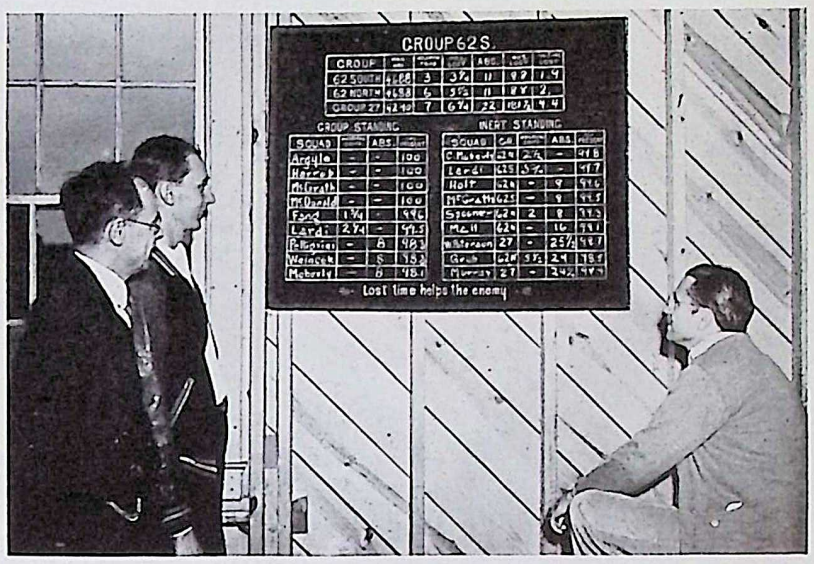
The girls and boys are trying to get a bowling team together; anyone interested can see **John Neely** or **Dorothy Murphy**, both of Group 9.

Some *one* person of Group 9 by the name of **W. D. Whaley, Jr.**, really did some good bowling at the Open House. It was strike after strike, and spare after spare. That man certainly has a lot of good points.

Speaking of bowling, who was the girl for whom they had to set up pins in the gutter, because they felt sorry for her.

Many are wondering if the song, "He Met Her on Monday," had anything to do with **Frances Graham's** long weekend.

Personnel when reported for 9-4 goes something like this: "Today we have all hens, 3 roosters and a mouse," in other words, 11 female operators, 3 male operators and one Foreman. Original? Yes!



REDUCTION OF ABSENTEEISM is the goal of all EOP departments and here is illustrated the manner in which the Inert Storage Department is tackling the problem. Supt. A. P. Balston (left), Frank Zupancic and Ray Lee (right) inspect a chart in Group 62-S which shows the weekly standing of the various squads, with space making it necessary to leave the bottom squad off each week.

SAYING LITTLE, but doing much is the reputation built by J. J. Fitzpatrick, shown here at his desk, as superintendent of Group 3-A, one of EOP's loading lines.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Perhaps it is just as well the search for "Scorchy", pictured elsewhere in this issue, was unsuccessful. It was thought that the new buildings were pretty swell, but they were tossed right back into the scrap pile when that burned out cinder 'Scorchy" referred to them as a "Den of Dilapidation".

Good friend **George Sangmeister**, Mayor of Frankfort, who is a candidate for Clerk of the Probate Court in this county, is looking very confidently toward November 3. His friends here are all with him and wish him success.

Henry O'Reilly and **Jeanette Kamp** have set the big day for November 1. Everyone here extends best wishes.

Scotty Soper insists upon his daughter powdering her nose with a marshmallow before eating it.

Presley Hankins remarked that Major Doolittle beat Leon Henderson to it by raising the ceiling on Japan.

Mike Doyle, who in addition to his duties here, runs a small dairy farm outside the area, said: "all that I am I owe to udders".

Bob Milus is recovering from an appendectomy he underwent recently.

Supt. Hugh S. Robb says, "Social tact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were".

To **Ted Groskreitz** who is leaving Saturday to join the service, all wish the best of luck.

The scrap drive is still on and the Salvage Department is willing at all times to co-operate with and assist every group as well as those who live in the area. Send all your scrap, regardless of the amount.

Anita Scott, secretary to **R. T. Bassett**, says that a compliment should be inhaled like perfume and not swallowed.

FUTILE SEARCH for "Scorchy" was in progress amid the piles of scrap at the Salvage Yard when the photographer happened on the scene pictured here. Employees, including those shown left to right, Harlan Kadow, Arthur Voss, Andy Vail, Mike Doyle and Albert Sandahl, were convinced that "Scorchy" was somewhere about after reading his column in the last issue.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Due to the death of Miss Anderson's father, **Swan Anderson**, in Chicago October 18, **June Schick** and others compiled this column.

The boys leave, not by ones any more, but by twos, threes, etc. Little **Maurie Doyle**, the lad with the map of Ireland written all over his face, who has been delivering mail the past months, left to join the Navy. His co-workers gave him a going-away gift. **Bud Lipsie**, only 85 pounds overweight now, left recently to go into the Army. Of course, the best of luck to them both!

The baffling two or perhaps the "terrible two," **Elaine Levandowski** and **Dorothy Mihelic** actually turned shy on their latest escapade. They joined a welding class at the night school at JTHS and later—not much later, though; in fact, the same night—quit—too many men (?) and too much muscle.

Katherine Glynn, Arlene Schloendorf's cohort, receives and ships (really ships—so heavy) mail to an un-named sailor in New Orleans. She'll show his picture, though.

The DuPont men (aren't they the ones, though?) are keeping **Mary O'Connor** busy putting tooth picks between her eye lids to keep awake—between 8:30 and 5.

John J. Fairfield, the new King of Swat, closed his fly swatting season with a rare .999. For proof, notice that new fangled wrist band—a little wide for a wrist watch—yes, you guessed it—he tore a ligament in his forearm using too much of that Hinsdale vim, vigor and vitality!

Dot Beverly is relaxing and enjoying a trip to the east and a little bit south. The little person in the south that little Dotty is visiting is an air Corps man—you know, the one in the song "He wears a pair of silver wings."

Gene Bennington, that redheaded woman killer, is now a member of the Company, **Mr. and Mrs. G. Bennington.** For, October 10, Mr. B. took unto himself a bride.

Alice Hess looks especially charming with a dash of the steno's peeve — ditto — running from the corner of her mouth to her chin. Gives that suave impression, if you know what is meant.

Arlene Thorsen is proudly displaying the sparkler on the third finger, left hand, the lucky man, **Wayne Sebby.**

Margy Brennan, former employee, is now the junior meteorologist at the Joliet Airport.

Mary Philbin enjoyed the last week in Chicago at the races and taking it easy in general.

Jean Hines' birthday was celebrated in Joliet by **Jean and Jackie Dailey, Anna Marie Kinney, Mary Philbin, Rosemary Kane, Edith Lewis** and **June Schick.** The evening consisted of a spaghetti dinner and bowling.

The Administration Building is represented in the Joliet Industrial Bowling League by the following bowlers: **Jack Breitfuss, George Becker, Vance Cook, Russell Voss, William Leeland, Charles O'Connell** and **William Oldani**, manager. Give them a hand on Friday nights at 7 at Jahneke's Alleys. The boys will like it.

The duck hunters are praying for cold, damp, rainy weather for the next three week-ends. In spite of the fact that they want bad weather, **Francis Gonce** still insists he is going to wear his yellow pants, red jacket and green beret. Sounds like camouflage! He says he needs something to attract the ducks. Mr. Gonce was presented with a sling-shot to take on his expedition!

Henry Schelling has been having good luck lately—many wonder why! ! !

Santa Claus has promised **Stephan L. McGann** a nice new pair of red suspenders for Christmas, if he is a good boy.

Henry Bale is known to all his friends as a crystal gazer. There should be a correction on that. He just has that far away look from trying to find out the color of various people's eyes!

Tex Jackson of Engineering Files says that his assistant, **Richard M. Russell**, has been tentatively accepted for Officer's Training on the Merchant Marine. Now the 'phone traffic on the Fuse and Booster lines will not be so heavy.

Maxine McBride has retired as secretary to **E. K. Cortright** and is probably close to the altar with **Howard Cox** at her side. **Lorna May Perry** succeeded her here.

John Nicholson returned from his honeymoon looking very happy.

Eleanor Goss in Engineering Files has a romance with **Bill Sullivan** of the Kankakee Ordnance Works. This helps to bring the plants closer in friendly relations.

Robert "Wimpy" Forst was enjoying malted drinks the other evening. Meeting a friendly stranger, they got to talking about way back when. Robert: "When I was born I only weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces.

Stranger: "Gosh, did you live."

Robert: "Sure, you ought to see me now."

William Herbst, Heating Department, is now a Cadet Sergeant in the Air Corps.

William Shaw, Heating Department, also has won his wings as an aviator.

Robert Holmes, division head of Mechanical Engineering and Heating Department, has been ill at home for the last few days.

H. E. Rostron, squad leader of the architects, has taken an interest in ping pong. He is open for challenge.

The only news **Harry Carlin** has is that he works for **"Shug" Sperling.** Boy, that really is news.

It is a pleasure to see all the folks of Irish descent working here at EOP. **Ralph W. Turner** is Commander of an auxiliary Irish-American navy, which practices in rowboats in Lincoln Park, Chicago. Yes, that is all that is needed to knock the ears off the Axis. With this combination, Victory is certain.

Art O'Neil received a letter from **Corp. John Consdorf**, Stockton, Calif. John was formerly a heating engineer here. In receiving *The Bomb-Shell* he feels at home, enjoying it with his fellow soldiers. He sends all his best regards.

Harry MacRae had his hair-do trimmed so now he looks a bit more masculine.

The following is offered by **Fred Poplausky**, plumbing engineer:

"I am going to keep on thinking, working, enjoying life and making conditions more perfect, remembering all nationalities are my brothers and sisters, that the world is my country, doing good my religion, with liberty, happiness and plenty for all forever."

The car of **Al Scheer**, electrical engineer, refused to start. After nervous hours of working on it he found a mechanic. Trouble? His choke was stuck.

Audie Allison, architect, is a student of electrical engineering also, but his K. V. A's are a bit lame as he is better equipped to handle water and sewers.

O. K. Madsen made a mistake in his letters in selecting the teams for the football pool. Result "0."

In **Max Wolfson's** apartment building, with 13 apartments and 13 babies, the family in the basement apartment expects the stork this week. This breaks the unlucky 13.

The Victory Garden of **Herb Burch**, architect, yielded 25 bushels of potatoes and he had to clean them. Yes, he is still going to raise another garden.

Fred Leslie is ill and all wish him quick recovery.

Girl shy **LeRoy Anderson** of the Water Department is still waiting for some nice girl to speak to him. If you do, make him lean against the wall as he is timid he will faint.

Francis Gourley, Heating Department, and **Tex Jackson**, Engineering Files, and their families had a splendid visit to Rock Island, Moline and Davenport on the Mississipi River. They are now experts in speed-boat and ferry riding.

"Tiny" Walter Peterson of the bowling team says that Art O'Neill's green ball has gone from a 90 score to 190.

William Simonds, progress engineer, the water boy from Elwood, has been practicing walking. He is getting ready to walk from Elwood to the plant because of gas rationing.

Safety Department

By Jimmy Hart

There is absolutely no truth in the base rumor that **George Long** is having **Henry J. Kaiser** build him a pair of bowling shoes (or IS there?).

K. J. Ulrich's three pugnacious pups, "Ginger," "Cinnamon" and "Rusty," almost *assure* his newest pet (the famous rabbit from Group 2) of leading a dog's life.

Emery Akeman has a growing conviction that cafeterias for the night shifts will solve a lot of productive problems—now, if he could only get his conviction to growing like that rotund protuberance he's carting—boy, he'd have something!

Jimmy Hart *will* open . . . but not so much since he kiddingly queried a gruff foreman at Group 6, "Don't you think I look a little like a Greek God?" and got the terse reply: "Greek God, *no!*"

Sweet li'l **Emily Noramczyk** always blushes so prettily whenever she has to spell her name for strangers, but she probably won't have to use *that* name much longer!

Guy B. Ward quite readily answers to the handle of "Luke," which he used extensively 'til he was 22, the day before he put on shoes.

That's quite a baby **Lewis Walsh** has, to hear him tell it. Sez him: "Very latest Model, Two Lung Power, Screamlined, Gravity Feed, Uses Very little Oil and comes equipped with Changeable Seat Covers!" Lew sez his Doc was the Technical Assistant. His Missus was the Production Manager and he was the Designing Engineer. He goes on to say the New Creation is on Display at the home showrooms, but that the management assures the public that there will be no new models added to the line.

Murphy's Boys Celebrate Successful Softball Season with Victory Banquet

Record of 38 Wins and 5 Losses Climaxed by Division Championship in Joliet League

Murphy's Boys of Group 2 celebrated their victory in the West Park Division of the Gold Medal Softball League with a banquet October 4 at the Woodruff Hotel in Joliet.

Guests of honor included **Supt. and Mrs. James J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hunt** and **Mr. and Mrs. John Kelahan.**

An excellent job of toastmastering was done by **Charles Pierce**, who not only introduced the guests of honor, but displayed an outstanding ability to hold the interest and atteniton of everyone present. Mr. Murphy presented third baseman **George Zobel** with the most valuable player's award, asking as he did so that George make a few remarks, to which George replied that the "only time he made speeches or attempted to make a speech was when he bummed a cigarette from someone."

Bill Stanley, manager of the team, was to have had the awards at the banquet so the presentations could be made, but due to war conditions the awards were not received by the Recreation Department and this part of the ceremonies was postponed. Bill, however, filled in with humorous remarks much to everyone's enjoyment.

"It was beyond my fondest hopes to be able to assemble such a wonderful group of boys as we have in Group 2," Mr. Murphy said in opening his address. "Willingness, sacrifice and sheer perseverance helped this team to accomplish what it did, and I want everyone to know that I am deeply appreciative of his efforts both at work and on the ball diamond."

Gaglione Makes Speech

Various speakers were called on for additional remarks and the banquet was progressing nicely when Mr. Pierce called on **Frank Gaglione** to make a few comments. Frank delivered a very sentimental and touching speech closing with "I only hope that I will be able to return to Group 2 next summer for I consider Mr. Murphy, the assistant superintendents and the entire staff just about the finest friends I have ever made."

A vote of thanks was given to all the assistant superintendents for their co-operation, which contributed much in making the season a success. The banquet was concluded at 9 o'clock.

The boys went to the Will County Gold Medal finals to meet the Raino Aces of Joliet and after eleven hard fought innings lost by a score of 5 to 4. Thanks are extended to **Eddie Washburn** of Group 70 for his spirited efforts during the summer and to **"Horse" Tammen** for his contributions to a successful season. Eddie pitched the final game, striking out 16 men and allowing only 5 hits.

Team Is Listed

The Boys are to be congratulated on this and all other games of the season for being good losers as well as good winners. Murphy's Boys won 38 games and lost only 5.

The trophy for second place can be seen in Mr. Murphy's office after next week. The team thanks all of its loyal supporters who followed them and cheered them on to victory.

Following are names of the fellows who played with Murphy's Boys. Some, of course, are in the army now, but all played in one or more games:

Mr. Zobel, Ray Murray, Bob McGuire, Mr. Keenan, Don Zier, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Tammen, Don Bryant, Bob Murphy, Otto Koch, Andy Feeney, Ode Golden, Stu Marlette, Harold Spier, Larry McKeon, Dan Glenney, George Harms, Mr. Hunt, Bill Galbraith, Ray Bell, Bill Stanley, Ken Peterbok, Joe Furlan, Mr. Gaglione, Dick Oldani, George Schoppe and **Bob Sievert.**

★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

LeRoy Abell
Glenn Baker
Marco Bastai
John Bazaar
Edwin Bentson
John Bonas
Frank Branger
Rudolph Bregar
Robert Brumbach
Walter Butt
Joseph Cassani
Joseph Chizmark
Theron Clairmont
Ben Cogliancse
Joseph Connolly
Thomas Costello
Robert Crow
James E. Day
Louis Dedinski
Donald Dewitt
James Dunn
Robert L. Dupuis
Earl W. Dyrby
Joseph Fitzgerald
Michael Forkal
Frederick Furry
George N. Fushi
Richard Garcia
William Gillan
John L. Gilmoure
Robert J. Glade
Donald Godich
John A. Gonda
Michael Gorman
William E. Green
Fred Bert Greene
John F. Hausser
Robert E. Harwood
Lawrence Heath
Harry Hightower, Jr.
Lawrence G. Holmes
Harold E. Johnson
Leonard O. Johnson
Maynard Kallner
John W. Knutson
Stanley C. Knutson
Lloyal L. Kyle
John R. Lambdin, Jr.
Edward Landers
Harley LeVasseur
Daniel Mahoney
Joseph C. Maier
Wilbur A. Martin
Robert M. Matone
Paul McCormick
Lynn McCoskey
Donald E. McCoy
Bernard McNamara
William B. Mills
Andre Mongeau
Alfred Muzzarelli
John Nemanich
LaVerne Patterson
Jerome F. O'Leary
George Orlovich
George Phillips
Joseph Postula
Clayton Raber
Robert Renoldi
Edwin O. Rieck
Edgar L. Rogers
James Sandretto
Ralph G. Seely
Harvey H. Senter
Alvin E. Schroder
Glenn M. Siemers
Russell Sineni
James Skocy
Joseph B. Sula
Robert B. Sullivan
Ray Talbot
Roland Torkelson
Joseph E. Turk
George Turner
E. R. Walsh
Wallace W. Ward
F. B. Waters
John F. Weakman
Donald Wendel
James West
Gilbert Withrow
T. H. Worland
Donn E. Wright
Charles G. Wright
Joseph A. Zalud

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

October 26

N. Balaszharold, Group 9; James Burke, Group 4; Robert Corrigan, Group 1; Edwin Craik, Purchasing; Geraldine Dammann, Group 9; Earl DuFrain, Group 4; Roy Heddins, Utilities; Annabelle Hilti, Group 9; Ada Horton, Group 4; Donald Jackson, High Explosives; Frances Jursinovic, Ordnance; Josephine Kastelec, Group 4; Charles Kasten, Utilities; Claude Lamphere, Utilities; Dorothy Largen, Group 7; Albert Long, Guards; Josephine Mateski, Group 9; Robert Miller, Group 1; Ollie Pershe, Group 9; John Rees, Utilities; Walter Rudd, Group 7; Betty Salzman, Group 4; Rita Scaman, Group 1; Rose Skvarcha, Group 4; Emma Smeets, Group 7; William Smith, Group 61; Scott Soper, Utilities; Charles Sybert, Group 6; Fred Tammen, Jr., Group 1; Ann Terzich, Group 7; Lawrence Trainor, Utilities; Henry Weppler, Utilities; Jean Wilhite, Group 5; Martin Wilkerson, Group 8; C. P. Winebrinner, Group 9.

October 27

Turner Albright, Group 1; Angeline Barickello, Group 4; John Biroschik, Group 5; Sybil Bols, Group 9; Joseph Breen, Utilities; John Bulow, Group 1; Forrest Clatterbuck, Group 61; Clayton Craig, Ordnance; Thomas Craven, Group 1; Joseph Deffenbaugh, General Operations; Delmar Dellibac, Inspection; Frances Depner, Group 4; Floyd Emmert, Group 1; Floyd Evans, Group 3; Gerald Flatness, Group 3; Homer Fowler, High Explosives; Robert Frost, Engineering Department; Frank Gabhart, Utilities; Viola Jersey, Group 9; Lester Kammerer, Ordnance; Thomas Lamon, Payroll; Thomas Lazio, Guards; Frances Lucas, Group 5; Frances McKenna, Group 5; Mary Mecila, Group 5; Herbert Meyer, Group 2; Gladys Miller, Group 7; Maybelle Moisant, Group 8; Walter Norrick, Group 7; Dolores O'Reilly, Group 4; Ellen Payne, Group 1; Wilbur Perkins, Ordnance; Cleo Reagan, Group 9; Chester Reed, Utilities; Edwin Sauer, Accounting; Wayne Sebby, Files and Mail; Robert Stevens, Group 1; Fred Treadman, Inspection; Mildred Tutt, Group 8; Dellar Watson, Utilities; Louise Weber, Group 4; Leila Whall, Group 7; Dorothy Ulbrich, Group 8.

October 28

Edward Aultz, Utilities; Raymond Buell, Group 2; Carolyn Bick, Group 9; Robert Bright, Timekeeping; Walter Brown, Group 66; Edward Cheffer, Group 2; Chris Christofore, Group 1; Fred Copp, Group 1; Eva Davis, Group 5; Dick Fitzgerald, Group 2; Burdette Flatt, Utilities; Fred Gebhardt, Utilities; Henry Gourley, Utilities; John Harris, Inert Storage; Robert Harsha, Group 2; Wesley Hedrick, Guards; Wanda Hudak, General Offices; Genevieve Irwin, Group 1; Ann Jansky, Ordnance; Harry Jordan, Group 1; George Kennedy, Group 1; Elwood Lehnus, Group 3-A; Charlotte LaBorence, Group 4; Milner Lindley, Utilities; Frances Mangotich, Group 7; Edward Monthei, Group 8; Charles Obman, Utilities; Donald Poole, High Explosives; Evelyn Puz, Group 7; Eugene Reetz, Guards; Sylvester Schaal, Group 2; Helen Shreffler, Group 5; Robert Terry, Group 3; Lucile Weber, Ordnance; Geraldine Williams, Group 6; Erene Wilson, Group 9; John Wilson, Jr., Group 1; Walter Zybach, Group 1.

October 29

K. J. Bellegante, Group 5; Juanita Butzow, Group 5; Veronica Cassineri, Group 4; Ione Corlett, Group 9; Laurence Crichton, Group 1; Irene Dandurand, Group 4; Howard Elder, Utilities; Mary Fagan, Group 9; Ema Ferguson, Group 9; Veron Foster, Group 4; Helen Harmon, Ordnance; Charles Harrell, Group 66; Russell Hendrickson, Group 1; Lewis Hoffner, Group 1; Harry Hyatt, High Explosives; Rose Malek, Group 9; Clifford Marlett, Group 7; Douglas Marshment, Group 1; Alexander McElroy, Utilities; Edward McLaughlin, Group 61; Richard Miller, Group 4; Frank Misischia, Engineering Department; Bula Myers, Group 64; Eleanor Myers, Group 9; Ernest Myers, Group 3; Wayne Obrecht, Group 61; Gene O'Brien, Group 1; Louis Peterson, Utilities; Albertino Rossi, Group 6; Frank Roth, Jr., Group 1; Mary Rozich, Payroll; Marie Sanders, Accounting; Walter Stassen, Group 7; Angelea Terzick, Group 7; William Wyant, Group 4.

October 30

Albert Blanchette, Group 8; Roger Blanchette, Group 1; Filberto DeSimone, Accounting; Ethelda Duckmanton, Group 9; Laura Edelman, Group 8; Elsie Elich, Group 6; Lorraine Evans, Group 1; Lelia Gessner, Group 9; Darwin Griffeth, Personnel; Lola Harnack, Group 1; George Hilgert, Guards; William Hodkins, Guards; Elvira Holz, Group 9; Wayne Howard, Group 61; Minnie Jensen, Group 9; Wilford Langeland, High Explosives; Ilene Lawler, Ordnance; Evan Lewis, Ordnance; Ella Mann, Group 7; Lillian Morlan, Group 5; Clifford Morris, Utilities; John Muzzarelli, Utilities; Edwin Noder, Group 3; Fred Norton, Group 5; Morris Peterson, Group 3; Joseph Prisk, Engineering Department; Lloyd Raridon, Timekeeping; Mary Salbego, Group 5; Ruth Schwartz, Group 4; Ray Seloover, Utilities; Aaron Shapiro, Inspection; Mae Spires, Group 7; Charles Talty, High Explosives; William Templin, Guards; George Walberg, Guards; Myra Wooldridge, Group 9. Harvey Battrell, Group 3; Margaret Becker, Ordnance; Vernon Boudreau, High Explosives; Walter Dale, Utilities; John Dekany, Group 2; Clarence Frey, Group 1; Jean Gardner, General Offices; Jeanne Himes, Group 9; Arthur Jennings, Group 2; Edward Kionka, Utilities; Laura Lawler,

October 31

James Barrowman, Group 1; Group 7; Lawrence LeCuyer, Utilities; Leroy Mathew, High Explosives; Chalon Pickett, Group 8; Andrew Raub, Utilities; Alfred Renn, Group 4; Anthony Rusko, Utilities; Leona Sopher, Ordnance; Daniel Spencer, Group 8; Maxine Talbert, Group 4; Robert Todd, Group 3; Mary Weil, Group 9; Mary Whalen, Group 4; Floyd Zebell, Group 1.

November 1

David Addison, High Explosives; Catherine Angel, Group 9; Meta Belasich, Group 5; Angeline Benedino, Group 9; Leona Brault, Group 7; George Butterweck, Group 5; Christopher Ciluffo, Inert Storage; Mary Davis, Group 9; Mildred Doyle, Group 7; Margaret Egan, Plant Protection; Joseph Ferrari, Utilities; William Garrelts, Group 1; John Grosso, Utilities; Helen Jubera, Group 1; Gertrude Kollman, Group 1; Seymour Kurantman, Ordnance; Joseph Luscher, Group 7; Angelina Malon, Group 4; George Mauch, Group 3-A; Clyde Mulligan, Timekeeping; Clyde Peterson, Utilities; George Redmon, Utilities; Eugene Ruettiger, Group 1; Charles Sander, High Explosives; Joseph Scardina, Group 2; James Scerini, Group 3; Evelyn Sienko, Group 4; Margaret Swartz, Group 5; Mary Thompson, Group 1; Lottie Trumble, Group 4; Asdlen Van, Group 2; Elizabeth Vargo, Group 9; Clifford Weiss, Guards; Carl Wiley, Group 1; Helen Wissert, Ordnance; Edward Zarley, Materials and Stores.

November 2

Herman Alberico, Utilities; Mary Ashby, Group 7; Ruth Barr, Group 1; Howard Beagley, Group 4; Ben Bookwalter, Utilities; Oswald Bourelle, Group 2; Margaret Brown, Group 9; Charles Boyle, Utilities; Lester Butler, Group 2; Edna Cairns, Group 1; Blanche Caron, Group 5; Almira Elkins, Group 9; Robert Gabriel, Inert Storage; Mary Green, Group 7; Martin Gross, Group 66; Fred Habing, Fire Department; Wilbur Hendrickson, Utilities; Nelson Horchem, Group 1; Anne Humo, Group 4; Paul Humphries, High Explosives; Clyde Hunter, Utilities; Herbert Johnson, Utilities; Walter Kidd, Group 1; Elsroth Kruspe, Utilities; John Lawnizak, Utilities; George Mears, Group 1; Al Menozzi, Jr., Utilities; Hubert Miller, Group 1; Isabel Miller, Group 4; Harry Misewicz, Utilities; Dorothy Murphy, Group 7; Velma O'Brien, Group 7; Vera Obrinchak, Group 7; Richard Peterson, Group 1; James Peters, Group 1; Opal Richardson, Utilities; Harold Rinker, Group 1; Arthur Salvatore, Group 1; Ivan Sippel, Utilities; John Sloan, Utilities; Frederick Sperling, Inspection; Lester Stame, Inert Storage; James Stevenson, Group 1; Thomas Trevena, Group 1; Mary Wilhelmi, Group 7.

November 3

Leland Airs, Guards; Bert Alsvig, Group 9; Eleanor Baron, Group 5; Americo Berta, Group 61; Loretta Boyd, Group 9; Kenneth Bull, Ordnance; Eileen Butler, Group 7; Albert Cassani, Utilities; Harold Conger, Guards; Hugh Connelly, Group 66; Charles Cracraft, Group 7; Marshall Cross, Group 3; Charles Elberts, Group 7; Martha Gibbons, Group 5; David Green, Group 1; William Gresham, High Explosives; Alfred Hinchliffe, Group 2; Leo Kinney, Group 7; Lee McClain, Group 3-A; William McLane, Utilities; Harry Moody, Group 8; Andrew Mudron, Group 4; Donald Nelson, Production Planning; Robert Parz, Group 9; William Pinnick, Group 4; Geraldine Pluto, Group 6; Willard Rasmus, High Explosives; Donald Reilly, Group 6; Bertha Sexton, Plant Protection; George Schoppe, Group 2; Mary Sherwood, Group 5; Joseph Sladish, Group 3-A; Doris Walker, Group 1; Hazel Wesley, Group 4.

November 4

Milan Boban, Group 2; James Bray, Group 3; Oliver Brown, Group 3; Robert Byerley, Group 3; Irene Charnik, Group 7; Louise Dillon, Group 7; Joseph Donovan, Group 1; Steve Faletti, Group 3-A; Dora Foreman, Group 4; Grover Foster, Group 3-A; George Frederick, Utilities; Helen Gabriel, Group 9; Treva Kane, Accounting; Elizabeth Krasovic, Group 7; Emily Kuchmek, Group 5; Wiley Loveless, Inspection; Dorothy Lundin, Hospital; Steve Mentis, Ordnance; Frank Muzzarelli, Group 1; Harlow Nicholson, Utilities; Richard Pearson, Fire Department; Neoma Reier, Group 5; Roy Richards, Utilities; Milton Robinson, Group 3-A; Homer Smalt, Accounting; John Smith, High Explosives; Walter Sorley, Ordnance; Dorothy Sosnoski, Group 4; Raymond Spolnik, Accounting; Leah Storm, Group 5; Joseph Strohl, Ordnance; Ernestine Thompson, Ordnance; Dorothy Tucker, Group 8; Robert Walsh, Inspection; Paul Wilcoxen, Group 3; Donn Wright, Utilities.

November 5

Francis Anderson, Group 1; Velma Arendell, Group 9; Samuel Azzarelli, Group 1; John Beagle, Utilities; Bernice Bertrand, Group 8; William Bott, Utilities; Bernard Bowden, Safety Department; Howard Brunton, Group 1; Lucille Cairns, Group 8; Lowell Colling, Group 1; Helen Cusick, Group 4; George Elum, Group 8; Orin Fast, Utilities; Maurice Fogler, Utilities; Albert Fribbs, Guards; John Giacoletto, High Explosives; Lillian Gunderson, Ordnance; George Hausser, Group 3A; Donald Hayes, Utilities; Mary Hodges, Group 9; Homer Hogan, Group 1; Betty Humphrey, Group 4; Dick Jett, Group 7; Francis Kneer, Group 7; Genevieve Kuhar, Group 5; Walter Lumpp, High Explosives; John Merten, Guards; Wayne Munyon, Accounting; Gail Plowman, Group 4; Clarence Rehn, Group 3; Chester Richmond, Group 3A; Donald Roberts, Accounting; Edwin Sir, Guards; Ella Stiteley, Group 9; George Turner, Utilities; Russell Watt, Guards; William Williamson, Group 4; Leo Wulfsohn, Guards.

AUDITING DUTIES at EOP are the responsibility of this group. Pictured left to right are: First row, Charles J. Coburn, auditor; William Bishop, Annmarie Kinney, Delores Kane, Dorothea Glaudell, Betty Boldan, John Platz; second row, Hugh Henderson, Harold Carroll, Gene Hedrick, William Oldani, Ralph Piper, George Buttell, Ed Sauer and Irene Mellinger.

November 6

Russel Barlow, Utilities; Earl Bartlett, Group 2; Booker Bates, Utilities; Bernadine Branz, Group 4; Mary Briscoe, Group 5; Floyd Carr, Utilities; Leo Craven, Group 1; Robert Greene, Guards; Robert Griffin, Timekeeping; John Habes, Ordnance; Edgar Hanson, High Explosives; Charles Hasse, Production Planning; Charles Hinz, Group 61; Velma Hodge, Group 4; Dorn Johnston, Utilities; Katherine Kennedy, Group 4; Jacob Koelsch, Plant Protection; Marlene Krameo, Group 6; Ruby McDonald, Group 4; Jed Mees, Group 4; Virginia Napoli, Group 5; John Osborn, Utilities; John Ryan, Utilities; Floyd Stout, Group 2; Lars Tweedt, Group 9; Walter Wilcox, Group 1; Billy Williams, Group 1.

November 7

Dale Aman, Accounting; Theodore Arens, Group 2; Ruth Babington, Group 9; Helen Bardi, General Offices; Harrison Beasley, Group 3; Russell Burnett, Utilities; Wilbur Contois, Guards; Raul Delgado, Group 1; Electa DeVore, Group 7; Saveta Dorsey, Ordnance; Elizabeth Dubois, Group 5; Marie Evetz; Group 9; Francis Greenwood, Inert Storage; Charles Harris, Group 4; Lola Henry, Group 5; Ruth Holzhauer, Group 8; Joseph Horrell, Accounting; Maxine Jordan, Group 5; Harrison Kelly, Group 1; Ethel Lawrence, Group 5; Walter Leadingham, Group 3; Marion McConnell, Group 3; Eugene Mantia, Utilities; Ira Mossberger, Group 1; Cyril Neverman, Utilities; Andrew Nolan, Utilities; Wilma Nolte, Group 7; Harriet Noy, Group 4; Harry Osswald, Group 7; Anne Palinski, Group 4; Alex Perardi, Group 3A; Iris Pedrick, Group 9; Nicholas Racki, Group 1; Stanley Renchen, Group 61; Raymond Scheer, Group 2; Violet Shaw, Group 9; Leland Smith, Group 4; Leo Stein, Utilities; Carolyn Sullivan, Group 7; Rita Surges, Group 5; Catherine Talley, Group 7; Harvey Watkins, Inspection; Bernard White, Utilities; Harriet Wise, Tabulating; Joseph Zalud, Group 2.

November 8

Olive Beall, Group 9; Mary Beever, Group 9; William Boatright, High Explosives; Joseph Bollatto, Group 3A; Thomas Bisaillon, Group 1; Carl Bracken, Utilities; James Clemans, Group 4; James Clennon, Group 2; Florence Clifton, Group 9; Mary Craterfield, Group 9; Walter Dillard, Group 4; Otis Edmundson, Utilities; Stanley Fisher, Group 1; Harry Griffith, Drivers; Edward Hilgert, Group 2; Francis Kuhajda, Group 1; Martin Lawlor, Plant Protection; Dennis Mahoney, Group 3A; Pamela Marcotte, Group 9; Charlotte Matheny, Ordnance; Ellen McCauley, Group 5; Hazel McKenna, Group 7; Arthur McMahon, Jr., Group 2; Viola Novotney, Group 9; Earl Ricketts, Plant Protection; Harold Spier, Group 2; Genevieve Tesla, Group 5; Leonard Titus, Utilities.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Riders Wanted—From Aurora or Joliet to plant. 11:30 to 7:30 shift. See **Roy Lynam**, 318 South Broadway, Aurora, or Group 62, Building 1, Line 4286.

For Sale—Late 1941 model Travellite cabin trailer. Sleeps four. Excellent condition. Complete with tires, fuel oil, cooking gas, running water, paint and trailer hitch. Desire immediate sale. Price—$640.00, cash or terms. See **T. Brown**, 2201 North Broadway, Joliet, Ill. Phone 29473.

Ride Wanted—Living at Irving Park Boulevard and Pulaski Road in Chicago. Want ride from Chicago to EOP. Will arrange hours to fit driver's. Call **Howard E. Whipple**, Line 2255.

Ride Wanted—From Gardner to Administration Building. Steady hours, 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. See **Rowena Roberts**, Room 34. Line 4228 or Gardner 3681.

Room and Board—In Wilmington, for day shift men. One single and one double room. Reasonable rates. Phone Wilmington 4271.

Riders Wanted—To and from Wilmington. 7:30 to 3:30 shift. Call **Forest McGowen**, Line 3283.

Riders Wanted—From Braceville to plant. Leave Braceville 6:30 a. m. Pass Groups 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 68. Call **Leo Trickler**, Group 68, Line 3163.

For Sale—1941 Convertible Coupe, 20,000 miles, tires in excellent condition. Will arrange financing. Contact **Red Harbour**, Road Dept., Line 3141 or 5263.

For Sale—1940 model auto gas (gasoline) cooking stove with four burners, oven and broiler. First class condition. Also 1 large enameled heating stove. See **Mrs. H. Milling**, Symerton, Ill.

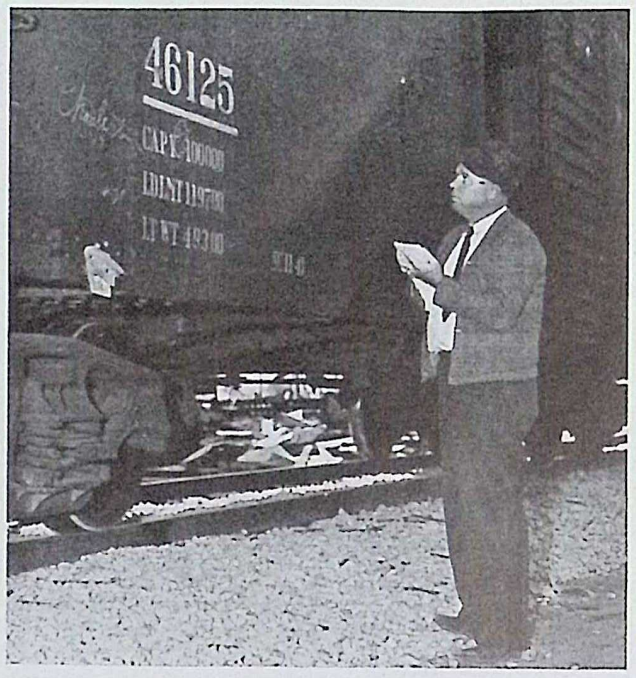
For Sale or Trade—One 12-gauge double barrel hammerless shotgun and one six shot 410 gauge shotgun. Call Line 2290 after midnight, or write to **John Sorenson**, 129 Hobbs Ave., Joliet, Ill.

Riders Wanted — Heated Chevrolet. 4 to 12 shift. Wilmington to plant. Call anytime, **Edward Westcott**, Wilmington 2861.

Riders Wanted—From Morris, Ill., to EOP. 4:00 to 11:30 shift. Call **Dr. George Luke**, Line 3246.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

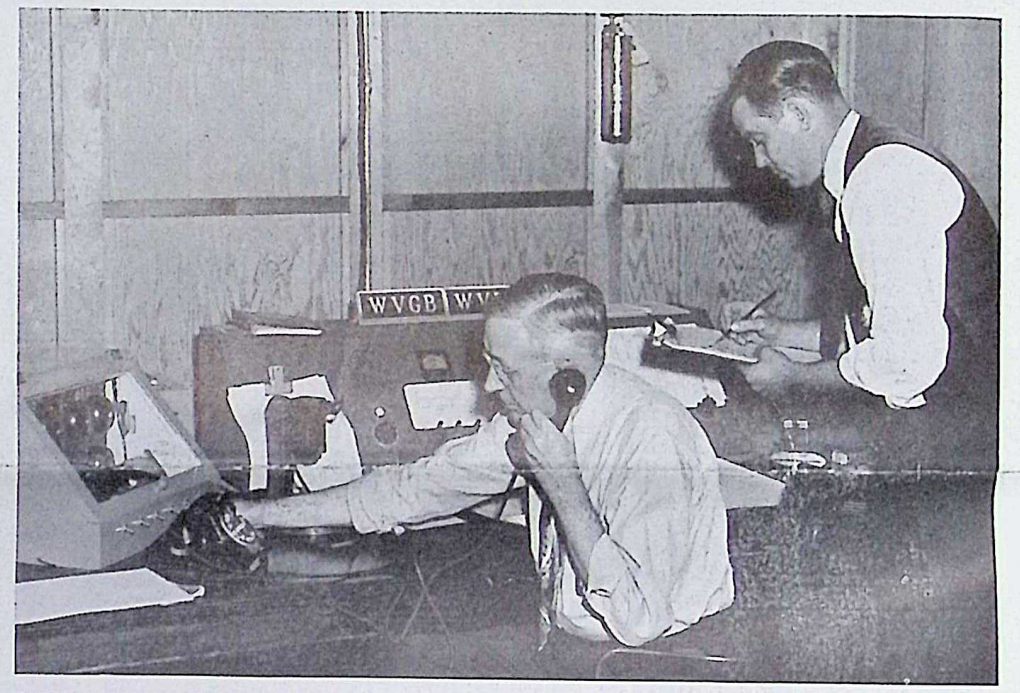
AUTOMATIC oiling of flanges on passing cars is made possible by the use of the tank-supplied oiler, pointed out here by Supt. E. J. Egan.



CHECKING of all railroad car numbers in the EOP area is the task of John "Bunny" Arthur, shown here while engaged with his work.

LISTENING to radio orders from his dispatcher, Engineer Donald F. Lehndorf is shown in the cab of one of EOP's diesel locomotives.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK connected with EOP's railroad is handled by an efficient staff quartered at Richards Farm. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Charles Mann (the former Margaret Hayden); A. W. Walters, Robert Peterson, George F. O'Reilly and Ernest Ranunser.



OPERATING ORDERS to all train crews are issued by dispatchers by way of the radio transmitter shown here. Each locomotive is equipped with two-way radio facilities. Shown here at the controls of the transmitter are George Ricketts (left) and Clyde Wade.

POWERFUL DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES are the backbone of EOP's railroad system. The one pictured here is one of the largest with 100 horsepower. Members of the crew shown with their charge are Donald Lehndorf, engineer; William Ellinger, switching foreman; Andrew J. Hendrix, switchman; I. S. "Slim" Moore, oiler, and James Challender, switchman.

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Gas Rationing For Employees Handled Here

Local Committee to Issue Books As and When Ordered

Employees who drive to and from work will be required to get their gasoline ration books from EOP's tire rationing committee, composed of **R. T. Bassett, A. E. Kinson** and **R. R. Kuntz**, according to **Frank M. Bray**, chairman, Joliet board of price administration.

Service to all employees is the ordinary aim of the local board, Mr. Bassett said. Committee meetings will be held daily until as late as 10 p. m. in the Recreation Building November 12, 13 and 14.

The Joliet board's announcement follows:

"With the rationing of gasoline the assistance of transportation officials and committees in plants doing war work and employing 100 or more people will be of vital importance in securing necessary transportation for their employees.

"When registration of the car is made an "A" ration book will be issued which will allow for 90 miles per month for family use and 150 miles occupational use per month. If this should be too little, an application should be filed for additional gas. This should be reviewed by the transportation office and the mileage the car must travel per month ascertained as nearly as possible and certified as correct by the officer or committee and is to be returned to the War Price and Rationing Board for final action. If, for example, the car requires 450 miles per month for occupational travel an additional book for 300 miles will be granted as his "A" book provides 150 miles.

"In securing extra gas the same rule applies as in getting tire service. If public conveyances are available he cannot be allowed extra gas and as with tires, he must agree to carry passengers to the capacity of his car unless he can prove that this is not possible.

"It now is permissible for groups to alternate the use of their cars, but if more than one car is used by a group the extra gas will be divided among those furnishing the cars.

"At the time of registration it will be necessary to furnish the state registration and the serial numbers of all tires and an affidavit that not more than five tires are owned by the registrant or any member of his family or household.

"A suggestion has been made that where an officer or group of officials administer transportation, it will be very helpful if an advisory committee of employees be appointed to assist in this work as it has been proven that such a setup assists in instructing, advising and policing the program throughout the organization."

More Gifts to USO

John M. Joyce, chairman of the Joliet United Service Organization, has acknowledged additional contributions of $30.35 from various EOP employees.

Girls Assigned Bomb Loading Tasks

TOPPING OFF after bombs have been filled with explosives is one of the jobs on which men and women work side by side in Group 3-A. Pictured here are Hildred Shewmaker (left) and Verna Blair.

Judges Send 36 Girls to Miss Victory Contest

EOP's entry in the Chicago *Herald-American's* contest to select a "Miss Victory" from the war workers of the district will be not one, not two, but 36 girls. Judges who listened to background histories and looked over candidates at the closing session Saturday night, decided that all girls who were entered as semi-finalists should have their chance in Chicago.

R. T. Bassett, assistant comptroller, acting as toastmaster, made the following address.

One time a passenger asked a Sea Captain why a ship was called a "She." The Sea Captain answered that it took a man to run her. Maybe so, but the Sea Captain evidently didn't give much thought to what he said. Had he given a little thought to the matter, he would have thought of Liberty and of Peace as both being symbolized by a woman. Maybe some of you men won't agree on that Liberty symbol especially when your wife says to you that you can't go to that Poker Game. And as for the Peace Symbol, you probably won't have peace for the rest of your life if you do go to the game.

But regardless of what the men think about Liberty and Peace, there cannot be any question about Victory being symbolized by a woman. Without the women there could be no victory. Every day we hear of more and more women filling gaps in industry left by men who have gone to war. When we think of Miss Victory, let us not be as short-sighted as the Sea Captain when he said a ship was called a "She" because it took a man to run her.

Let us think of "Miss Victory" as symbolizing a message from the employees of the Elwood Ordnance Plant to our fighting men wherever they may be. A message that carries the thought that wherever they may be fighting and singing "PRAISE THE LORD —PASS THE AMMUNITION," the Ordnance Corps will be able to say "Thank God we have the Ammunition."

Uniform Shift Changes to Aid Workers Ordered

Permanent Riding Arrangements Made Possible By Plan

Uniform times for changing and rotating shifts of EOP workers, effective November 1, were undertaken as the first step in a determined effort to meet the ever-growing problem of transportation to and from work, it was announced by W. E. Canniff, manager of operations.

Other steps will be taken as developments indicate and there will be no delay in changing any rule if it fails to do the job it was intended to do, Mr. Canniff said.

Existing regulations of tire rationing boards, including the demand that automobile drivers carry passengers, and the expected regulations under gasoline rationing made it absolutely necessary, for the benefit of employees, to set up a uniform shift-change time and shift rotation, Mr. Canniff added.

Shift-change times have been set at 7:30 a. m., 3:30 p. m. and 11:30 p. m. Shifts will be rotated every two weeks. For illustration on November 15 the 7:30 to 3:30 shift will advance to 3:30-11:30, the 3:30-11:30 to 11:30-7:30 and the 11:30-7:30 to 7:30-3:30 with further rotation in that order every two weeks thereafter. In those groups where only two shifts are employed, the change November 15 will be 7:30-3:30 to 3:30-11:30 and 3:30-11:30 to 7:30-3:30.

So that those employees who must depend on bus service can continue to go to and from work in that manner, office hours in the Administration Area have been changed from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. to 8:45 and 5:15. This will permit the buses which serve the shift workers to serve the office workers also.

"Getting employees to their work and back to their homes, is of primary consideration," said Mr. Canniff, "and we are determined to make this as easy as possible and still co-operate with all the requests made by the Government to aid the war program.

"The Office of Price Administration, through the various tire rationing boards, said the use of private cars must be curtailed and that tires would not be made available to a driver unless he or she carried a full quota of passengers. Our people are meeting this requirement wholeheartedly, increasingly so day by day.

"A survey of private cars entering and leaving the area June 1 showed each to be carrying an average of 2.86 passengers. A similar survey October 13 revealed that this average had been increased to 3.33 passengers. This means, in other words, that every three cars are now carrying a total of ten passengers. In some instances, a single car now carries eight, nine and even ten passengers.

"This co-operation of the workers means considerable saving of rubber and a lightening of the burden on bus transportation. We believe that every step possible should be taken to permit this co-operation to continue. Studies re-

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We Are the Little People

We're the ones who, in our own little way, are helping blast the Japs and the Nazis. We don't sit back in smug complacency and let someone else do the worrying about the outcome of this world conflict. We know we're going to win. It may be a struggle; we'll have to sacrifice many pleasures, many luxuries and not a few of the things we just took for granted not so long ago—like bacon and eggs, for instance. It never occurred to us that we'd be having the eggs without the bacon, and liking the idea, so that our boys in the front lines, in camps and in far away outposts would have the food which is so vitally necessary to help win this war.

There are lots of things, like coffee, tea, and sugar—and tires for that automobile which was once so indispensable in our everyday living, and which we now share with our friends, with our neighbors, and which we pool with other cars for essential transportation to and from our work.

We don't complain about our sacrifices—we just go on, lending a helping hand where we can, buying fewer clothes, investing all we can possibly spare of our salaries and our savings in war bonds and stamps, and being all around good, loyal Americans. Yes, we're the little people who, loving our country as we do, say "Thank God for America! Keep 'em shooting, boys! We'll give you the stuff, and you give 'em hell!"

—**Kay Reubart,** War Department.

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

There comes a time toward the end of the year when the heart swells with warmth and your fellow man begins to look a little more like a human being than he did all year long. Even such cold-hearted brutes as your correspondent break down and forgive all those brickbats that have been tossed at him in ungrateful appreciation of his efforts to record history at EOP instead of making it.

Yes, Christmas comes but once a year but this year the early call for remembrances to the boys in the Service have reminded me to get together that Christmas list now instead of the usual mad scramble on the 24th of the 12th month, Anno Domini. That Yuletide spirit is an all-powerful sedative against the normal impulse to avenge all the kicking around you have received during the last twelve months. That "peace on earth, etc. etc." spirit even prompts one to think kindly of **Charlie Herbig** as he throws you bodily from the warehouse just because you don't happen to have a signed requisition for that measly little screw driver. And then to make matters worse as you scrape the mud off those dungarees, you are firmly told that after trying to get away with that one, you couldn't have the screw driver even if you did have a requisition.

Charlie should be remembered. He will be! An endowment Fund will be established (as soon as I get around to it) to provide him with a warehouse full of screw drivers, bolts, nuts, wrenches, spark plugs and the like, and all will be free.

People can come and get things and no requisitions will be needed, and as the trucks back up and disgorge their loads of mechanical trivia, Charlie will be privileged to sit there and tell someone to put it on the selves without any receiving tickets, and there will be no governmental material checkers around to ask funny questions. After that, Scorchy isn't such a bad boy, is he, Charlie?

Clarke Wilson, of automotive fame, will be given a fleet of brand new sedans, and the first time any one of them breaks down, it will be hauled away and a new one put in its place. As to **James Truka,** way out west in Fuze and Booster, brevity will be served by awarding a pair of stilts. **Andrew P. Balston** gets the deed to one of those deserted yellow gasoline stations—just an empty Shell, so to speak.

To **Charlie Mann,** his noble Sergeant-at-Arms (this one's too easy) a book of nursery rhymes. **E. John Egan** gets a complete toy railroad—one that really runs. **Connie Carlson,** of the Purchasing Department, is quite able to buy his own—or is he? **Captain Seymour Kurantman** will be feted appropriately at two bars in Joliet. **Dr. Schultz,** if he will be patient, will get a dose of his own medicine.

And as to Scorchy, remember folks, it's Peace on Earth, etc. etc.

Uniform Shift Changes to Aid Workers

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vealed that after driver and passengers had made mutually satisfactory arrangements for transportation, staggered shift-change times and different shift rotation periods were disrupting these plans.

"Therefore, it was decided to make change times and rotation periods uniform so that each employee can continue to depend on his present method of transportation and so that those now compelled to make temporary arrangements can make permanent ones.

"The problem of transportation in war time and this first step toward its solution does not mean the matter is closed. It is entirely open to change and improvement. We shall be glad to receive suggestions from any employee who believes he or she has something of value to offer."

Employees who wish to take advantage of Mr. Canniff's earnest invitation are urged to send their suggestions in writing to the Editorial Office of *The Bomb-Shell* in the Recreation Building. Each letter will be acknowledged.

S & P Rush Pine Bluff Arsenal To Completion

Story of Project Similar to Tale Of EOP Progress

By Louis J. Kessel
Comptroller, Pine Bluff Arsenal

On November 16, 1941, three men, Sanderson & Porter men, arrived in a small city in southeastern Arkansas located deep in the cotton country and bounded on the north by the Arkansas River. The city is Pine Bluff.

Whatever else may have been in their mind they were conscious of the fact that at least they were going to participate in the opening moments of what promised to be the construction and building of an arsenal, the first of its kind in this country. This was to be a plant for the production of incendiary bombs for the United States Government.

The plant site was almost completely covered with pine trees and out of this soon was carved the various proposed areas for manufacturing plants, roads and facilities.

Three months after beginning this construction the plans were substantially enlarged for the construction of a chemical manufacturing plant.

So by the end of July, 1942, upwards of 17,000 men and the largest assembly of construction equipment anywhere in the country were busy day and night in the construction of Pine Bluff Arsenal.

On September 15, 1942, ten months to a day, the incendiary bomb plant as required in the original plan was completed. The completion of the chemical manufacturing plant is only a matter of a little more than three more months.

Aside from engineering and construction staff needed by Sanderson & Porter for the construction of the plant, it was also necessary to create and bring together a large staff of chemical engineers for the purpose of designing the technical chemical facilities.

The construction of Pine Bluff Arsenal is under the direction of **L. R. Shattuck,** partner, Sanderson & Porter.

Col. A. M. Prentiss is commanding officer and **Maj. Curtis A. Nelson** is area engineer for the War Department.

In the few moments left to the employees of Sanderson & Porter outside of their work, they found time to enter two baseball teams in the Southeastern Arkansas League, operate two complete all Sanderson & Porter eight-team Softball Leagues, and last and best, buy War Savings Bonds on the Payroll Deduction Plan, reaching a peak of $41,000 in one week.

In a few months the job will be finished and we believe it will be a good one. It will be Pine Bluff Arsenal, a part of that great "Arsenal for Democracy."

Fellowship Party Set for Nov. 12

The next fellowship party will be held November 12 with dinner at the Cafeteria followed by entertainment in the Recreation Building.

The committee in charge is composed of **R. T. Read,** chairman; **H. D. Dougherty,** assistant chairman; **W. A. Beyer,** steward; **E. O. Huey, W. G. Lanterman, Charles Mann, James Truka, W. H. White** and **Edward L. Walkup.** Those desiring to attend should contact Mr. Beyer by 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, November 11.

Owners of Cameras Asked to Claim Them

Employees are urged again by **M. C. Baughman,** chief of guards, to go to Guard Headquarters in the Administration Area to claim cameras and other articles which have been confiscated in the past year. Proper identification and proof of ownership only are required for return of the property, Chief Baughman said.

I have written . . . a poem!

Seven Persons in Fiscal Audit

Here is a treatise with a little fun
Of seven persons who work in Fiscal Audit.
All hail and hearty, their work is well done,
When you know them you will have thought it.

Each has his special way to work
And all have peculiar traits of their own.
None seem to ever try to shirk,
Though all are happy when it's time to go home.

Gladys Groeneveld, the long lanky girl,
Is the one that comes down so early;
She works with such ease, without a swirl,
Just smiles, is sunny, and not a bit surly.

There is **Dorothy Rohr,** efficient, refined,
Little timid at first, she'd hardly talk,
But now we've learned or we opine
That the man who gets her will have to walk.

Eunice Russell, married lady, who never gives up;
Works willing, but wonders and worries,
Then forgets all about her bitter cup,
And back to her duties she scurries.

Roy Eckberg is a fellow doing a good job,
Very thorough and good at "long talk."
He never has to be given the nod
To bring the books out of the vault.

Phillip Hahn is one who enjoys a good joke,
An intense worker with fine thought.
I don't believe I've heard him croak
About the War Bonds he has bought.

Frank Kadlec is the department head
Who keeps smiling right on through.
To him the "gang" has always said,
"You need us all, and we need you."

Last is the lad who wrote these lines.
The name is **Henry Handy,** as you know it.
Some weeks ago he had the whines
But now writes jingle, and thinks he's a poet.

—**Henry B. Handy**
Fiscal Audit

Production Planning

Once upon a morning dreary,
As I wandered, weak and weary,
Suddenly my eyes were scanning,
Men and women, planning, planning.

What was this I saw before me?
Please don't leave me, I implore thee.
Enough of nonsense and suspense,
You've read this far, so I'll commence.

In this room which I was scanning,
People of Production Planning.
Headed by J. C. Schmeh of the South,
Forever with a cigar in his mouth.

So first, we have Thompson and Court,
Miss Cooper, to make their report.
Naughtin with Miss Morres' aid
To see that data cards are made.

Wright is next in our little scene,
Then Miss Craig—quiet and serene.
Rustling of papers and a sigh,
Only Speed Benson getting in high.

Groesbeck and Miss Norem enter,
Next it's Miss Ryan, "Front and Center."
Miss Freehauf the typewriter pounds,
Ebben starts the mail on its rounds.

Miss McGovern keeps parts on the move,
Mrs. Ray keeps right in the groove,
Wilson checks all the reporting,
Marlett dreams—horses cavorting.

Mastin with the Packard is next,
Brown helps keep tabulating vexed,
And then Miss Maxwell and Miss Gall.
Believe it or not, that is all.

In a two-by-four room, we have twenty-one
Managing to mix both grim business and fun.
We have not time for worry or taxes,
Our job is to put a nick in the Axis.

So please don't pass us by, throughout the whole day
Come in with your troubles, we'll ask you to stay.
The latch string is always out on Room "12" door,
We can always make room for one or two more.

—**Fred Mastin**
Production Planning

To Group 8

The Group 8 folks are sure swell friends,
They're full of fun and true to the end.
They play and sing but do their work
That's one sure thing—they never shirk.

With their Uncle Sam on their side
To help them over the rising tide,
They toil and labor — but no remorse:
They think of the boys in the armed force.

General MacArthur will want no praise
While he protects them for future days.
So these true friends will never pine,
But just push those primers down the line.

For the soldiers, sailors and the marines,
They'll help lick the Japs and Germans to smithereens;
For Old Glory—God bless her—will always rise
Over every man's nation — his Paradise.

For Alma and Joe, who treat them fine,
They do their work and never would resign;
For God who gave them all their wisdom,
And for EOP and its perfect system.

—**Phyllis Morris**
Group 8

A War Bond

If I were a little War Bond,
Do you know what I'd do?
I'd join the March to Washington,
So see this darn war thru.
There I'd be turned in for something useful,
What, I wouldn't care,
A wing, a tube or a tire,
I'd know I'd done my share.

—**Mac Balbinot**
Group 5

Stars

I have seen stars
Brighten the sky at night
Like a million diamonds
That have been cut and polished to a radiant glow
And then laid on a huge, velvety carpet
. . . of space.

—**Nicholas Belluso**
Time Office

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Girls from 4-14 motored to Champaign to see the Notre Dame-Illinois football game and certainly brought luck to the Irish, which was properly celebrated.

Lillie Hale, 4-14, left to join her husband in Detroit, Mich.

"Shirl" Boissa, 4-14, received a letter from her soldier boy "Mike" telling her of the waterfall showers nature provides in India.

Bernice Cornale, 4-14, was feeling kind of blue until Tuesday when her husband, **Martin**, sent two letters from Australia, and Wednesday she received two more.

A surprise pre-nuptial supper was given by her friends for **Isabel Miller** of New Lenox, who will soon marry **Bud Nickel** of Joliet.

Betty Arnstrom, general superintendent's office, and **Fred Blatt, Jr.**, Chemical Laboratory, have been the center of attention in Group 4 for the last few days. They were married at a candlelight ceremony in Symerton October 24.

Theresa Travis, formerly in the general superintendent's office, has returned to her home in Aurora.

Francis Graham, formerly of Group 9, is welcomed to the general superintendent's office.

The old saying goes that, "All roads lead to Rome," but **Betty Foster**, forelady in 4-14, says that as far as she is concerned, it will soon be, "All roads lead to Alaska."

Dorothy Howell of Wilmington has been ill at home for several days.

Oliver Curry has a skinned face after a hunting expedition. He claims it was from the kickback of his gun.

Group 5

Olivia Zimmer left to join her husband, a lieutenant at Fort Knox, Ky.

Lovella Arp has joined her husband, who is in the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

Sam Koons, Chemical Laboratory, appeared in Group 5 the other day with his pajama tops still on.

Mary Ellen Rocket has returned from a visit with her brother, **George Rocket**, who is studying for the Army at the Briggs Manufacturing Co. in Detroit.

Geneveive Kuhar has joined the WAACS.

Lucille Olson is leaving November 11 for Florida to join her Army husband.

Group 6

Eddie Liebelt took in the Illinois-Notre Dame game last weekend and **Art Jensen** traveled to see the Minnesota-Michigan game.

Betty Palmer's husband will be with the Amphibians starting November 4.

Watch out for **Tetryl Pelleting's** bowling team, "The Tetryl Modernettes," also the Assembly Room's "Bugarooes." They are all strike queens deluxe.

Dorothy Furrow is happy these days. Her husband recently came home from Panama, where he has been employed for the past year.

The dance held at Dreamland Ballroom near Kankakee was a big success.

Eddie Kroll will be leaving for the Army Air Corps soon.

Jack "Fox" Stuckel sure missed his calling—as a carver he is 100 per cent; as a machinist, 99 per cent.

Alice Secor, timekeeper, center-aisled it October 17. The lucky man is **Walter Sears**, Group 1.

Mr. Liebelt's bodling team beat **Harry Engle's** team in a match game the other night.

All the girls on the 103 line sprouted white hair bows this week. The girls are wearing a new hair-do on the 104 line with their helmets.

Vince Murphy closes doors very carefully since he broke his thumb in one, and **Hank Starr** takes the same precautions with hammers since he broke his thumb.

Now that tires will be available (?) to all motorists—**Larry Patton** probably will be the first in line.

Group 7

Elsie Steard attended the Luther League Rally at Anchor, Ill.

The reason for the happy look on **Janet Laborence's** face is that recent trip to Camp Crowder, Mo., where she visited her husband, who is in training there.

Another Army wife who is going to see her husband somewhere in Alabama this week is **Prudy Koonce.**

Kathryn Bushey's home was destroyed by fire.

Bill Saffell, foreman, and **Dick Jett**, machinist, are always glad to get a hand-out when it comes to good home-cooked food.

Margaret Fisher is back again after several days' absence with an attack of flu.

Wedding bells will ring soon for **Martha Fleming** of 7-4.

Irene Zivec is back at work, feeling fine and in good health.

Betty O'Reilly and **Angela Terzick** have taken examinations for the WAACS.

Orpha White can swing out the song "Wonder When My Baby's Coming Home."

Frances La Casio gets letters by the dozen from the boys in service.

Viola Van Meter will see a friend from the Canal Zone soon. He is coming home on a furlough.

"Truka's Gems" really trounced the Group 5 team in a recent bowling match, even though the anchor man did roll 98. Anyone wishing to schedule "Truka's Gems" can get in touch with Mr. Liebelt.

Dorothy Ohman and **Don Lindstrom** middle-aisled it this week.

Nelle Barnet likes Winslow, Ariz., for vacations.

Congratulations go to **Mary Liker** and **Harold Smith**, who were married recently.

Jim Seward has only *nine* riders for his '37 Dodge—now he's seeking six more for the top and trunk.

Roy Abdnour not only has *polish*, he sells it—and speaks it too!

Stell Johnson has a recipe for "zero soup," called "chopla-chopla."

"Felix," the Change House cat, has recently been awarded a badge, complete with picture and paw prints No. 102142, for "Distinguished service in the face of the enemy"—to wit, one nazi ol' rat.

"Doc" John Lyman may not be a registered pharmacist, but he can certainly mix the paint.

No, there are no canaries in the paint shop—that warbling is done by lil' **Polly Evans!**

Katie McMurray has a new ring on that certain finger.

Martha Flemming, 7-4, left for Oklahoma City, Okla., where she will be married.

Group 8

Robert Otte, foreman, recently moved into a new home he purchased in Joliet, Ill.

Juanita Gordon is going into the mouse business. Tuesday the mouse was almost beaten, but Wednesday the mouse ate the trap. Last minute reports that the trap and mouse were both found and Juanita has chalked up another victory.

George Blair has been at home ill for a few days.

Marge Spurling is moving to Joliet, as her husband is leaving for the armed forces.

Marge Anderson was going to be an aviatrix, but has changed to welding.

Katherine Rumf is leaving for San Antonio, Tex., where she is going to live with her brother, who is stationed there.

Buck Weese, Group 8 chief expeditor, should really know Group 8. Since starting inventory he has worn out two pairs of safety shoes and gained 20 pounds.

Sam Cusimno's son left Monday for the Army and enlisted in the Air Corps.

Group 9

Congratulations go to **Lois Johnson, Ruth Koth, Maxine MacKay, Norine Balma, Inis Ross** and **Dolly Matia** on their weddings.

After waiting all these weeks, the girls finally got moved into that new Change House. And are they proud of it! All that gets them are those combination locks on the lockers.

Theresa Lehnert says a long lost friend just started working at EOP. One day she ran into a girl friend she had not seen since leaving her home town.

"Chuck" Hickok and **"Doc" Daughtrey** are going to have to start setting pins to earn enough money to "bowl."

Speaking of bowling, **Mary Stegler** isn't half bad. Her average is 172, but champ of the bowling allies is **Hattie Brusatori**, witn an average of 202.

Dorothy Murphy pays off her football bets with pennies and dimes.

While on the subject of football, **Bob Hartman** seems to be making money on his alma mater's team this season.

Glenn Allen and **Del Millican** talked **John Neely** into buying that fishing outfit, which they bought from him at half price at the end of the season, 'tis reported.

Willard Deschaud has more cute gadgets and signs in his '36 Studebaker than you'll find in a carnival!

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

Mrs. John J. Cole succeeds **Mrs. Don M. Hoffman** as chairman of the EOP-KOW chapter of the Red Cross, which is a unit of the Joliet chapter for women who live within the areas of the two plants. Mrs. Cole has been an active member of the Red Cross unit since its organization and formerly was recorder for production workers. Last August, Mrs. Cole was chairman of the committee that arranged the benefit bridge party at EOP which raised more than $250 for the Will County USO. The women meet every Wednesday in the EOP guest house to make surgical dressings, sweaters and articles of clothing which are badly needed by the Red Cross during this crucial time. Other new officers of the unit are **Mrs. R. T. Read**, who succeeds **Mrs. T. M. Burns** as secretary and treasurer and **Mrs. H. D. Dougherty** who has been appointed assistant to **Mrs. E. A. Evans**, vice chairman of production. **Mrs. C. P. Bohannon** continues as production chairman.

Ladies' Day Popular

More than 300 women turned out on Wednesday, October 28 to whoop things up (in a lady-like fashion, of course) on the first Ladies' Day at the Recreation Building. The response to the recreation questionnaire sent out by **Myrna Faris**, director of women's activities, was terrific.

Recipe of Week

Now that you have mailed that Christmas gift to the men overseas, you'll have a little time to whip up a batch of cookies for the man on this side of the water. **Geraldine Ward**, Ordnance Inspection, and high priestess of the kitchen, sends in the following recipe and all you have to do is get busy with the utensils. The ingredients are ½ cup butter, ½ cup Spry or Crisco, 2 cups brown sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, ½ teaspoon salt, 3 eggs (well beaten), 7 tablespoons milk or cream, 2/3 cup chopped nuts, 2/3 cup chopped dates, 4 cups flour (all purpose) and 1 teaspoon soda. The directions are to cream shortening and sugar. Add vanilla, salt and eggs and milk. Sift soda with flour. Add remainder of ingredients, mixing lightly. Chill dough thoroughly. Drop portions from end of spoon and flatten on a greased cookie pan. Bake from 12 to 15 minutes in a moderate oven. You can mail these cookies a long distance inasmuch as they keep their freshness for some time.

DRAFT BOARD OFFICIALS were the guests of EOP October 22 when they were shown the intricacies of bomb and shell loading. John J. Cole presided and utilized a loud speaker system to explain operations to the visitors.

Draft Board Members from Nearby Counties Shown Through EOP Plant

Selective Service officials who were invited to the meeting included **Col. Harris P. Ralston, Maj. Baird Helferich** and **Paul G. Armstrong** from State Headquarters; **Ray E. Bassett, Joseph H. Birsa, Edward Brennan, Paul Clarkson, Laura I. Daley, Evelyn Dauwalder, Anita Egoletti, J. W. Faulkner, D. J. Feely, Fred Formento, Rosemary Garavali, A. J. Garrity, Frank J. Gospodaric, A. C. Geuther, P. E. Greene, Roy Hemphill, R. I. Jones, A. J. Kelly, Lee Klopfenstein, D. V. Knowlton, O. R. Laraway, Edna D. Larsh, John Legan, William Leser, Jack Madden, Alfred Martin, C. A. McCay, James F. McGuire, Walter Meyers, Mathias Pisut, Walter J. Ruddy, S. F. Sergeant, Jayne Sevar, John Sicinski, Carlton F. Stiegle, C. Steevens, Frank Tushek, R. Williams, John Woock,** all from Joliet; **Monroe E. Curtis, J. G. Ginger, Ben Gower, Claude M. Granger, Frank J. Karcher, Victor Laurinsen, H. Lussenhop, William H. Maitland, Fred Stitch,** and **Joseph Tolsen** all from Kankakee; **J. L. Berhman, P. E. Carroll, T. F. Flesher, Frances Groene** and **R. J. Kennel** all from Streator; **Margaret Daugherty, Dr. Robert Graham, C. R. Hulls, Paul J. Kuhn, C. A. Schults, Raymond E. Shea, John Warne** and **B. L. Waters**, all from Aurora; **Chester Crabtree, W. J. Eggleston, Robert R. Kirkton, Fred Rieger, Walter G. Roeder, L. M. Shugart** and **L. W. Tuesburg** from Pontiac; **James P. Curry, Finley T. Fitch, Ertle C. Lane, Dr. F. G. Loomis, Everett Morrison, Sheldon J. Sauer, Lee Shaddle** and **L. T. Wells** from Yorkville; **Bernice Heggen** and **Levi C. Robinson** from Morris.

EOP executives who attended the meeting included **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, Capt. George A. Grant, Capt. David P. Tunstall, Harrison Smith, W. E. Canniff, John J. Cole, E. J. Walsh, J. E. Salmon, George Gibson, James J. Murphy, John Kelehan, Eugene Hunt, John Johnson, Jr., Henry Dougherty, Donald Macini, W. G. Reed, John Fitzpatrick, T. M. Burns, John A. Lower, James E. Truka, John H. Walker, W. D. Whaley, Jr., P. L. Deylitz, H. O. Cadwell, A. J. MacLellan, E. O. Huey, Chief M. C. Baughman, Chief Roy Mortenson, L. D. Edwards, A. M. Lockwood, R. T. Read, St. Clair Smith, A. P. Balston** and **George F. Bent.**

Dramatics Next On Play Program

E. L. Walkup said that dramatics will be the next feature activity to be started, so all of you thespians that have had either professional or amateur experience in either acting or play writing, get in touch with the Recreation Department. Here is an opportunity to get started in an interesting and educational activity during the winter months.

HAULING BOMBS from one bay to another is a necessary job as the loading process is pushed forward, and Jennie Stroh is shown here operating one of the electric motors.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Among the attendants at the Thursday Evening Fellowship Meetings were found **Supt. A. P. Balston**, also **Jim Whitley** (with a little tobasco sauce trouble), **Charles Mann** (with sticking cards), **Charles Gorham** (in need of a money changer), **Richard Ashworth** (full tummy), **Frank Zupancic** (ride trouble), **Turk Argyle** (bowling trouble), **Stanley (Poker Face) Wiencek.** The committee deserves thanks for the fine entertainment.

Former employee **Pvt. Ed. McCauley** is our best correspondent in the armed forces . . . always starts his letters with "I'm in the Army Now." Fan mail is received from **Pvt. Louis Morone**, U. S. Marines, somewhere in Nevada, saying he enjoys *The Bomb-Shell.*

Visitors at Inert, **John Balston**, young son of the superintendent. He met many of the boys and displayed unusual ability in sketching aeroplanes. **James Wilson** of the Planning Department also enjoyed a visit with the Inert Staff . . . discussing lot numbers mostly. **John Nye** of the Government Inspection office reported a visitor . . . this little fellow was in the cushions of his car and was discovered after he had investigated Mr. Nye's lunch . . . just a mouse.

Chester "Gimme" Holt just cannot stop asking for requisitions for one of this and two of that. **Ibra Adams** not only lost his chinaware, but also a big truck somewhere in the area.

Group 27 bids farewell to **Wilbur Marcier**, who is leaving to join the Army, and **Harold Davy**, who is entering the Navy. **Edward Spiezio** reports his basketball team is complete and will be ready for all comers. Inert Storage also produces musicians who will add to the entertainment at Fellowship meetings. . . . **Mack Willis** and **Ray Spivy.**

Matt Reay now believes in traffic laws since he received a ticket . . . stop signs mean stop.

Russell Kuntz of South Inert says not to bother him . . . he never tires.

Fred Ford, Jim Whitley and **Francis Greenwood** will soon invade the woodlands on a big game hunt.

Thanks to the Carpenter Shop for the fine first aid kits. **George Newton**, first aider, says they are the best ever.

Missing your ride makes one feel terrible, but when you miss your ride and hire a taxi and then leave your lunch and pipe in the taxi . . . well, ask **C. A. Kemper** how you would feel.

Football dopesters at South are having trouble . . . just cannot pick the winners.

South Inert bids farewell to **Francis Maine** who will be a member of the armed forces.

John Wald has promised to attend the next Thursday Evening Fellowship Meeting . . . he will be wearing a new suit and a new overcoat, so he says . . . if someone will furnish them for him.

Stanley Wiencek faithfully promised to replace his summer cap . . . probably with a toboggan cap.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK

Correspondent

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

In the October 9 issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, it was stated that **Mario Zinanni** was the proud father of a baby daughter. Correction: Make that a boy, who has been named **Joseph Charles** just to clinch matters.

Helen Mandzuk has been feeling just a little blue the past two weeks. A very good friend of hers has enlisted in the Army Air Corps and is now stationed in Texas.

About the last word in hats is worn by **John Nilson.** It wasn't known the felt shortage was so acute.

Tom Dooley will do some center-aisling within the next fortnight.

The war in the Pacific brings back memories to **Charlie Gollick.** He spent many years with the Marines in the very islands which are big news today. And, it was no Sunday school picnic then, either.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

The doughnut detail is well taken care of each morning and there are all types of dunkers. If asked "What's up your sleeve" the answer would have to be "coffee."

Kenneth Storch says he is taking medicine for a "code" in his head. And I always thought you had to study to get "code." This modern age is really wonderful, what?

Larry Jack requests that the banana truck (or so inscribed) seen in the area drop off a bunch or two. The driver will be paid—but definitely.

It's wondered if a priority is necessary to get a horn like the one on the car **Gust Hahn** rode to work in last week. It'd be real nice on a boat. No offense, no offense.

Percy Miller would make a good news commentator. He does a good job of keeping your correspondent posted and that's for sure.

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

The boys in the Motor Pool have had to dress up their language since the arrival of feminine chauffeurs.

Ed "the birdie" Silc is all atwitter now that his girl is finally in high school.

Ed Suffern has been newly christened "Chico Marx" due to his great piano playing ability.

Wonder when **Frank Kern** is going to win a bet?

Del Jensen is finally going to find out if two can live as cheaply as one.

Ford "Bim" June is back after a week's "vacation."

Frank Zembruski has received his last call for the Army. The Irish get all the luck.

The two new members of the Motor Pool are **Lee Davis** and **Pearl Raridon.**

Jack Knarr is one of the best contributors to the soldiers' fund. Ask the boys how the soldiers' fund came into being—it's really all right!

Service Garage
By S. J. "Kelly" Kukulski

A recent addition to the **William C. Sheridan** homestead is a baby daughter who was appropriately named **Ann.** Being proud of his little "Oomph Girl," Clyde passed out 10-centers on the occasion.

The garage boasts of an All-Irish "clean-up" crew in **Jim O'Keefe** and **Clarence Murphy.**

Speaking of the Irish, the "real McCoy," **Raymond E. McCoy**, who was transferred from the Motor Pool to the garage office and also assigned additional duties in the parts department, can't be overlooked.

They say that **Ralph Gallup** has artistic aspirations. Some day perhaps the FBI may be able to use him, judging by some of his *wanted* posters.

Ralph Nickleski is having priority difficulties. You guessed it, tires and tubes!

Leroy Stutz, Marvin Christensen and **Robert St. John** call their body and fender work "wrinkle massaging." Wonder what **Glenn Bitterman, Bud Wood** and **Buck Rogers** call their work?

A recent check-up of phone calls on the night shift disclosed that almost half of the calls were made between **Gene Gorski** and **Carl Adams** of the Richards Farm Garage. Trucks due for service, performance records of past overhauls, and parts used were the main topics of conversation. Strictly business, as **C. I. Wilson** would say!

Did you know that . . . **Sylvester Learned** is an ex-cabby?

Milford "Live-wire" Green once wanted to become a fireman?

Ralph Groll once sold a 10-cent cigar for a nickel and the next day bought it back for a dime?

Edward Lopeman is an ardent WLS fan?

Russ Benway has been giving the typewriter such terrific workouts lately that he can't be kept supplied with "ribbons."

Labor Pool Logs
By Edwin Geeding

The Labor Pool is glad to welcome back to their number, **Thomas Scott**, who was very ill for several weeks.

Luck and good fortune are extended to **Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sayre** who are departing this week for a much earned vacation. The Sayres plan visits with friends in Wisconsin and Kentucky.

Welcome to **Victor Maleski**, a new face in the Labor Pool.

Laundry Letters
By Bernadine Meister and "Dickie" Lieb

The new addition to the Laundry, which is the sewing and repair department, is now in operation. This unit adds 16 more employees. Hearty welcomes are extended to the new workers.

A welcome goes also to **Julia Ursettie** and **Harley Benge.**

"Shorty" Mossberger, former chief engineer of the American Institute of Laundering, is now helping with maintenance of equipment here.

Best wishes go to **Alta Davis**, formerly **Alta Iserman**, on her wedding.

Picture **Jennie Maiden** and **Bernie Meister** "rubber necking" at the tall buildings in Chicago recently, surrounded by a crowd of "leathernecks."

Round House Resume
By Jim Thompson

Dave Morris, congenial yardmaster, and **L. J. Kearns** enjoyed the sights on the south side of Chicago recently shopping for "Mid-Nite of Paris" perfume.

Congratulations go to **Mr. and Mrs. James Vitale** on the arrival of a son.

A card was received from **John Boe Burns** who is now stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

William Weitzel and **Ken Morgan**, comedy dance team, will appear without charges—benefits to go to some worthy organization.

Pipe Shop Presentations
By Edward Paulsen

Roy Abbot and **Jack DePratt, Jr.**, recently underwent appendectomy operations.

Roy Benson is certainly one of the most likeable chaps the Pipe Shop has had, excepting **Buck (Good Boy) Dale.**

Jerry Donahue is a new addition to the efficient hard working Pipe Shop office force.

Bob Stack has joined the Army.

The Pipe Shop bowling team is organized and all set to go.

Electrical Epitomes
By Ray Curtis

The Line Department Nimrods, **Jim Boyd, Ed Gannon** and **Charlie Hebert** told the boys not to buy any meat this week as they were going wild duck hunting. Well, here it is Wednesday and all that's been heard are alibis which are very disappointing to an appetite built up for roast wild duck. The weather has been too good or too stormy, or the wind was wrong. Smitty bought two quarts of oysters for oyster stuffing for the promised ducks, but finally served oyster stew.

The timekeeper for the Line Department, "Little Round Man" **Vearl Heinis** has a beautiful, well-trained, operatic tenor voice and a swell line of bedtime and parlor stories. Any groups which may be planning parties can call Heinis on Line 3130.

Bay Nicholson, material checker, is on vacation this week.

Here and There

J. P. Simpson spent his vacation visiting friends and relatives in and around Wichita and other Kansas points. On his return he spent a few days loafing around some of his former vacation spots in the "Shepherd of the Hills" country of the southern Missouri Ozarks. He brought back a bushel of Golden Delicious apples for the Foremen's Quarters and remembered other friends with gifts from that famous "Land of Smiles."

Everett Thompson, carpenter, and **Chuck Jiskra**, fireman, recently took over the facilities of a Coal City beauty shop to administer shampoos to each other.

Joe Giardini has been seen handing out cigars—not one, but two. It's twin boys at the Giardini homestead.

Kenny Christianson has entered the armed service.

Sheet Metal and Blacksmith Shops
By Jess Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Darin are the proud parents of an 8-pound boy, born October 27.

John Gaffney's hand is almost well again after being seriously bitten by a wild duck.

Maynard Weidenbach has joined the armed forces, enlisting in the Aviation Corps.

The Blacksmith Shop is sorry to lose **Gus Hollman** who was forced to retire by ill health.

Martha Herrity, chief operator, is vacationing in New York.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN

Correspondent

It seems that little **Marjorie Gall** has just been in blossom with smiles due to the fact that she has received word from her brother, **Sgt. John Gall**, who is located in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mrs. Ray Banker of Wilmington, **Betty Welch** of Morris and **Shirley Wissells** of Odell are saluted as new members of the department.

Since draft boards are taking so many male members, girls have been given preference in the positions of progress clerks in the various groups. Their teachers seem to enjoy the daily trips up and down the lines, to gather their reports. Perhaps, delay in receiving them will be unheard of now.

Larry Crawford is strutting about with a tie on these days. Quite unusual, don't you think!

Mae Norem received word that **David Gianuzzi**, formerly of Group 1, is now at Camp Roberts, California, and that he would appreciate hearing from all of us.

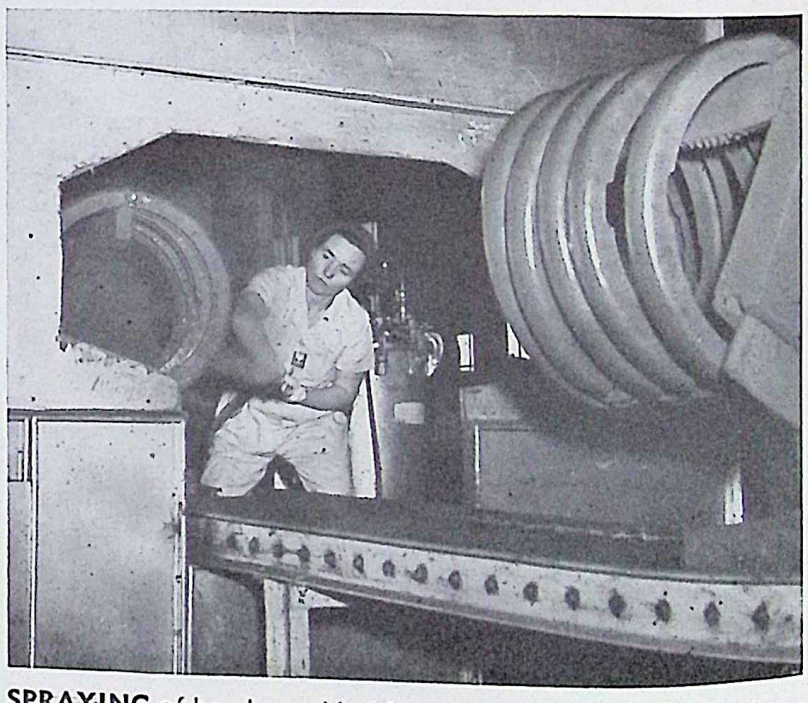
Wallace Benson is quite the one now that he favors all with special coat hangers, which are so scarce.

A secret agent reports that **Mary McGovern** has ordered a new shirt through **Frank Falwell.** But he says they are not so easy to secure. Perhaps **William Dronsfield** can explain.

Mary O'Connor says that she is thinking seriously of trying to join the WAACS or the WAVES.

Have you heard that **Dorothy Maxwell's** favorite color is red, especially on little boxes. Could it be gift boxes or . . .?

The writer would appreciate sincerely contributions for this column from the progress clerks in all the groups, from the Traffic Audit Department, and from anyone else who might be interested.



SPRAYING of bombs and holders is a task which girls have been able to take over in Group 3-A. Shown here with the spray gun is Anna Jancuska.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

There have been many requests for another "Scorchy." Only this time some of the boys want to get together and write a column about correspondents. Just take it easy, fellows—if you knew where they got their information you wouldn't feel the way you do about them.

Best bet of the week . . . **Shorty Kirkland** trying to get the operator on the inter-group telephones so he could get the long distance call through from Building 7 to Building 4.

With the passing of the softball season, Murphy's Boys are now organizing bowling teams to represent Group 2. A large number of the fellows have announced their intentions of joining one of the bowling teams and the start of league play is anxiously awaited.

Clayton Bryant, a former employee, who is now at the Naval Training Station, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., wrote asking to be remembered to all the boys.

Tom Frew finally managed to take a one night's leave of absence from his domicile. Tom attended the dinner at the Mess Hall last Thursday evening.

Beatrice Merrick, nurse, reports that **Roy Healy**, former safety engineer here, is now at the Green River Ordnance Plant as chief safety supervisor. All the fellows wish him the best of luck.

Sympathy is extended to **Claude Massey**, assistant foreman, whose father died recently.

Many commendable remarks have been heard about **Bob "Tubby" Sohan's** ability as a poker player. "Tubby" also is reported making a habit of toting packages for young ladies in Wilmington and they say that a collection is being taken to buy a red cap for him.

Art McMahon is now known as "substitute nurse" and anyone requiring first aid attention can find Art at Building 16.

Con Clennon says his son, **Jimmy**, has invented a new steering wheel which promises to replace the conventional wheel now supplied on most automobiles. "The driver starts turning the wheel about two blocks before the corner and by the time the car arrives at the corner it automatically makes the turn." Con has been experimenting and reports it is too early to comment as yet.

Tommy Kenner is reported very fond of after dinner mints.

Johnny Ala, so the story goes, while hunting ducks scared up some six ducks without firing a shot. It might have been "duck fever."

Frank Delaney recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary October 24 at Manhattan, Ill.

"Woe is me, woe is me," shout each of the fellows who has ridden in **Pete Kelder's** "green hornet." With **"Tex" Riley** acting as salesman, the "green hornet" was sold to a wealthy man for the staggering sum of $100 with a $10 down payment being made on this 1935 Chevrolet. The buyer plans to make a trip to Boston in the near future and has asked Bill to accompany him as navigator.

John Johnson has two potential world champion lightweights in **Ed "Tiger" Wren** and **James "Wildcat" Scobell**, it is reported after a big battle just outside the city limits of Braidwood. Both of the boys are sporting black eyes and numerous bruises.

The big question is: Where is the softball trophy? **Frank Gaglione** and **Bill Stanley** have just about exhausted their supply of answers.

Ask **Chuck Pierce** about the "Polish Backfield," or better yet. ask **Gene Hunt**, **Archie La Borence** and a few of the other associates of these fellows just what this means. Probably **Sam "Barbasol Man" Hoffman** could explain this enigma.

Bob Schmitz, group inspector, reports **Tom Todd** and **Art Ricketts** have completed the preliminary course in Commando fighting. By the middle of the month they will complete the advanced course; then watch out, boys.

Sympathy is extended to **William Lawrence**, inspector, whose mother died recently.

Bill Malone has acquired himself another "nickname." This time it is "Black Snake Bill." As everyone knows black snake is another name for a horse whip. When asked how he got the new name, Bill replied, "I ain't talking to any stooge from *The Bomb-Shell*. It could be that Bill started to drive some men and they hung the new tag on him.

Joe Connors would like to start suit against any responsible person connected with *The Bomb-Shell*. After he and **Art McMahon** and **Tom Frew** got their heads together they decided that they could not sue because the facts printed in this column are all true and fit for publication. Besides, it is believed they like the publicity and really eat it up.

Ev Bradley decided to do a little hunting just a few days ago. He armed himself with three boxes of shells and drove about forty miles from home to the old stamping grounds. When he got there and found out that he had left the gun behind he was very much put out. If you could have heard him you would have gotten a high school education in five minutes.

During lunch hour on a day a couple of weeks ago a friend overheard a conversation between **Texas Riley** and **Dan Obrien**. Danny asked Texas to shine his shoes and Texas replied, "What's you number, fellow?" To which Danny said, "It's in the 59,000 series. Why?" Texas scratched his head a bit and said, "Get you feet up here, that clock number is good enough for me. Why, the foremen have only got clock numbers in the 25,000 series and you have them doubled and 9,000 to spare."

Inspection

ROBERT PIERSON

Correspondent

The picture of **Harriet Gassensmith** in *The Bomb-Shell* has resulted in several letters from soldiers overseas.

The Inspection School sponsored by the Inspection Department has proved successful and educational to all group inspectors and supervisors. In these classes were shown all points of inspection, assembly line and functioning of complete shells and bombs, making it easier to pass or reject any item of inspection in all groups. Thanks go to **Albert Rosier**, Group 9, for his fine teaching, **A. J. MacLellan**, chief inspector, for perfect attendance, **Bill Hartman**, for fine cooperation and all group-inspectors for their lectures.

Someone asked **Verna Lazor** what sort of work she does. She said, "Praise the Lord, I pass the ammunition."

At the inspector's school no one asks more questions than **Supervisor Mary Piunti.**

Sophie Matkovic would make a good WAAC. She's on the Slovenian Cadet Drill Team.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Velma Grills** upon the recent death of her brother, **Pvt. Lawrence Lemenager.**

Now that **Stephanie Bielec** has reached her 20th birthday, is she really going to grow up?

Anita Dupuis received the nicest surprise when her brother, **Lionel**, who is in the Navy, came home on a 15-day furlough.

Jeanette Cahan of Kankakee spent last week-end with **Moline Burris** of Joliet.

Ed Jilek is considering a "rear gunner" for his DeSoto—he recently was "blitzed" from that direction.

"In again out again" **Jack Abraham** is once more inspecting at Group 2—seems the Army just can't decide about Jack.

Pvt. Clem Birch, former Group 2 inspector, postals from Camp Grant that he is leaving for—*censored.*

Walter Moorhead reports that the Naval Reserve, Brooklyn, N. Y., variety, is a breeze in comparison to the Inspection Department.

With the oncoming income tax, "income" **Ralph Pratt's** troubles. Someone said he didn't realize this income situation could give him such a "come on."

The girls at Group 8 sure keep their fingers moving fast. They seem to like it and never complain of being tired. They are "real soldiers," and the inspectors keep up with them, inspecting primers with their trained eyes and experienced fingers.

Happy birthday to **Dot Ulbrich**, Group 8. About 19 years ago her mother was lullabying on October 27.

Something old, something new—Something borrowed, something blue? Certainly not **Betty Novatney**, who was scheduled to become the bride of **Lt. Herman Doehring** October 24.

Elsie Reeves is going to make her home in Los Angeles, Calif., and the girls wish her a lot of luck, but will miss her.

Clarence Hartford swears that if the LaSalle Bus Company doesn't initiate faster service to Marseilles he will commute to EOP on a mule.

Best wishes from 3-A this week go to **Gil Miller**, the veteran who became one of the "Klan in Khaki" October 29.

The 3-A boys have begun to wonder whether **Myron Champoux** was a cog in the machine or a squeak in the stairway at Group 1. Anyway, according to the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, the Group 1 boys haven't missed him yet and he has been in Group 3-A for ages and ages.

Congratulations are in order for **Bob Manning.** Yep, he "dood" it.

"Moe" Brennan is showing all the signs of an approaching second childhood. Recently he emerged from his daze long enough to mumble "dit-dah-dit, dit-dit-dah," etc., the worst was feared. Investigation and careful diagnosis revealed he isn't "khaki-wacky," but "radio radical" and "code-crazy." It gets him the day shift steady, though, so watch for more baby-talk to come forth.

Meek and mild, but firm and persistent, **Paul Rusher** will endeavor to break a few bones for the benefit of the USO at the Lake Geneva wrestling meet Wednesday night. The opponent's right forearm will make a good souvenir.

Plump but happy **Gene Morrow** finally dropped to despair the other day when someone swiped his lunch. Oh well, he should quit eating, since girdles have been put on the priority list.

Corn

Percy (working on drill press): Bring me two bits from the store room.

Merle: If I can't find them, is it my vault?

Gust: What's the matter, are you tired?

Larry: Yeah, I wish my car was.

Ed: What kind of coffee is this—drip?

Coope: Quit calling me names.

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OPA Form R-534 PART A
(Rev. 10-1-42)

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU No. 08-R084-42

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

TIRE RECORD AND APPLICATION FOR BASIC MILEAGE RATION BOOK "A" OR "D"
(For Passenger Automobiles or Motorcycles Only)

(Print plainly or type)

(Name of registered owner)
(R. F. D. or street and number)
(City or post office)
(State)

(Print plainly or type)

(Vehicle license number)
(State of registration)
(Year model)
(Make)
(Body type)

The registered owner of the vehicle must sign this form unless good cause for failure to do so is shown to a War Price and Rationing Board. A separate form must be filled out for each vehicle.

If a Gasoline Ration Book *has* been issued covering the motor vehicle described herein the filing of this form is a condition to the right to retain such gasoline ration. The completed form is to be filed with the applicant's present War Price and Rationing Board.

If a Gasoline Ration Book *has not* been issued covering the motor vehicle described herein the filing of this form will serve as an application for a Basic Mileage Ration. At the time of application the registration card of the vehicle must be presented.

Vehicles falling into one or more of the classes listed below are not eligible for "A" or "D" ration books. In such cases application for ration should be made on another form to be obtained from the applicant's War Price and Rationing Board.

1. An ambulance or hearse.
2. A vehicle held by a dealer for sale or resale or operated on dealer license plates.
3. A taxi, jitney, or vehicle leased from or held for rental by a car-rental agency.
4. A vehicle owned or leased by a Federal, State, local or foreign government or government agency.
5. A vehicle which is one of three (3) or more passenger automobiles (or three or more motorcycles) owned or leased by and used principally for the business or occupational purposes of the same person or organization.

(Not to be filled in by applicant)

(Ration book number)
(Date of issue)
(P. O. and State of issuance)
(Registrar)

APPLICANT WILL NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (OVER)

(Applicant does not fill in next portion of form which is retained for government records.)

List serial numbers of tires mounted on the vehicle described in this application (including one spare):

In the spaces below give the information indicated regarding all other passenger-car tires (tires designed primarily for use on passenger cars), including scrap tires, which are owned by the registered owner of the vehicle or by any person living in his household and related to him by blood, marriage, or adoption, and which are not mounted on motor vehicles or equipment. Mounted tires include one spare per motor vehicle. Do not include motorcycle tires or tires which have been reported on OPA Form R-17 or R-17 (revised) or reported by a manufacturer to the WAR PRODUCTION BOARD.

State number of tires (.....) and list their serial numbers.

GASOLINE RATION BOOKS OUTSTANDING FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS VEHICLE

Class and Serial No.	*Date of issue*	*City and State where issued*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that there is no gasoline ration book outstanding for use in connection with the motor vehicle herein described, except as listed above; that said motor vehicle is in use; that the tires on this vehicle will be kept in serviceable condition by repair and not operated beyond the recapping point; that I will not drive in excess of 35 miles per hour; that no passenger-car tires in excess of those listed above, except those mounted on other motor vehicles or equipment, (including one spare per motor vehicle) are owned by the registered owner of the vehicle or by any person living in his household and related to him by blood, marriage, or adoption; and that all of the statements contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Section 35 (A) of the United States Criminal Code makes it a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment, $10,000 fine, or both, to make a false statement or representation to any Department or agency of the United States as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any Department or Agency of the United States.

(Signed) .....
(Person submitting application)

(Date) (Address)

Applicant will fill in only box in heavy border below in Part B.

OPA Form R-534 Part B

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

FORM APPROVED, BUDGET BUREAU No. 08-R084-42

TIRE INSPECTION RECORD

The serial numbers as listed herein by the applicant are the same as those registered with the War Price and Rationing Board.

(Board No.) (Date)
(City) (State)
(Signature of registrar)

SERIAL NUMBERS OF MOUNTED TIRES; INCLUDE SPARE

(Name of registered owner)
(R. F. D. or street and number)
(City or post office)
(State)

(Vehicle license Number)
(State of registration)
(Year model)
(Make)
(Body type)

Applicant fills in all information within this heavy line

OPA Tire Inspector makes all entries below this line

(Applicant does not fill in next portion of form which is retained for government records.)

Here is the application which motorists must fill out to obtain basic "A" gasoline rationing books. Consisting of a single sheet, printed on both sides, the applicant fills in only half, retaining the remainder for tire inspection purposes.

HEAVY WORK doesn't deter Susie Garner, left, and Esther Knauer from their bomb handling jobs in Group 3-A.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Tex Fast, conductor of the Diesel operating here, was wed recently to Helen Bergbower, formerly secretary at the Illiopolis Ordnance Plant. The honeymoon is over and Tex is just as hard to find as ever.

Flowers for the *living* are the kind which count. Supt. Joseph E. Salmon posted a recent communique thanking one and all for the effort which had enabled this group to make its quota for ten months in a row. Incidentally Building 10 was cited especially and awarded the group E for excellence . . . signifying Edward for the middle initial.

Charley Lackey saved a couple of lives one Sunday. He picked up Morris Perry and Walter Vickery, who were about to be late for services, and brought them to work.

The Army got the group pick-up drivers, Dan Paunavich and Dick Peterson, so the war won't last long now. There are two smiling new ones to take their places, Tiny Bertram and Bob Blaine.

Ernest Kinzer and Raymond "Tony" Montayne have also taken up arms and all are agreed that both will acquit themselves well.

Ruth Thompson complained, "Howcome I don't get my *Sky-Rocket Scoop?*" Of course, she referred to *The Bomb-Shell*, so she was told something which should be of use to others. Quote: "Send your new address and your old one to the Payroll Department, and you will start receiving a noospaper which is acknowledged as "tops." Unbuckle.

The stork brought Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Anderson a baby girl October 22 and Leonard passed around the cigars. If the little tyke is as good as the cigars, she will be a dandy and that's high praise, for the smokes were very fine indeed.

Harvey Barrett is entering a poster in the current contest and all are pulling for him to win the prize.

Wuxtree! Wuxtree! did youse girls and boys notice that Group 1 headed the list in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* as having had no lost-time accidents during the month of September?

Recently this column carried the names of 50 veterans of the World War I who are now employed at Group 1. Without further ado, about 70 others declared war on account of because they were left off the list; "so, Lafayette, here they come":

Leo Finlan, Arthur Reigh, Sam Hansen, Walter Wilcox, Robert Blaine, William Kampf, Les Southcomb, Charles Schmitz, Howard Fread, L. B. Hayden, Sam Marx, John Orzechowski, Tego Larsen, George Mulligan, Andrew Dalziel, Frank Miller, Mathew Wykoff, Paul Vosberg, Earl Crouch, Meyer Harwick, Charles Witten, Joe Vacca, Turner Albright, Clyde Merkey, John Memenga, John Ludwig, Glen Stitely, George Perkins, Michael Bobel, Walter Bruhn, James Hoffner, Matthew Vohanich, Stanley Russell, Nicholas Harris, Arthur Diedrich, D. E. Jones, Jacob Lucht, George Mears, Scott Starts, R. Finke, R. B. Templeton, Clarence Eide, Frank Miller, Thomas Buckley, August Lampe, Vern Brown, C. C. Wright, Carl Stirlen, B. W. Hill, Homer Cole, I. W. Holman, Paul Bloomquist, Oscar Swanson, Thomas Reilly, William Sloan, Clarence Erickson, Ralph Ritter, Ray Whipple, Emmone Isenberg, Charles Durham, Edward Anderson, Robert Doyle, James McGrath, A. R. Klassy, Paul Ashline, Robert Findlay and Lewis Tucker.

Look for casualties in the list when it appears, for an old-fashioned soldiers' whoop-de-doodle at the Legion Hall at Lockport is planned for November 7 to celebrate Armistice Day.

Here go some more of the lads to help various branches of the armed services: Joe Ambrosovich to the Coast Guard, Dan MacMillan to the Army Air Corps, Leo Cromwell to the Army, Robert Nelson to the Army Air Corps and George Prodehl to the Army Signal Corps.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Heartfelt sympathy of the entire staff goes to Dr. H. L. Schultz, whose wife died last month.

Louise Thompson, nurse at Group 4, was scheduled to leave for the Navy October 30. She will be commissioned as an ensign. On November 17 she is to report for duty at San Diego, Calif. Before leaving a lovely pen and Eversharp pencil engraved with her name was given to her by the nurses and technicians of the hospital and groups.

Something new has been added to the hospital. A tight situation was relieved upon the arrival of two new files for the X-ray Department. Elsie Baer, technician, is very happy over her new files for her X-ray films.

You will also be seeing a new shiny white ambulance around the area soon. The ambulance drivers practically need chains to prevent them from using it until it is fully equipped.

Elizabeth Russell and her rider, Bertha Perush, sure knew it was getting close to Hallowe'en when they saw her car after work. Running out of gas, they had to leave the car along the roadside and thumbed a ride to work. Returning to the car at night they found it to be decorated with cornstalks, etc. It truly looked like the last rose of summer in ghost town or perhaps an autogyroscope from the same world. They now know what trouble one gets into by trying to drive a car on their imagination in the month of October.

The staff sends birthday greetings to Dorothy Lundin, nurse at Group 1, who celebrated her anniversary November 4.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Pinch hitting again for May Belle Anderson, the news lines up as such:

A visitor to the women's first floor lounge early this week was little Minnie Mouse. She spent a good part of one a.m. greeting one and all with a cheery good morning while she went merrily on with her setting up exercises, running wildly from one corner to another—frightening everyone to near paralysis. Couldn't tell whether it was Minnie's squeak or Jackie Dailey's squeal that was heard all the way down the hall.

Ethel Connor is a lover of rainy weather. Yes, indeed. She especially enjoys it when friend husband leaves her the keys to the little car that's no longer there and she has to canter around the parking lot, drenched to the skin, fury in her eyes, and finally, wrath in her manner, to learn that he has moved the car to parts unknown.

Gerry Drexel—the gal of many whims—displays the latest shade, Mrs. Miniver Rose—at its best.

Elva Thomas is willing to bet one and all that her next trip to the "Windy City" will not be sooner than next year. Her last was the last for some time to come, she tells. To spend a perfectly lush fall evening traipsing all over the city of Chi for one item, and then not find it—well, it was just too much. So now she'll stick to Joliet, and like it.

A request — from: Rosemary Kane—in full, read following: If any of you make a trip — or a jaunt — or take a ride — or even a walk, maybe, do send her a picture post card. Gosh, she gave one friend a dime just to send her a souvenir from Chicago one Saturday, and the chum sent the article, special delivery, to Rosemary Kane, Wilcox Street, Chicago, instead of Joliet. So the other package is probably still making the rounds of the Chicago post offices. Rosemary still hasn't gotten any mail. So hurry, hurry, hurry—

And now, till next time, and your regular news gatherer—

Welcomed back to the old haunts this week is Ginny Krause, secretary to G. B. Pumphrey. Ginny has had quite a battle with a malaria germ that was doing its best to get her down. It's so nice to see her back.

Edith Lewis, until last week an Administration Area miss, is now keeping time out in Group 4. And she reports that she does like it.

Another person leaving us, but this one to go quite a distance, is Verne Schoenberger, who left last week for California—you know, that place where the sun is supposed to be always shining.

On October 17 in Norfolk, Virginia, Marian Hyland, former secretary to E. J. Walsh, general superintendent of loading lines, became the wife of Lt. Frank Dorr of the Navy. They are now residing at Portsmouth, N. H., where Lieutenant Dorr is stationed at the Navy Yard. Taking Marian's place is Mary Virginia Gallagher — an Irish lass that you're sure enough going to like.

Arlene Schoendorf says that she whiles away the lonely hours drawing pictures of bunnies, robot men, etc. The rest of the time she draws pictures for all of the posters which come to the ditto room. And good they are, too.

June Kaehlert, Ruth Meyer, Veranice Quade and Rita Dwyer are out of exercise in a big way this season. At least three nights a week finds them at one of the local bowling alleys knocking the pins down ten at a time.

Robert "Wimpy" Forst coins a new word. He said that in this cold weather the oil in his car "*Cogilates.*" He is one of the finest dressed men in EOP with his pretty fingertip coat and screaming light tan hat.

Le Roy Anderson, the girl shy youngster, called the Motor Pool for a car and driver. He got it with a lady driver by the name of Lucky Davison.

Riding in J. C. Quade's car the folks do take an interest in the splendid country and animal life. Always on the lookout for something new. Looking for ducks at the dam, if you please the "Dam Ducks," locating pheasants, new plant life, etc. One subject was the number of crows in the area. The other evening a bet was taken that no crows would be seen. No crows were seen, R. W. Turner won. Another was the number of rows on an ear of corn. Try this and enjoy this real country.

Harry Mac Rae went to the game at Notre Dame, but he sat on the Illinois side. His new hairdo was mussed up from the excitement.

Max Wolfson says the 14th baby has arrived in his apartment building. Max will probably be the godfather.

Herb Burch is eating chocolate sundaes now.

E. F. Washburn has drawn an imposing poster depicting the EOP war efforts.

Don Lewison is an artist, too, now being occupied in drawing pretty girls for the Joliet University Club.

Robt. "Wobbles" McKeon feels romantic in the fall instead of spring. He is different!!!

Cris Neff and Mike Chuck of the blueprint department have been named the Golddust twins.

"Tiny" Walter Peterson reports that the bowling team is winning two out of three games now.

George Karas holds the speed record going down the hallways of the Administration building.

There are sweater girls and sweater girls—but have you seen the sweater boy? He is none other than Francis Gonce from way down South—and what a boy!

After a little sleuthing, it was learned that Russell H. Watt is better known to his most intimate friends as "Superman."

Rosemary Hebert is the smiling little brown-eyed miss at the Pass Desk. She was formerly in the Plant Protection Department office.

Esther Heavens, formerly employed in the Personnel Building, is now a member of the Plant Protection Department in the Administration Building.

Stephen McGann is addicted to wearing pink bows on the back of his coat—much to the delight of all the employees in the Personnel Building.

Edmond Van Winkle, guard, formerly at the Pass Desk, has now joined the Fingerprint Department in the Personnel Building.

E. O. Huey, superintendent of Plant Protection Department, reviewed the policewomen drilling last Saturday morning. He became so enthusiastic that he started in to drill. He came back to his office in the afternoon and complained of having a charley-horse. He'll probably just stand at attention next time!

Mary Kleeberger's compass went off the beam, and she found herself in unfamiliar surroundings recently.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

A calamity took place October 15—date of the third Fellowship Dinner. Someone, by accident, picked up St. Clair Smith's orthodox hat and left him a similar one, though not nearly as becoming. However, the hat was returned Tuesday, October 20, 1942, and now everyone is happy and contented.

High Explosive Laboratory

There was a blessed event at the Alexander Becker home in Chicago October 25. On October 26, poppa, government inspector at the lab, passed out cigars, proudly announced that the arrival was a boy, weighed six and one-half pounds and answered to the name of Ronald. (The Beckers had selected the name Ronald long before he became acquainted with *Ronald Beck, another of the government inspectors.*)

Verneille Holder and Sylvan "The Baron" Rothschild saw the Ohio State-Northwestern game at Dyche Stadium last Saturday, ate broiled, stuffed lobsters at the Latin Quarter and then spoiled the whole day by losing Vern's purse, containing some $40, her EOP badge and an uncashed paycheck.

The Charles Bridwells, Jr., saw some Ohio friends at the Ohio State - Northwestern game and afterwards held open house at an apartment they had taken for the week-end at the Seneca Hotel.

Dave Hill, group inspector, is moving from Kankakee to La Grange, Ill., where he will live with his brother and family. Dave will be a big help around the house, especially in the practice of culinary arts, if the gingerbread he made for the lunch pool is an indication of his cooking prowess.

According to later information, the report in the last issue of *The Bomb-shell* of the birth of quite a number of puppies to "Rosemary" Hafele was without foundation.

STIRRING EXPLOSIVES is another task now assigned to girls in Group 3-A. The two workers shown here work just ahead of the loading crew, part of whom are shown on Page 1.

John "Teddy" Snyder spent several days at his home in Ohio last week.

With the opening of the duck season, the lab's mighty hunters got out their guns, put on their boots and started blowing on those whistles which fool the poor ducks. Charles and Ruth Clifford went out last week, shot four ducks and almost got shot themselves by a nimrod who didn't seem to care where he pointed his gun. Earlier Clifford, Dick Orndorff and John Clark had gotten five ducks between them.

Nelson Tippett has contracted intermittent fever.

The Jess Kinsers have moved from Joliet to the Westgate Hotel in Chicago.

Marcia Mitchell entertained her in-laws from South Bend last week-end. Mamma-in-law had the back of the car loaded down with fried chicken, cookies, marmalade, etc., for which Marcia was appropriately grateful.

Ray Hybarger and Palmer Overholt surprised everyone by arriving at the lab bright and early Tuesday all shaved and shined. They had been informed that they were going to have their pictures taken, but the posing was postponed.

Group 66

The goose hangs high at 66, and everything's running in the groove. Business is on the upward trend and the boys are all on the beam. E. L. McCray is still holding sway and the Igloo Boys are setting in for a long, but successful winter. One young fellow, Newman E. Tyree, got out of the groove last week when he took on a new "skipper" whose name was formerly Mary Finerty of Chebanse. They drew up the contract in Missouri some place and the elated groom returned last week for double duty. One look at the "skipper" is quite enough to lower the resistance of any confirmed bachelor. The local mentors couldn't believe the lucious descriptions offered by the boys in the "know" so they went down to take a gander for themselves at the big dance last Saturday night in Kankakee where the bride was on display. The "Box-Car" boys from 66 rendered the "Swing" and the young couples was handed a cash gift.

Earl Hunt didn't go to the dance because he hasn't completed that home work yet and, like John Zopf, he is still waiting for that invitation from Uncle Sam. By the way of comparison, writes Tony Tamazaitos, ex-66, when some of the rest of the fellows hit the service, they will look fine. He tells Ivan Parr, foreman, that he has gained 35 pounds in the seven months he has been at Camp Barkley, Texas. He appreciates *The Bomb-shell* and sends a hearty hello to all the boys —and girls.

Bob Irwin, Inspection Department, invited several to a duck dinner and brought his own duck —'tis said he used a Pompom gun —anyway the bird tasted mighty good. Speaking of dinners, some of the boys at 66 have taken their "soup and fish" out of the moth balls and are preparing themselves for the next "Timekeepers Ball"— it's said they are very snappy and the company *dee-vine*. The barnyard golfers going "ritz" for an evening should make a vivid picture.

Group 63

Ed LaRocque really has plenty of the three V's since his dentist extracted two teeth—maybe now Mrs. LaRocque can get him to complete her fall house cleaning.

Group 65

Paul A. Trepanier, Group 65, has left for the Army.

Group 66A

St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart claims to be a second Atlas—one of these days he'll be asked to demonstrate his prowess.

Joe Billy, better known as "Butterball," is just as contented with a hammer and nails as a baby is with a bottle of milk.

Jim Tormey would be absolutely lost if someone took his old standby—a plug of tobacco.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Capt. A. G. Resch visited Washington, D. C., October 26 on official business. While in Washington, Captain Resch saw Adolph Menjou in the Army War Show.

Captain Resch, William F. Douville, chief inspector, and William H. Peterson, divisional inspector, spent October 23 at the Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, Ind. There were no hotel accommodations at Indianapolis due to a convention of 10,000 school teachers, so they stayed with obliging friends.

Mr. Douville and Stanley L. Eisler visited the Green River Ordnance Plant October 19. They conferred with Maj. C. G. Tolson, commanding officer, and Lt. D. E. Hornbeck, both of whom were formerly stationed here.

Clara I. Wehner spent a week-end at Louisville, Ky., where she visited with her sister, Mrs. S. G. Hickman, and family.

Mail has been received by Ethel Dirker from a Coal City boy at Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, who says he is using an empty EOP ammunition box as his desk, which indicates that EOP ammunition is playing an important part in distant lands.

Miss Dirker and Betty Ross assisted the Grundy County Red Cross chairman in soliciting funds and packing kits for the boys who are scheduled to leave for foreign service. Sixty kits were packed. The contents consist of the following: Story book, bar of soap and container, razor blades, stationery and pencil, chewing gum, cigarettes, sewing kit, shoe laces, shoe shiner, playing cards. The kit is made of khaki fabric and is very useful for storing wearing apparel.

Carl Anker had an exceptionally busy day October 24. In the morning he attended the wedding ceremony at St. Raymond's Church, Joliet, uniting Joan Hart and Harold Bowler. Immediately after the services, he and a group of alumni of Ohio State motored to Evanston, Ill., where they witnessed the Northwestern-Ohio football game. The party consisted of Joseph Ralston, Roald Evenson, Robert Cretcher, William Proudley, and Mr. Anker.

Vieana Wheeler attended the Northwestern-Ohio game also. However, she refused to sit with the boys because she was cheering for Northwestern.

MORE ORDNANCE INSPECTION

The Ordnance Gage Lab bowlers, Roy Scherer and F. Warren Weithofer, whitewashed the Technical Division's Eisler-Anker team last Friday night.

Alexander Becker, Group 71, became a proud daddy when his wife presented him with a son, Ronald James, October 25.

Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, commanding officer, and Fredrick G. Robinson, Safety and Security Division, should be able to tell some very interesting stories. Both are Ohioans and saw plenty of action in World War I. Major Haber served as a combat engineer with the Army, while Mr. Robinson, now retired, was a commander in the Navy.

Congratulations go to Bernard O. Brown, Safety and Security Division, who was married recently. Mr. Brown likes good cooking and is desirous of securing tested recipes so that the new Mrs. Brown can try her culinary art. Send your favorite recipe to him at the Administration Building, Room 8.

Home isn't home any more since Maggie O'Laverty and Frances Olroyd left Group 4 on an inspection tour of the other groups.

Group 4 is looking forward to the visits of Margaret Carter, Helen Skumanich and Helen Zivic, and hope they are all as enjoyable as the visits from Merle Denny, Group 7; Margaret Cohil, Group 9, and Margaret Kertes, Group 8.

Group 5 lost one of its best inspectors in Harriet Nadelhoffer when she was promoted recently to the Fuse and Booster Laboratory.

Milt Krissman, Group 5, should receive the award of achievement for guest entertaining. The last time Phil Horwitz spent an evening at Mr. Krissman's home, they ended up bandit hunting.

Helen Biernat, Group 5, is advocating an advanced dancing class for those who are interested —with herself as instructor, of course. Someone suggested a class in *walking* with Lea E. Gudath as the main pupil.

Group 6 wishes Elizabeth Button a speedy recovery from her injuries, suffered on her way to work.

Marie Donahue and Dorothy Haag are representing Group 6 in the advanced inspector's class.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crumbaugh recently spent several days visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Delores Courtney and Marge Lawhead have been going steady on Thursday nights for several weeks now. The fact that checks come on Thursday might be the reason they meet in Joliet for dinner and a show.

The changes in the building since the new addition has been completed have Claude Sayre, assistant superintendent of utilities, completely befuddled. Stalking determinedly into the building, he wended his way to Room 9 only to find that one of the physicians had taken possession. Admittedly puzzled, he stuck his head into another door with a querulous, "Where does F. C. Schauland hang out now? Is this change permanent?"

Lucille Dillon is the newest of brides from the Personnel Building. Last Saturday she left the plant and Thursday saw her enroute to Sweetwater, Tex., where her new husband is stationed as an Army denist at Camp Barkeley. All good wishes from the department go with good-looking Lucille and her new spouse.

Although the first letter has not been written from either end of the mail route, Charlotte Wolcott couldn't help wondering the other noon what there was in Egypt besides dates (the kind you eat) and camels. Soon forthcoming will be the address of a soldier stationed there, and her plans are almost completed for a trip next summer.

It's a feud down in the transfer department with the main participants Margaret "Dollie" Lundquist, Catherine Smith and Rita Cooney. Katie and Rita have purchased raincoats similar in each and every detail but color, and they insist that Dollie is merely jealous, while her resplendent raincoat is her pride and joy and she patiently explains that she likes to be different.

Receptionist Fred Cadwallader has an amusing anecdote of just how completely the new hours spoil his Saturday evening and Sunday holiday. He gets home late Saturday afternoon, eats his dinner and then, when he wants to go out Saturday night, he isn't hungry. If he does eat, he's stuffed. If he doesn't, he's so hungry by the time refreshments are served that he makes a pig out of himself and then goes home only to toss all night because he's eaten so much rich food so late at night. Thus Sunday morning he doesn't feel his usual "chipper" self and the whole deadly mess starts right over again. If you don't believe this tale, and have a spare half hour, he'll tell you about it any time.

Coming upon Evelyn Melby almost running down the hall one day, several of the girls decided it was their duty to discover just why she was fleeing. The root of all evil was not among the roots at all but up among the leaves, as it was the necklace of almonds and hazel nuts which caused the trouble. Some of the co-workers wouldn't believe that the nut meats were still intact and were about to take drastic measures to prove the point when that 11:30 a. m. starvation period ended.

From the annals of literature (composed in the Personnel Department) comes this precious tidbit on how to open a paper cup full of coffee in one simple lesson:

"Grasp the cup firmly in the left hand. Take hold of the tab on the lid of the cup with the thumb and index finger of the right hand. Brace feet against the desk and pull with an upward movement of the right arm. Place the rim of the cup to your lips and a-h-h delicious, delight and yum-yum. Just like a shot in the arm."

Irene Mulligan travelled all the way to Columbus, O., last week-end to visit her Army boy friend.

Just to prove that the man who talks the loudest about his bowling shouldn't scare out his timid opponents, comes the bedtime story of the little boys from Personnel who arrived at the Recreation Hall with two teams set to fight to the last pin. Receptionist Howard Hauze, with his voiced average of 165, didn't seem to have the necessary steam and went down to ignominious defeat, while Olive Pierce of the Reference Department, who has never bowled, sent his first ball down the alley for a perfect strike. Alfred Dearth, also from the Reference Department, was the champion for the evening, with Clement Lambert, interviewer, a close second. But the great bowler from the interviewers who wanted to make bowling worth while for his team and place a little wager on the side was Robert Withey. He was so anxious for his team to win that he sent his first three balls straight down the gutter with his hook.

INTEREST IN CONTEST to select Miss Victory was shared by Army officers at EOP. Four of the entries are shown here with Maj. Kenneth M. Haber (right), EOP's commanding officer, and Capt. David P. Tunstall. They are, left to right, Virginia Andreasen, Norma Castle, Betty Ross and Virginia Anderson.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT assisted in selection of EOP's Miss Victory Contest entries. Myrna Farris (left) of the department, is pictured here with Erva Willford, Frances Biros and Lois Peterson.

★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Ralph E. Adams
Raymond M. Anderson
A. Annzzolin
Ladine Arnold
George A. Attaway
Clement W. Birch
Joseph Bodrero
Tuttle L. Boldt
James F. Brooks
Robert C. Bryant
Bohumil E. Cerny
Nathan S. Cohen
Glenn E. Dixon
John R. Dixon
Dennis Doyle
Maurice J. Doyle
Harry Edger
Andrew J. Feeney
Delmar G. Flessner
Earl C. Frey
Arthur J. Futterer
John F. Futterer
David Y. Green
Theron W. Gullion
Jack Horn
William O. Howen
Leon B. Hrapcinski
William J. Hrej
Bernard Kapsch
James E. Koerner
Kenneth Kucera
William L. Lamping
Dale Lorentzen
Herman A. Lundstrom
Joseph Maccani
Carl E. Marten
Lawrence McCann
Donald J. McCauley
Eugene B. McCraney
Orville M. McDermott
Ralph E. Mitchell
Joseph W. Monroe
Bertel F. Norling
Horace B. O'Kain
Nicholas Ostoich
Dale J. Palmer
Zigmond X. Pluskota
Lawrence G. Purkiser
Nick W. Racki
Joseph E. Reed
John E. Rossi
Clarence A. Rusak
Donald H. Schlemmer
W. J. Seely
Robert Louis Selfridge
Jess Shelby
Harry Stukel
Robert W. Walling
Ralph Weiss
Earl F. Zook

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE members of the employees' Activities Committee, shown here, are, left to right, Colby Eriksen, Group 3-A; Beverly Garing, Group 1, and Harvey Steffes, Group 61.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Well, well, another week has rolled around and this reporter is at a loss for words . . . and no remarks from the 50-cent seats . . . so the ear was put to the ground and lo and behold what happens . . . strange noises . . . yep, I'm hep with the news. . . . Welcome mats are spread for **Capt. John Rhinelander** . . . he's that nice new addition in the Operations and Engineering Section . . . his cohorts are **Lt. C. P. Bohannon**, he of the southern drawl. . . . **Lt. Dale Yeoman**, "Romeo" to his friends . . . and **Lt. Sol Jacobs.**

"Gerry" Ward of Inspection, a fellow dirt disher, is quite a culinary artist . . . cakes and pies.

Jane McVay, that cute little damsel from Safety, is quite a bowler . . . and a certain member of the scarce sex (male to be exact) was particularly bowled over t'other nite.

"Red" Bowler is honeymooning now . . . so when he returns he'll probably be "redder" than usual . . . the best wishes of this columnist goes to him and his missus. . . . If anyone would like to know the time a milkman comes to the Elwood Plant they can get the dope from **Jo Kush** of Mail and Records . . . and how she knows . . . boy, did the guys and gals in the station wagon hide for a few hours.

Ev Vilt of Personnel was on the sick list for a few days. . . . **Gerry Stephan** of the same department was also on the disabled list.

Kay Reubart, Capt. Seymour Kurantman's right hand is worrying about the "Roses" in Ireland these days . . . yep 'tis right . . . sure and her "by fran" is in the good old Isle.

Have you noticed how smart the guards look since **Capt. John A. Hardy** has been giving them the once over . . . boy, oh boy, . . . do their chests stick out.

The Ordnance Department expresses its sympathy to **John E. Olson** of Payroll . . . his dad died a short time ago and "Ollie" has just returned from New York.

Pickeled Pellets. . . . Yep, the payroll had a party . . . everyone and their brother was there. . . Confetti party was an indirect name for the shindig and **Gert Lindemann**, who didn't show up for a long time since can tell more. . . . Anyway the kids are razzing her for taking some time off . . . it is surmised she took a jaunt up to see that Navy husband of hers.

Harry Denny departed for Lewistown the other day . . . best wishes on the new venture. . . . **Norman Long** of Auditing joined the armed forces Saturday and will surely be missed by all his friends.

What one hears when they don't wear earmuffs: "You're like unto a wild and lovely tropical flower." . . . To whom did they refer? . . . none other than **Lt. Robert Johnson's** sec . . . **Claire "Hoosier" Donoghue**. . . . **Jane Finney** of Auditing will be wearing Uncle Sam's uniform 'fore long . . . yep . . . she done dood it . . . the WAAC is her new home . . . or will be by the next issue. . . . Didja know that **Robert "Speedy" Cohen** got himself pinched in the Area last week? . . . yissir, he was a-breaking the law . . . he'll never live that down. . . . He also got his car frozed up . . . during that cold spell and couldn't get to work.

'Tis reported that **Joseph Zagade**, the audit king, doesn't like the uniforms the gals are wearing . . . seems as though they don't look feminine.

Via the Telephone Tapper: **Lt. Carl Beilharz, Jr.**, has new interests these days . . . no one can find out whether they are brunette or blonde. . . . No wonder **Bernece Carlson** looks kinda blue—her lieutenant has gone on tour . . . and we don't mean one-nighters.

A certain nite spot on the DuPage River was the scene of quite a gala affair the other night. . . . The occasion . . . a send-off for three of the boys who were going to the army, **Lyle Ingraham, Robert Kasten** and **Raymond Coesfeld.**

Joe Peters of Group 1 has enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

Didja know that **Chester Tomes** has other accomplishments besides being the champion peanut eater of the department? . . . Any additional information can be secured from **Frank Bravato.**

Poster Contest Winners Named

Winners in the poster contest, with the "Keep 'Em Shooting" theme and sponsored by the Recreation Department, were announced Saturday, October 31 by a committee of judges from Joliet.

George Zelke, fire guard, won first place; **Edward Washburn**, engineers, second place, and **Robert Williams**, Group 1, third place. The winners will receive a letter of commendation from the War Department in Washington, D. C.

The judges were **May Lang Grady**, American Institute of Laundrying; **William Hart**, Joliet Herald-News and **James Talcott**, Gerlach-Barklow Company.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Decorated with a Hallowe'en air, the Morris Country club was the setting of a fall festival dinner dance as the Timekeeping Department enjoyed a night of fun and frolic. With everyone joining in on an opening community sing, ably led by master of ceremonies **John O'Connell**, the party started off with a bang. Soon after everyone dug in with a hearty appetite and enjoyed one of those rare delicious chicken dinners. Pleasing still more than the chicken was the gay background music of **Barney Faletti** and his orchestra.

When the last of the dessert had been eaten, Mr. O'Connell introduced three special guests. They were **Pvts. Edward Bishop, Robert Vollmer** and **Paul Palmer** of the U. S. Army. Each was presented with a gift by Mr. O'Connell from the Time Department. **Milton Treitel** and **Bernard J. McShane** gave short pep talks to the boys. Then the fun really began

Six door prizes were given out amid the howl and laughter of those present. **Eddie Kollman** won a nightgown with the ruling that each winner must wear what he wins or suffer the consequences. **Virginia Conrad** won a baby bib and bottle with nipple. **Chuck DePeso**, the old master of the culinary arts, won a kitchen apron to go with his cooking. **Doris Tatro** had to take off the cute green hat she was wearing and wear a baby bonnet while Mr. McShane won a piece of feminine wearing apparel which he wore with an air of nonchalance.

Carl Parker won the only sensible prize of the evening, a $5 book of War Stamps. When the laughter had subsided, **Larry Baudino** played a beautiful piece on the piano solovox. Then Mr. Parker on the drums, **Frank Zupancic** on his sweet accordion, and **Les Nelson** and his Hawaiian guitar joined together and played several swing numbers in a real jam session. **Barney Faletti** and his orchestra then took over for the rest of the evening with much singing and dancing, surrounded by the spirits that always accompany a Hallowe'en party.

Newest additions to the Timekeeping Department are **Edith Lewis**, formerly of **George Alstadt's** office, and **Dee Johnson**, who hails from Pontiac, Ill.

Word has been received from **Francis Buhl** who is now in the Coast Guard. He says that it is really the life, but a lot of hard work.

T. V. Brennan and **Geraldine Graham** attended the Notre Dame-Illinois game at Champaign while **Thomas Tomaszewski** attended the Illinois Wesleyan homecoming game at Bloomington.

Wonder what "Louie" is to **Shirley Van Dyne?** Shirley, by the way, was one of the first girl timekeepers to enter Group 1.

Through the eagles eye . . . **Harry Knarr** was very attentive to **"Angee" Gunnerson** at the party. **Bill Prindle** still claims he cannot sing. Les was very worried about his expensive guitar. **Rosemarie Veach** was sporting handsome boy friend, **Paul Langstett. Ben Sloan** was the life of the party. **Tom Delockery** was showing off his beautiful fiancee. **Bill Dwyer** escorted Victory queen of Group I, **Rita Fang. Virginia Conrad** was helping paint the club red. **Eva Sweda** was rushed by the boys from Group 3-A. If Mr. Knarr were given a fur coat he would leave timekeeping and take up the pipe cleaning business. **Robert McEvoy** was taking pictures with his flash camera, proof of were you or were you not.

LaVerne Hahn tied his last knot when he got married recently to **Margaret Luhisen** of Elgin, Ill.

Hal Roach is still trying to get back five shirts that he took to a Chinese laundry. Seems that he lost the tickets for their return. **Arch LaBorence** has compiled a little poem for his good friend, Hal.

Roach had five shirts no tickee
Now he has just two
His case comes up next Monday
He'll get beat by Lung Dung Soo.

A tournament was held recently in Wilmington when **Elmer Dames** and **Mr. O'Connell** fought it out on the pool table. Seems that Elmer won. **James McHugh** was the official.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

The Guard Department bids farewell to two more guards who joined Uncle Sam, **William Reilly** and **Chris Steger.** Mr. Reilly will be remembered as serving at Post 18 (Richards Farm Gate).

Usually an interesting subject at the Guardhouse is ways and means of keeping brass and leather shining. Countless methods are used, but evidently some of the secrets of the trade are held by men who have served in some branch of service in the past. **Sergt. Harry E. Dowden** is a shining example.

The boys in the stock room at the Guardhouse wished to have space saved for this issue for some of their items, but after seeing a load of uniforms arrive, they changed their minds, or rather a corporal changed their minds.

Sgt. Clarence White reportedly is in the poultry business, not a butter and egg man, just a "fowl" man. He'll never worry about those meatless days.

It was an exciting afternoon as the boys awaited the final outcome of the Illinois-Notre Dame game. It seemed there were enough supporters for both teams to make the betting interesting. Some of the boys evidently had some explaining to do when the little wifey saw the empty purse. In the meantime **Dispatcher John A. Smith** was sitting comfortably on the 50-yard line at Urbana second guessing the coaches.

Elmer "Buttercup" Martinson, the rotund guard at the Administration Building, is still talking about his recent vacation.

With the recent cold snap, guards have been swarming to retail stores for that good long underwear. **Rudy Fredrickson** is reported as winning the prize with his bright red longies.

A certain dispatcher that works (?) in the office at B-5, Group 60, delights in getting home each night after work so that he may get behind the stove to take off his shoes and light his corncob pipe, in order to enjoy the daily newspaper and also to tan himself some. If in doubt as to who it may be, contact **Mrs. Casimir J. Klafta**, Odell, Ill.

Corp. Robert Darrel Morrow, former EOP guard, who is stationed in Hawaii, sends greetings to all whom he knew on the EOP Guard force.

Pheasant season will soon be here and all the boys are wanting to take their vacations starting November 10. It is a good thing that pheasants are plentiful in Livingston County because three guards from that county are starting their vacation on the 10th, namely, **James Verdun, James Fitzpatrick** of Odell and **Robert Farrell** of Pontiac. It is also believed that **Sgt. Joseph Trecker** of Odell will accompany them the first day of the season. Anyone wanting a pheasant will probably get one by contacting one of these men.

Sherman F. Simpson is looking for cold storage locker space to keep his over-abundant supply of pheasants, taken while on vacation in Wisconsin.

Murray Livingston, usually on duty at the main gate, Group 60, has been in deep thought the past few days as to how he might pay his income tax for this year. He may have been thinking of raising hogs.

James C. Piercy seems to be quite content to be assigned permanently to Group 60 after brief visits throughout the area by squad car.

The outer gate squad men have had a more pleasanter smile this past week, since **Sgt. John L. Sullivan** has returned from a brief illness.

David Wayne Baker, Casimir J. "Spike" Klafta and **Paul W. Stacel** are a most energetic trio at Guard headquarters nowadays after receiving their dispatcher's rating.

Orval B. Barnfield had the misfortune to lose the tip of a little finger. Orval will be glad to give anyone first hand information on thawing out automobiles.

Three efficient corporals, **Joseph Noel**, formerly at Group 1, **William Bantner**, formerly at Group 2, and **Frank Pate**, formerly at front gate, Administration Area, have been promoted to sergeants. Congratulations go to them and to **Peter Lazar**, Group 1, and **Roy Fox**, Group 61, who were promoted to corporals.

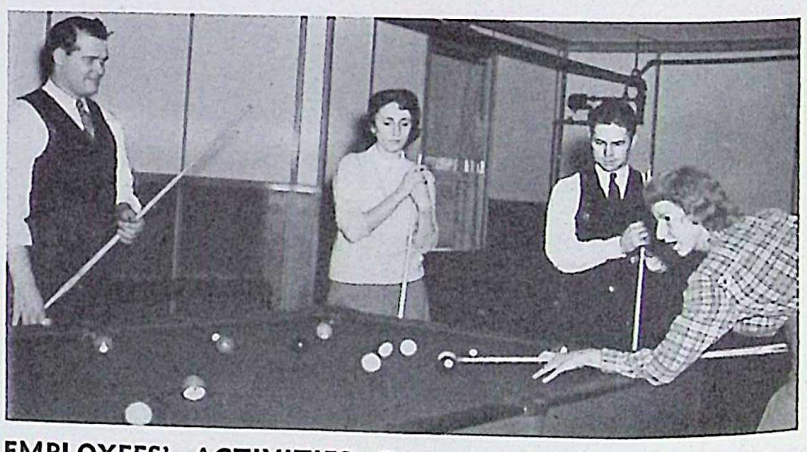
The next time you see one of the police women "dolled" up in a new gabardine topcoat, you'll know she's plenty warm and hasn't sacrificed a bit of style. The coats are exactly what every well-dressed woman guard not only should, but wants to wear.

If **Pauline Morrow** shed any tears of regret when she left the department a short while ago, she balanced them in smiles when she saw how happy all were to welcome her back last week.

A special school for women guards was held October 24 and it was reported successful by all. **Mr. Huey** spent several hours instructing them in how to be better qualified for their work. **Capt. John A. Hardy** lectured on military courtesy and discipline. He also conducted a period of drilling. **Mrs. Gladys Armstrong**, chief of women guards, explained the various group badges. **William Hartman**, head divisional inspector in the Fuse and Booster Area, explained the various parts of a shell. **I. S. Hawes** gave various pointers on safety and first aid.

Margaret Cosgrove, veteran woman guard, has left the force. Goodby was said also to **Bernice May** and the **Drassler** sisters, **Rose** and **Alice.**

Several new faces have been added to the force, including: **Beatrice Sondergaad**, Dwight; **Marjorie Bryant**, Morris; **Ruby Lantz**, Joliet; **Grace Day**, Kankakee; **Frances Dempsey**, Joliet; **Cecile Martin**, Aurora; **Marjorie Kelly**, Coal City, and **Evelyn Brooks**, Joliet.



EMPLOYEES' ACTIVITIES Committee officers, elected last week, shown here, left to right, are R. C. Wilhemi, vice chairman; Dorothy Murphy, treasurer; C. O. Finnegan, chairman, and Lucia Jane Pearson, secretary.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Many are in the dark wondering why **Frank Kachelhoffer** gave his wife her Christmas present early this year. Maybe he should be told that sending gifts this early pertains only to soldiers.

An 8-pound boy was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkins** October 22.

Stewart Anderson is rejoicing. Reason being, **Mrs. Anderson** is home recuperating from a recent operation.

Two popular fellows here are **Nelson Williams** and **Clarence Wells.**

Saturday, October 17, was a happy day for **Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeLong.** A brand new son was born to them. Baby and father are getting along fine.

Ailing have been **William Johnston** and **Joe Sullivan.**

Frequently heard are the names of **Kenneth Cox** and **Alvin Gansch,** who are in the armed forces. This proves that, though gone, they are not forgotten.

Paul Burke attended the funeral of his aunt, **Nora Burke.**

Dorothy Reynolds is recovering from a minor accident.

Frank Ariagno reports that his son, **Joe,** is stationed in camp in Nebraska.

Fred Colombo and **Don Morsch** are going through the procedure of enlisting in the Army Air Corps.

It would be nice if . . . a greater number would have had an opportunity to attend the Machinists' Convention—detailed information can be had from the Machinist Department or **Asst. Supt. H. O. Cadwell** . . . **Allen Mayes** could be convinced that, until further notice, men will handle the Oil Department . . . **Charles Hinz** wouldn't misplace important addresses . . . **John Kelly** learned that a match burns . . . you knew that **Wayne Howard** has a star boarder . . . all drove their cars like **Elmer Bergeson**—never over 25 m.p.h. . . . the reason were known why **Ralph McDowell** keeps saying "boy, can she cook!" . . . **Forrest Clatterbuck** knew how to keep his friends, **Lemuel Barnhart** and **Gilbert Morgan,** from arguing . . . **Ed Schellhorn** remembered that his car needed anti-freeze . . . it were possible to find out why **J. Condon** was so anxious to get home last week . . . next year **William Dooley** remembered to remove his awnings earlier . . . more were allowed to go to floor shows on their wedding anniversary—**Bill Brown** did, his wife was with him, of course . . . **Leo Blottiaux** didn't miss the bus . . . there were a chance of **Bob Hinz** going out with the boys more often . . . interested people knew that **Joel Johnston** doesn't work overtime any more . . . **Larry Baudino** taught others the new bends in angle iron . . . it were known how to explain that **Ray Ruffner** is here, but on vacation . . . an explanation were known as to why **Seward Brown** is a home boy lately . . . something could be written about **Harvey Steffes.**

Joe Motta attended the funeral, October 28, of his grandfather, **Thomas Motta,** retired Joliet merchant, who died October 26.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

"Something new has been added." Yes. . . Girls are now working on the loading line. They are doing their job well and seem to adapt themselves to their work like old timers. **Whitey Hall** is being very cautious. He has given up shaving to hide his charming face so as not to distract the girls' attention from their work. **Anton Sarheim** is now wearing a necktie every day and seems to spend much of his time in a certain section of Building 4. **Frank "Simon" Adams,** known as "Czar of the Nitrate," says if he can't have women working in his building, he is going to get them as riders. **Lloyd Zenor** is reserved in his talking for fear of expressing himself in the wrong language.

Edward Peterson, Carl Strickler, John Crowe and **Andrew Babb** have left to join the armed forces.

James Macon is the proud father of a new daughter, **Candace Lana.** Congratulations are sent to the proud parents.

Bob Helmick has turned promoter. His next card features a rematch of a little nurse from Bloomington and a Fuse and Booster miss.

Aurora Elmblade, nurse, complains of chill-blains. 'Tis said that going to bed with your shoes on doesn't help any.

The inter-group bowling league was suspended this week due to absence of pin-boys at the Recreation Building. The problem has been solved and play soon will be resumed.

Ned Bilesio and his gang seem to find plenty of work around Building 12. **Alonzo "Red" Buell** is all smiles as he passes the building.

James Snedden's moustache seems to be getting shorter every day. His reason, he said, for the trimming was that lip-stick does not wash off.

Supt. John J. Fitzpatrick is sure fire with his bow and arrow. Sharpening up for the hunting season, some say. He has expressed wonderment why there are so many visitors since the girls came to the group.

The following card of thanks was sent in by **Morris G. Sanders:**

"On behalf of my wife and myself, we wish to thank all the electricians and boys at Group 3-A for the thoughtfulness and good fellowship shown through the short illness and death of our daughter. As long as there is unity such as this among free men there will be no country nor any power big enough or strong enough to dictate to us or down us for we are Americans."

Joliet Training Courses Attract Many From Here

Similar Classes Of U. of I. to Start Soon in Kankakee

Extension courses of the University of Illinois available in Joliet have enrolled a number of EOP workers, according to a report submitted to **W. E. Canniff,** manager of operations and engineering, by **R. T. Read,** safety supervisor.

Similar courses are being started in Kankakee. EOP employees attending classes in Joliet include the following:

Safety Engineering

Edward L. Arnold, Charles A. Balch, Marino W. Califello, Ruth H. Chidsey, Vance W. Cook, Clifford W. L. Day, Paul H. Embick, Frank P. Floryan, Richard Hayes, Lt. Robert T. Johnson, Theresa J. Johnston, James W. Macon, Charles W. Marth, John L. McManus, Veranice M. Quade and **Leon J. Venturoni.**

Personnel and Industrial Relations

John M. Alexander, Nicola R. Altieri, Charles T. Anders, Albert O. Bailey, Lilla R. Clyne, Howard B. Hauze, John L. Jevitz, Margaret H. Kangley, William J. Leeland, George H. Long, John J. Machias, Helen L. McGinnis, Elmer C. Nesius, Carmen M. Oldani, Robert F. Peterson, Kathryn E. Reubart, James S. Simpson and **Frank J. Skoff.**

Fundamentals of Radio No. 1

Emory M. Akeman, Ronald D. Beck, Everett J. Brannberg, Raymond P. Brennan, Donald V. Butts, Clarence J. Coope, Frances M. Craig, Jesse Dorsey, Jr., Richard T. Foley, Fred W. Foster, Elinor L. Gudath, John T. Haigh, Jack I. Heller, Charles M. Howell, Raymond A. Hybarger, Lawrence D. Jack, Paul E. Jackson, Arnold J. Johnson, Bernard F. Kahn, Edith O. Kesich, Ray J. Lee, Alexander J. MacLellan, Stanford S. Maresh, Julean C. Meyer, Joseph A. Nicoletti, David Pearlman, Clarice C. Petrelli, Henry A. Risk, Helen Skumanich and **Edward G. Vaughan.**

Elements of Electrical Engineering

Alton O. Allison, Clyde A. Baker, Glen C. Baldwin, Charles B. Clifford, Norman A. Keck, Thaddeus J. Kowalski, Philip N. Lipson, Ray J. Rossi and **Edward F. Washburn.**

Metallurgy of Iron and Steel

Frank X. Crotty, Frank L. Rogel, Harold J. Rouff, Roy A. Scherer, Harvey A. Sessi, John C. Snyder, Ellis P. Steinberg, Albert Wainstock and **Lt. Dale A. Yeoman.**

Industrial Accounting "B"

Clare V. Johnson, Norman E. Long and **Frank W. Weithofer.**

Foundations of Engineering "A"

Ward L. Edwards, Gaylen E. Ford and **William C. Hartman.**

Office Management

Robert L. Cohen, Frances A. Graham, Sylvia A. Titrant and **Clara I. Wehner.**

Supervisory Training

Bernard O. Brickett and **Robert L. Irwin.**

Shift Meeting Held Within Group

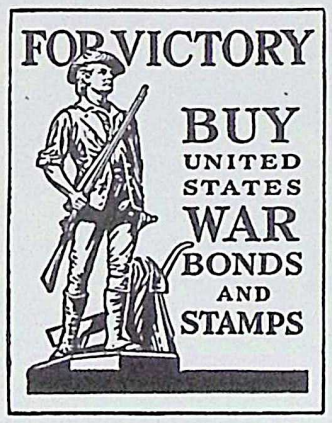
Group 3-A held the second of a series of group meetings at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, October 24. All the men of the second and third shifts were assembled in Building 3. A similar group meeting was held for the first shift October 27.

The general purpose of these meetings is to bring before the entire group at one time, topics of common interest, particularly those pertaining to production, shift changes and group safety problems.

Supt. John J. Fitzpatrick stressed that the necessary drain of men for the Army had made it necessary that these men be replaced by women. Women workers will not mean the loss of a job for any man now working in Group 3-A. The question of careful use of gloves, shoes and coveralls were also stressed as necessary war economy. He spoke very definitely of the value and necessity of good housekeeping and said, "We'll either get the bombs out, or the Japs will bomb us out."

Emory Akeman, speaking for the Safety Department, stressed the necessity of "Saving Manpower for Warpower," urging the men to guard every possible act which would result in an accident. Accidents become allies of the Axis. Friday we had only five first aid cases—four redressings and one headache. Quite a record! Let's keep it up."

Shifting from the field of safety to a pep talk, he closed by saying, "Group 3-A has a record of getting bombs out on time. Here in 3-A we can show to the three enemies of democracy that American free labor can and will produce more and better bombs—faster—than the peons of Europe and Asia. This can only be done with due regard and respect for safety. Safety saves time for production. It is our business not to be 'hit by, caught between or fall from objects.' Keep our accidents down and our production will go up."



BOMB LOADING girls of Group 3-A held quite a ceremony October 31 to elect Frances Biros as their queen and entry in the Miss Victory contest.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Group 3 has entered a bowling team in the Recreational League. Anyone in the group wishing to bowl or play basketball may get their name on the list by dropping a note with your name and clock number in one of *The Bomb-shell* boxes in the change houses.

There is on exhibit in Change House 20-A an excellent group of caricatures picturing **John "Red" Boucher, Jack Homel, George "Arky" Holland, Don Rister, Dick Green** and **Jimmie Ray** in their characteristic poses in Building 4.

Mr. Boucher and **Thomas Sprague,** foremen, are back at work after a brief illness.

The next time **Jim Fagan** hears a siren, he will pay more attention to the speedometer and less to the radio. It pays to learn.

Raising rabbits is getting to be quite a fad. **Edward "Tiger" Born** has some big enough to pull his garden plow around.

Among the boys who have gone to the armed forces (and the list may not be complete) are **Edward Ustaski, George Nelson, Stanley Buck, Francis Storm, Eugene Egizio, Kenneth Fendrick, Everett Weatherhead, Lawrence Hauser, Charles Sanders, Joseph Dvorak, Julie Lavazza, Harry Adams** and **Lewis Donaldson.** All are wished the best of luck.

Many stories of how wedding bliss has upset persons have been told but it seems **LaVern "Joe" Hohn,** timekeeper, is the hero of two of the best. First, one night Joe was out checking at the card racks; the last man from the line punched out. One card was left in the rack. Joe waited and waited and soon started to cuss the "so-and-so" who didn't come and clock out so he could take the cards into the Time Office. After a long wait, Joe finally decided to see who was holding things up. On second glance, Joe discovered it was his own card, for which he was waiting to be punched out. Of course, he must have had a good excuse for taking his cards in late to the Time Office.

Another day, last week, Joe almost emptied all the candy machines in the change house trying to satisfy his hunger. He couldn't figure out why he was still hungry after having spent all his money. When picking up his lunch bucket to go home, the weight of it reminded him that he had forgotten to eat his dinner. Seriously, the gang extend wishes for lots of luck and express the belief his new wife will straighten him out and see that he gets plenty of good meals.

Elden Flint should be commended for being the only person to post any news items in *The Bomb-shell* boxes. Surely, other people notice some happenings or sayings over a period of two weeks. They should be heard from.

Remember, anyone who is not receiving his copy of *The Bomb-shell* should drop a slip with his name, address and clock number (and a good news item) into *The Bomb-shell* box.

Former Employee Hailed as Climber

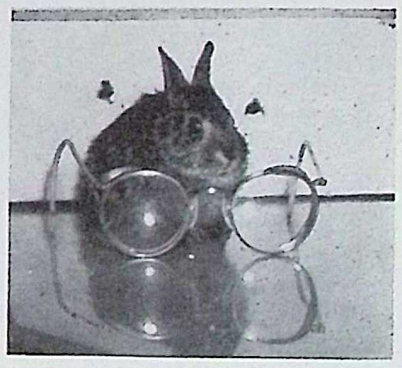
Under the heading "Japs Won't Be Safe in Trees," a newspaper in Banning, Calif., described a feat accomplished by **Pvt. Bill Woodard,** a former EOP employee and son of **John Woodard,** a foreman in the Electrical Department.

The story follows: "If Pvt. Bill Woodard ever chases a Jap up a tree when he gets into action, such a refuge won't do the Jap any good, for no matter how tall the tree is, Woodard will be able to go right up after him.

"That can be assumed, at least, from Bill's feat in Banning Saturday afternoon. The rope by which the flag at San Gorgonio Inn is hoisted came out of the pulley at the top of the 50-foot steel pole. Woodard, who had a room at the inn, learned about it and offered to climb the pole and put the rope back in place for **Mrs. Marian Bird Barbour,** owner of the inn.

"Mrs. Barbour wanted to take a picture of the pole climber while he was at work, but he went up the pole, hand over hand, put the rope through the pulley and was back down again before it would have been possible to get a focus on him—it was done in less than a minute. Woodard was formerly employed as a munition man at the Elwood Ordnance Plant in Elwood, Ill. It was there he learned to climb poles. He is now at Camp Young, in a Signal company, where his service as a pole climber should come in handy."

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard, who live at 916 South Richard Street, Joliet, have another son, **Jack,** who is in an Army camp in New Jersey and who is also a former EOP employee.



FRIENDS in Group 2 presented this tiny rabbit to Karl J. Ulrich, assistant safety supervisor, who immediately put safety goggles on it.

Leisure Program Here Praised By Chicago Editor

Recreation Congress Sees Visual Record Of EOP Activities

The fascinating story of how 36 million American families combined their effort in the nation's war program for victory was shown at the War Recreation Congress held recently in Cincinnati.

In a special article written for *The Bomb-Shell*, **J. W. Mullen**, editor of *The American Family* magazine, Chicago, praised the contribution of EOP to the visual presentation of the accomplishments of the American family in wartime recreation.

Discussing the pictorial display of the large news pictures, many of which were reprinted from *The Bomb-Shell*, Mr. Mullen said, "This proves that the recreation of the greatest American institution—the home—need not necessarily be a play program. The American people have turned their play into constructive activity. Men, women and children of our homes are bent upon one main objective—are using every working and leisure hour to one end—more and better production to keep 'em flying and shooting toward victory."

Elwood Plan Lauded

"We know that recreation is an essential even in wartime. The mind and body need change. The display shows how we have made the necessity of change serve the war effort. Thousands of ordnance workers enjoy daily a great variety of recreation activities, making for better fellowship and teamwork.

"These same people may often disagree, may in their homes fight among themselves, may go about their several businesses in normal times, but when attacked from without there is a unity of purpose which is fine and pregnant of possibilities never realized. At Elwood, in one of the largest war plants in the country, something constructive is being done about the play life of thousands of workers. They realize that war has suddenly and challengingly given play a new objective; its main product is no longer amusement, but diversion—a diverting of thought from tragedy and destruction—a replenishment.

"We recommend a study of the pictures of the Elwood Ordnance Plant, as an example of what can be done to make play productive in wartime. These workers are on the road to some real accomplishments: First, we believe they are building hope—getting some real fun out of life. Second, they are building health, mental and physical. Third, they are building character that can face the crises of life without disaster. We will not even speak of the enduring satisfaction they are building into their work, their community and their homes. We heartily endorse these play activities as a means to help us win military victory."

I Have Written a Poem

My Day

The telephone rang all that livelong day,
"Who were you calling? Mr. Brown? O.K.
I'll call the boss, just hold the wire."
(Now, she's got a voice that I really admire.)

"The condensers came in and are at 70-5,
Will someone please get them, c'mon, be alive.
Stop at Utilities on the way,
We have no maintenance blanks for today."

"Guard House calling—'expect a storm.'
I'd never believe it, Gene, it seems so warm.
I used to worry when the storm was here.
I'm reminded ahead of time now,
Who wanted Sunday off to work Monday instead,
Or was it Monday off and work Tuesday he said?
Better open the window, it surely is hot;
Boy, what a splitting headache I've got.

My gosh, is it really that late?
Better get my badge before we get to the gate.
Oh, get me a drink, I think I'll faint,
I thought I had my badge, but uh, uh, I ain't.

—**K. Richardson**
Radio Communications

You Back Us Up,
We'll Knock 'em Down

Verse:

A group of boys had volunteered for service across the sea
To do their bit for Uncle Sam, to fight for you and me.
The band was playing, the flags were waving, the crowds stood all about,
One volunteer held his head up high and the people heard him shout.

Chorus:

You back us up, we'll knock 'em down,
We can't help but win that way
We'll do our utmost just for you,
You must help to see us through.
We'll all do our part for Uncle Sam and the U. S. A.
You shoot 'em to us, we'll shoot 'em at them,
We'll both keep plugging night and day.
You buy your bonds, save your scrap, send us shot and shell,
We'll blast Berlin and Tokio, and blow those Axis plumb to—Well,
You back us up, we'll knock 'em down,
We'll dish it out in the good old Yankee way.

—**Walter Shaughnessy**
Group 1, Bldg. 13

Supplies

When you bring a requisition,
Put yourself in my position.
When you have a form number wrong,
We waste time, and take too long.

And if you want a pencil; here's the rub,
For a pencil, you must have a stub.
For ink when your pen is dry,
Bring a bottle for a refill on the fly.

Desk blotters are hard to get.
Have you turned it every which way yet?
Erasers are almost a thing of the past.
Make no mistakes, and it will last.

We are Scotch with tape, as you know.
Have you an empty dispenser? No!
When rubber bands are slightly wore,
Remember—there are no more.

We don't like to cut your list very much,
But there are others who need supplies and such.
This is just a little rhyme,
Try to remember, and save our time.

—**Earl W. Moline**
Stationery & Supplies

The Bomb-Shell

Take a closer look at this cute little toy.
Don't tell anyone, but it's the real McCoy!!!
WHOOOOPS—there, don't jar it in any way,
For if you do—your life is the pay.

I've read all of your papers thru and thru
And you're doin' a fine job for the Red, White and Blue.
Out here we all work hard and together
In rain or snow, in fact, all sorts of weather.

Let's keep it that way from here on out,
Then when it's all over we all can shout.
I sincerely hope you can *digest* this Bomb-Shell,
As I know we all do yours, so very well.

—**Martha G. Herrity**
Chief Telephone Operator

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Material Checker **Robert Grady**, who recently underwent a serious operation, is expected back soon.

Lester Patterson was a recent caller at the Hub. Although Pat was in a conversational mood, he refused to divulge any information as to where he got that bright red sweater he is wearing. **Al Kravitz** said he met Pat on Maxwell Street in Chicago last Sunday morning.

The Material Warehouse Department employees extend their sympathy to Material Checker **Joseph Horrell**, whose sister, **Mrs. Sadie Hadsel**, died October 24. Funeral services were held October 26 in St. Louis, Mo.

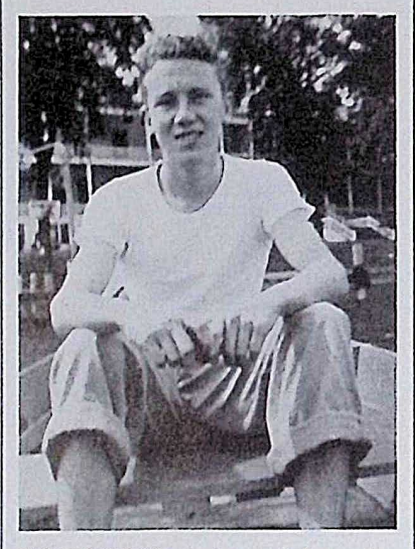
Robert Gulso is back on the job and reports he feels completely relaxed and ready for work. Bob spent an enjoyable week with his parents, who live at Mount Pulaski, Ill.

Gaylord Spies seems to be offering **Gerald Fitzgerald** some competition for the title, "Wrong day Corrigan." It seems Spies came to work on the wrong night.

Dave Sime, Government inspector, was seen walking down the railroad track the other day. When questioned as to why he was walking instead of riding Dave replied, "I've got to keep in fighting trim, looks like a bad case of *German goiter*."

Now that **Supt. Charlie Herbig** has become a first class driver, it's easy to imagine him gazing into a crystal ball, taking off from the Elwood Ordnance Plant in his helicopter on Saturday night and setting down in his own back yard in New York half an hour later. Of course this all happens in the world of tomorrow.

George Duren, Government inspector, is back at the Hub after a week's vacation spent in the Windy City. George has gained quite a reputation as an expert chessman.



COMPOSED and restful as pictured here, Dale E. Lorentzen, Stores and Transportation Department, now has a different pose since he joined the Navy Air Corps.

"Hello, was that Diesel number 42?
O.K., Dispatcher, we'll send out the crew.
It'll be at the Classification at half-past three?
Maybe the battery needs charging, our man will see."

"Radio Department, yes, this is she.
Requisition number again? Hold the wire, I'll see.
Yes, we received them on the 27th,
But the shipment was due on August 11th."

"Radio Shop calling Car 98,
Signal 1 when you get to Post 8."
"Mr. Brown, you're on the picnic committee,
You've 50 tickets to sell—what a pity."
"Oh, I'm s'posed to sell them? Oh, I see,
Fifty tickets—10 employees here—Gee!"

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Bob Milus returned to work Monday, wearing a ten-gallon hat and spurs that jingle jangle.

Henry O'Reilly said he noticed when old No. 144 came by, it not only smokes a lot but it choos.

Harlan Kadow has been spending homecoming day at Aroma Park for the last two days.

Willie "Torchy" Peebles came into the office with his vest pocket so filled with cigars and pencils, he looked like a small pipe organ.

Joe Green thinks that having got all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time now to get his faith lifted.

Scott Soper believes that high heel shoes must have been invented by a woman who was kissed on the forehead.

Art Voss remarked that a man should try praising his wife, even if it does frighten her at first.

Presley Hankins, historian, said that medieval customs hold sway on the main streets of America today. The man who tips his hat assures the person he meets that, in medieval language, he is removing his helmet and therefore has no fear, and when he extends his right hand he declares in the same tongue that his sword hand is free and that the other person need have no fear. The man who takes the outside when walking with another person perpetuates the spirit of protection that once was demanded in parlous times.

Lyle Safford was telling about a rolling pin throwing contest his wife won at a picnic last summer. She threw the rolling pin 57 feet. He did not mention that he won the 100 yard dash for married men.

Swan Sandahl was telling about a fish he had almost caught. "About the size of a whale, was it not? asked **Alvin Smerker**. "I was baiting with whales," answered Swan.

BELIEVE it or not, but both of these photographs are of Clifford Kidney, assistant foreman at Building 2, Group 61, although taken a few years apart.

Our Daily Work

The Guard Force
Is a wonderful place.
You wash your feet
And shave your face.
You try to keep clean
In every way.
You take a bath
Both nite and day.

You must get there
By a quarter after eight,
For if you don't,
You know that your late.
You rush thru the door
And down thru the hall;
You rush to your locker
Against the wall.

You reach for your key
Without any fuss,
When you find that it's gone,
You really do cuss.
You rush to the window
Like a dog in a fit.
The master key, Sir!
I'd like to get it.

You rush back like mad
And unlock the door;
Your uniform then
Falls to the floor.
You grab up the pants
And sock in your feet,
You pull them up
Snug on your seat.

You fasten your belt,
You grab for your cap,
You're not home now
Taking a nap.
To the squad room you go
With a nice easy stroll
And listen to the Corporal
Calling the roll.

Then to the bus
We all troop;
We are headed at last
To work in the Group.
With sternness the Corporal
Assigns all the Tramps.
You go to a tower,
A Gate or the Ramps.

While standing out there
On the ground so hard,
You happen to think
About your time card.
You failed on one thing
And now you feel blue;
You'll study and fret
All the day thru.

FOUR HOURS you'll get
For not taking your time
And punching your card
At the end of the line.
Three months have gone by
And this faithful Tramp
Has done nothing at all
But guard that damn ramp.

—**Arthur Briggs**
Guard, Group 1

Former Elwood Supervisor Now On Santa Fe Job

S. G. Joseph Heads S & P Dam Project In New Mexico

By D. S. Pelletier

Sanderson & Porter, in the midst of war and war work, is completing the design and constructing a water supply dam and reservoir on Santa Fe River in the canyon above Santa Fe, N. M. This work is being done for the New Mexico Power Company.

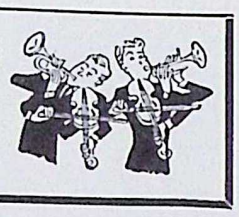
This dam is of the earth fill type, with low cutoff wall and puddle core, water being released from a control tower into a discharge conduit. Both tower and conduit are 5 feet in diameter. It is a comparatively small dam, 80 feet high, to impound about 70 feet of water. The maximum width of base is 469 feet with crest width of 30 feet; its maximum length is 622 feet. Some 175,000 cubic feet of fill is required for the dam, and it will impound about 250,000,000 gallons of water.

Available materials are sand and gravel, generally coarse, and it is not possible to construct this dam by the rolled fill method, but the impervious core must be made from fines washed from the sand and gravel shoulders.

The dam is being built at Elevation 7500, which makes a relatively short building season. The contract was signed June 26, 1942, thus giving a period of about five months in which to complete the project. Under normal circumstances this would be a simple matter, but under existing conditions it is quite a task.

This is a repeat performance, as in 1926 we built a similar dam *farther up the canyon. The first* job, known as Granite Point Dam, was built under the supervision of the late **R. V. Rosenbaum**, with the late **C. J. Kemery**, formerly superintendent of carpenters at EOP, as job superintendent. Also of interest to EOP folk is the fact that **S. G. Joseph**, also of Elwood fame, where he was superintendent of concrete, is job superintendent of the new project, which is known as Four Mile Dam. The work is being done for acceptance by **J. R. Snider**, president, New Mexico Power

Happy Birthday to You!



This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

November 9

Dorothy Bayliss, Group 7; **Walter Benjamin**, Group 3-A; **Charles Boys**, Group 5; **Mary Campbell**, Group 4; **Francis Camer**, Utilities; **Stephen Colfer**, Group 3; **George Corp**, Group 3; **M. R. Cryer**, Group 3-A; **Lyle De Grush**, Group 1; **Helen Deibert**, Group 4; **Harry Dietz**, Utilities; **Everett Elson**, Utilities; **Kenneth Estes**, Inert Storage; **Virginia Fellows**, Group 9; **James Fitzgerald**, Utilities; **Henry Fritz**, Utilities; **Fred Gabel, Jr.**, Group 1; **M. D. Goodendorf**, Group 9; **Tillie Hanson**, Group 8; **William Holgsted**, Group 1; **Janet Hultz**, Group 5; **Gordon Humphrey**, Group 1; **Mae Johnson**, Group 9; **Irene Kolar**, Group 9; **Ethel Krug**, Group 9; **Phillip Lavoie**, Utilities; **Fred Legris**, Accounting; **William Leufken, Jr.**, Utilities; **Robert Magee**, Accounting; **Angeline Mancuso**, General Office; **James McGrath**, Group 1; **Joseph Miller, Jr.**, Group 1; **Andre Mongeau, Jr.**, Group 1; **Evelyn Moore**, Group 4; **Lawerence Oakly**, Group 3; **George Peecher**, Group 4; **Frank Porterfield**, Guards; **Mary Reese**, Group 7; **William Rick**, Group 7; **Edward Stonich**, Guards; **Joseph Swartz**, Utilities; **Anna Thomas**, Accounting; **Bessie Wilson**, Group 6; **Charles Younker**, Utilities.

November 10

Everett Andrew, Utilities; **Gladys Armstrong**, Women Guards; **Earl Booth**, Group 3-A; **Anna Budzinski**, Group 1; **John Clark**, Accounting; **John Carpenter**, Group 3; **Audrey Deiss**, Personnel; **Sylvia Drazy**, Group 9; **Sylvia Dryanski**, Group 5; **Raymond DuClos**, Ordnance; **Emma Fenill**, Group 4; **Louis Ferranti**, Utilities; **William Gerencher**, Group 1; **Thomas Hall**, High Explosives; **John Heitzman**, Watchman; **Eugene Hillman**, Utilities; **Dorothy Howell**, Group 4; **Vincent Jones**, Utilities; **James Kaye**, Utilities; **John Kelly**, Group 2; **Earl McElroy**, Utilities; **Joseph Myatt**, Group 1; **Charlotte O'Donnell**, Group 4; **George Pilcher**, Group 3; **Alice Rohloff**, Group 9; **Carl Sannito**, Utilities; **Byron Severns**, Group 3-A; **Beulah Smith**, Group 7; **Dorothy Sommer**, Group 9; **Richard Tinker**, Group 5; **Bernice Unwin**, Ordnance; **Corliss Van Meter**, Group 2; **Helen Walick**, Group 7; **Vernon Walsmith**, Group 2; **Lila Williams**, Group 8; **Rudy Wirth**, Group 1.

November 11

Alpha Allen, Group 6; **Ralph Berquist**, Group 3; **E. C. Bettenhausen**, Group 1; **Edward Bouhl**, Group 1; **Lydia Bruens**, Group 9; **Henry Bukoski**, Utilities; **Mildred Chaloupka**, Group 4; **Dean Chatham**, Group 2; **Louis Cohn**, Group 1; **Clifford Crosby**, Guards; **Lester DeBolt**, Utilities; **Joyce Delaney**, Group 7; **Beulah Dixon**, Group 4; **Theresa Drancik**, Group 7; **Anita Dupuis**, Group 9; **Rita Dupuis**, Group 8; **Ethel Erickson**, Group 1; **Joseph Fazio**, Inert Storage; **John Feely**, Group 3-A; **LaVere Gaisford**, Group 3; **Martin Glavan**, Utilities; **Mabel Glenn**, Group 7; **Guy Hails**, Group 3; **John Herbert**, Watchmen; **Charles Hill**, Utilities; **Sophia Janisco**, Group 7; **Woodrow Keller**, Utilities; **Pearl Kent**, Group 6; **Bernard Klimek**, Materials and Stores; **Joseph Legerski**, Group 1; **Henry Malcor**, Utilities; **Margaret Martin**, Group 6; **Robert McMahon**, Group 3; **Fred Metsch**, Utilities; **Stuart Moloney**, Fire Department; **Ivan Nelson**, Utilities; **Andrew Pomatto**, Group 2; **John Purcell**, Accounting; **Francis Rabe**, Utilities; **Pauline Ryan**, Ordnance; **Henry Schafer**, Group 6; **Victoria Scutri**, Ordnance; **James Smith**, Group 3-A; **Mary Smith**, Group 9; **Catherine Stadler**, Group 5; **Edith Stakler**, Group 9; **Scott Starts**, Group 1; **Harry Swartz**, Guards; **Rosemary Veach**, Accounting; **William Watt**, Group 5.

November 12

Howard Barclay, Purchasing; **Joseph Basinger**, Group 4; **Eleanor Fisher**, Group 8; **Mary Glavan**, Group 5; **Verne Golding**, Group 9; **Opal Hall**, Group 4; **Walter Hankey**, Group 1; **Helen Harbison**, Women Guards; **Louis Hedstrom**, Guards; **Frank Kelly**, Group 1; **Samuel Martin**, Utilities; **Mike Matuszewski**, Utilities; **Irene Morris**, Timekeeping; **Ruth Palm**, Ordnance; **Dagny Patterson**, Group 5; **Rose Ponzi**, Group 9; **Dora Rabideau**, Group 9; **Veronica Roemer**, Group 8; **Leslie Schewe**, Utilities; **Richard Scoulda**, Utilities; **Harriet Sokolinski**, Group 9; **Winnie Stewart**, Ordnance; **Robert Tatro**, Group 1; **Nora Timoney**, Group 5; **David Thomas, Jr.**, Inert Storage; **Dyer Vaillancourt**, Utilities; **Melvin Viano**, Group 1; **John Weakman, Jr.**, Group 1; **Ethel Williams**, Group 7; **Fred Young**, Group 3-A; **William Zahrastnik**, Utilities.

November 13

Stanley Borowski, Group 3-A; **Albert Brosseau**, Group 61; **Charles Carlson**, Group 3; **Cushman Davis**, Inert Storage; **Franklin Dupis**, Fire Department; **Marie Endrst**, Group 8; **Henry Gergovich**, Group 3; **Charlotte Goodwin**, Group 9; **Thomas Hinton**, Utilities; **Loren Horrie**, Group 61; **Cassen Hummels**, Utilities; **Helen Kammermans**, Group 4; **Roy LaCost**, Group 9; **Leslie Leasure**, Group 3; **Martin Logsdon**, Group 1; **Edmond Martin**, Group 1; **Erma Motta**, Group 9; **Betty Lou Page**, Ordnance; **Edna Peterson**, Group 9; **Carlos Richards**, Utilities; **Claude Riddle**, Inspection; **John Stanley**, Group 1; **Homer Thanasse**, Group 1; **Helen Tusek**, Accounting; **Robert Wilson**, Group 1.

November 14

Irene Baker, Group 6; **Lois Benchley**, Group 4; **Peter Bollino**, Inert Storage; **Reita Byrnes**, Group 4; **George Carter**, Group 2; **Albert Cerutti**, Group 3-A; **Florence Clark**, Group 9; **James Cook**, Group 1; **Warren Fast**, Group 2; **Howard Fleming**, Group 3; **Guy Gagnier**, Group 3-A; **Nick Hoffman**, Utilities; **Joseph Jordan**, Inert Storage; **Paul Kokas**, Group 1; **John Kozar**, Group 1; **Henry LaMontague**, Group 6; **Florence Larrigan**, Group 1; **Kenneth Lowery**, Guards; **Helen Mandzuk**, Group 70; **Bernadette Menard**, Group 9; **Phillip Palmer**, Group 1; **Betty Pepin**, Group 5; **James Pritchard**, Guards; **Arthur Ricketts**, Inspection; **Roxanna Seering**, Group 9; **Hilda Schmann**, Plant Protection; **Earl Short**, Guards; **William Sims**, Utilities; **Elizabeth Sinkovec**, Group 8; **Ben Sloan**, Timekeeping; **Alice Sousy**, Group 9; **Imogene Tennant**, Group 1; **John Vidmar**, Utilities; **James Weaver**, Group 3-A; **Ray Whipple**, Group 1; **Ralph Withrow**, Group 1; **James Zambone**, Utilities.

November 15

Doris Ballard, Group 9; **Julian Collins**, Group 3-A; **Lloyd Combs**, Timekeeping; **Edith Daugharty**, Group 9; **G. P. Edwards, Jr.**, Group 3; **Steve Gruber**, Group 7; **Lowell Hansen**, Group 3-A; **Harold Hodam**, Group 1; **Floyd Hoffman**, Group 3; **Anna Korevec**, Group 9; **Harry Mahr**, Group 7; **Hugh Mailloux**, Utilities; **Geraldine Martell**, Group 8; **Donald McCowan**, Group 5; **William McLean**, Group 1; **Charles Moore**, Group 3; **Charles Patton**, Group 1; **Gottlieb Plock**, Guards; **Sam Rapp**, Group 1; **Joseph Reed**, Group 3; **Margaret Surprenant**, Group 6; **Joseph Tyrz**, Inert Storage; **Mae Willis**, Inert Storage.

November 16

Eugene Benfield, Group 7; **George Besore**, Group 1; **Vernice Collette**, Ordnance; **Thomas Decker**, Accounting; **William Dickey**, Utilities; **Marcus Durando**, Utilities; **Edgar Engle**, Group 3-A; **Alice Feldman**, Group 7; **Hulda Gaffey**, Group 7; **Edith Gansert**, Ordnance; **Pauline Gibson**, Group 5; **Stephen Gonda**, Group 3; **Alice Graham**, Group 9; **James Gunning**, Group 2; **I. E. Hambleton**, Group 61; **Joseph Hatzer**, Group 3; **Elizabeth Hengl**, Group 5; **Robert Hynds**, Group 3; **Bertha Kempke**, Group 9; **August Kouchoukos**, Utilities; **Martin Knowles**, Fire Department; **Thelma Larson**, Group 1; **James Limer**, Group 1; **Lawrence McKeon**, Group 2; **Albert Mendt**, Inert Storage; **Leon Olson**, Utilities; **David Peterson**, Watchman; **Marion Pickens**, Guards; **Charles Randall**, Group 3; **Myrtle Smith**, Group 9; **Ruth Starkman**, Group 7; **Pauline Tira**, Group 8; **Philip Towner**, Group 1; **Harold Turner**, Inspection; **Walter Willey**, Group 1; **Russell Wynkoop, Jr.**, Group 2; **Geraldine Zimmerman**, Group 4.

November 17

Randall Bowman, Group 3; **Peter Brachle**, Watchman; **Kenneth Cargle**, Utilities; **Thomas Cerre**, Guards; **Rosalie Crandall**, Group 1; **Catherine Gorey**, General Office; **John Heavens**, Ordnance; **Raymond Herbert**, Inspection; **John Hill**, Group 61; **Marie Jerbi**, Group 7; **Alice Lafond**, Group 5; **Bernadette Lamie**, Group 7; **Charleen Lewis**, Group 5; **Eugene McAllister**, Inspection; **Marie Memenga**, Group 7; **Marry Messamore**, Group 5; **Donald Nelson**, Group 3-A; **Raymond Pauley**, Group 1; **Grace Ross**, Group 6; **Rudolph Sandine**, Guards; **Fern Schoon**, Group 7; **Charles Shipp**, Group 3; **Frank Shurte**, Watchman; **Irwin Smith**, Group 2; **Arthur Spaulding**, Group 2; **Dorsey Thompson**, Utilities; **Leslie Varvel**, Group 7; **Helen Wheeler**, Group 5.

November 18

Farris Bales, Group 2; **Ester Barrowman**, Group 5; **William Biggins**, Guards; **William Bishop**, Accounting; **George Bittle**, Group 3; **Mary Blatnik**, Accounting; **Harry Borchelt**, High Explosives; **Lee Bryson**, Utilities; **Samuel Briones**, Group 7; **John Burford**, Group 7; **Roy Carpenter**, Group 6; **Harold Chapmen, Jr.**, General Office; **Elizabeth Claudin**, Group 5; **Lila Corrie**, Group 5; **Joseph Davito**, Accounting; **Pauline Griffith**, Group 9; **Roy Hazel**, Group 1; **Elmer Hinds**, Group 8; **Eugene Hunt**, Group 2; **Leonard Johnson**, Group 2; **L. J. Kearns, Jr.**, Group 2; **Oscar Margaron**, Group 6; **Frances Meditz**, Group 6; **Lewis Miner, Jr.**, Ordnance; **Sally Plus**, Group 4; **John Ryan**, Fire Department; **Lucion Shaffer**, Group 2; **Henru Schelling**, Utilities; **Fred Schlipf, Jr.**, Group 2; **James Smith**, Group 2; **Harold Stark**, Ordnance; **Catherine Stortz**, Ordnance; **Lillian Vodacek**, Group 5; **Abraham Watkins**, Inert Storage; **Eunice Young**, Group 5.

November 19

William Baysinger, Group 7; **Ann Behun**, Group 4; **Chales Berro**, Materials and Stores; **Willard Campton**, Utilities; **Salvatore Cimino**, Maintenance; **Ethel Connor**, Auditing; **Thomas Conroy**, Utilities; **Joseph Corneglio**, Utilities; **Frank DeMarco**, Utilities; **Eloise Erdmann**, Group 7; **Bohdan Giel**, Hospital; **Margaret Lundquist**, Personnel; **Mary Rose Kane**, Labor Distribution; **Benjamine Minor, Jr.**, Group 61; **Charles O'Conner, Jr.**, Group 61; **Thomas Riordan**, Utilities; **Irving Rosenthal**, Utilities; **Alvin Stein**, Group 3-A; **Mary Stiglis**, Group 8; **Jerelene Swift**, Group 1; **John Thompson**, Utilities; **Domenic Vacca, Jr.**, Utilities; **Marion Virgo**, Group 4; **Earl Whipple**, Utilities.

November 20

Charles Anderson, Utilities; **Muriel Anschicks**, Group 4; **Ann Arseneau**, Group 9; **Wyatt Bates**, Inert Storage; **Benjamin Briggs**, Group 7; **Gladys Carner**, Group 5; **Helen Dulany**, Group 7; **Marie Dulka**, Group 4; **Lola Fermazin**, Ordnance; **W. N. Floroplus**, Group 7; **Wilert Foss**, Group 61; **Hazel Gleason**, General Office; **Glenn Hoke**, Group 2; **Myrtle Homberg**, Group 5; **Norman Hufford**, Group 1; **Harriet Kosinski**, Group 5; **Lydia Lustfeldt**, Group 9; **Samuel McGee**, Utilities; **Louis Miller**, Utilities; **James Morey**, Group 61; **Velma Morris**, Group 8; **Rita Padden**, Group 4; **Kate Skorup**, Group 6; **William Slimack**, Group 1; **Murrell Smith**, Guards; **Frank Steiner**, Utilities; **Eunice Stroh**, Utilities; **Irvin Vench**, Guards; **George Virden**, Group 7; **Pauline Vismara**, General Office; **Frank Wainwright**, Utilities; **Clarence Wesoloski**, Utilities.

November 21

Helen Albrecht, Group 5; **Herman Ascher**, Inspection; **Irene Bertrand**, Group 9; **Mary Bick**, Group 4; **Clarence Brackney**, Utilities; **Paul Brannon**, Group 5; **James Brockett**, Group 1; **Edward Brougham**, Utilities; **Marion Bruggeman**, Group 4; **William Christesen**, Group 2; **C. A. Christiansen**, Group 1; **Roscoe Combs**, Utilities; **Ethel Cooley**, Ordnance; **Michael Dejanovich**, Utilities; **James Drew**, Timekeeping; **Paul Farmer**, Group 3-A; **Isla Geeding**, Group 6; **Vera Gullberg**, Group 5; **Jack Hare**, Utilities; **Helen Harris**, Group 4; **Donald Harroun**, Group 3; **Davis Hougham**, Utilities; **Oscar Jenkins**, Utilities; **Eman Kaiser**, Group 9; **Michael Delly**, Ordnance; **Kenneth Kemp**, Group 3; **John Lagen**, Utilities; **Hector LeClaire**, Group 1; **Marie Leve**, Group 7; **Floyd Marshall**, Group 4; **Casame Mitchell**, Group 1; **Ewald Miller**, Group 1; **Edward Pekar**, Group 3; **Hazel Pierce**, Group 9; **Kathleen Poutre**, Group 5; **Dorothy Reknu**, Group 6; **Robert Ronds**, Group 3; **John Robinson**, Utilities; **William Scanlan**, Fire Department; **Burthel Shouse**, Group 1; **William Smith**, Group 4; **Eva Swartz**, Group 7; **Anton Togliatti**, Group 3; **Robert Wylis**, Group 1; **Ardis Yarding**, Group 4.

November 22

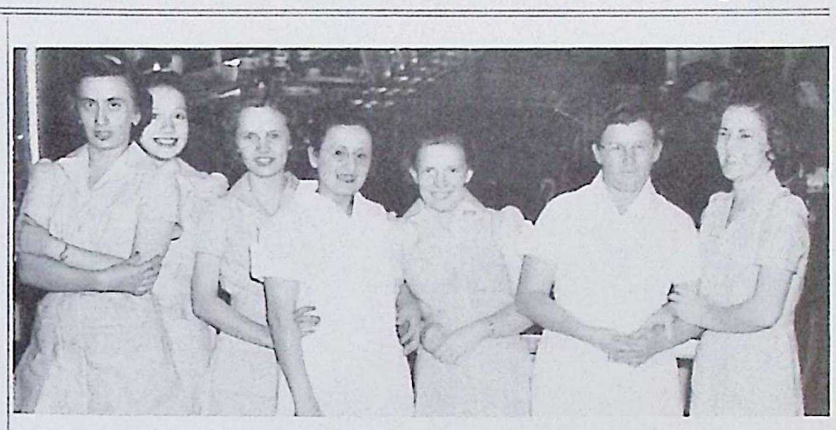
Harry Allen, Timekeeping; **Mae Belle Anderson**, General Office; **Alfred Andreasen**, Group 3-A; **Kathryn Beeley**, Group 9; **Charles Brennan**, Materials and Stores; **Melvina Brockman**, Group 4; **Johanna Burke**, Group 9; **Clarence Crossen**, Watchmen; **Richard Dean**, Ordnance; **Harold Edmundson**, Utilities; **Raymond Emiley**, High Explosives; **Mildred Evans**, Group 7; **Wilma Fawver**, Group 4; **R. P. Fitzgerald**, High Explosives; **Harold Flanigan**, Ordnance; **Dominic Frangella**, Utilities; **Shirley Grassle**, General Office; **Arthur Green**, Watchmen; **Helen Guorn**, Group 5; **Jeanette Jackson**, Group 6; **Edward Kelley**, Group 1; **George Louln**, Guards; **Glenn Nesbit**, Group 4; **John Ney**, Ordnance; **James Nohelty**, Utilities; **George Olson**, High Explosives; **Timothy Reilly**, Group 1; **Vera Rhind**, Group 9; **Warrick Ridenour**, Group 8; **Mary Ruder**, Group 1; **Eugene Schuck**, Accounting; **Samuel Shepley**, Group 1; **Leona Smith**, Group 6; **Ada Thomas**, Group 6; **Celia Tomasik**, Group 9; **Catherine Tomlianovich**, Ordnance; **Amanda Williams**, Group 7; **Cecilia Wheeler**, Group 4.

Recreation Plans Call for Participation

More than 40 bowling teams will soon be in serious action and competition on the EOP alleys, meetings have been held with **Eddie Murphy** and plans are for three leagues of about 12 teams each, according to their team averages, to be set-up and play will start immediately.

The twenty-six entries in the Horseshoe tournament are dodging the weather to play off their games as fast as possible. One of the outstanding players is **Henry Pointkowski** of the Building Maintenance Department, the 67-year-old player that throws an average of 8 out of 10 ringers. Fire Station 3 has the largest list of entries.

John Kusinski is lining up a real basketball team for the Industrial League in Joliet and Kankakee, building his team around a man new to this territory, **"Slim" Clark**, 6 feet 9½ inches tall, formerly with University of Tennessee. He also has other outstanding players. Groups 62 and 70 will both have strong teams and will continue the feud that they started with their softball teams.



CAFETERIA WORKERS also have a job to do in an ordnance plant. Those shown here, left to right, are Rosemary Whall, Theresa Trussa, Marjorie Olson, Kitty Blinstrit, Marie Connett, Grace Harlan and Lillian Sitton.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

All members of the Fire Department are busy co-operating with the recent request to conserve on plant electricity and they are looking for some suitable stories to accompany the subsequent dim-out periods. The chosen name for these tales is "Dim-out Ditties from Distinguished Derelicts," and will embrace discussions on the finer arts, true experiences (no proof demanded), embarrassing moments, bright sayings of the in-laws (proof demanded), tales of the hunt, etc. **Chief R. W. Mortenson** has been named head censor and bouncer and a collection is being made to send him to the Big Smokies at the correct time. If the venture proves successful, any interested outsider may obtain 3 or 400 complimentary tickets from **Lola Early** for one pint of Tail-spin a request. It is hoped to create a spirit of good fellowship, not only among the firemen, but with anyone else in the plant who cannot make connections with Mr. Anthony, Beatrice Fairfax or the many fortune tellers in the adjacent towns.

Hedy Lamarr: "And what is your age, Wonder Boy?"

Frank Scoma: "4F, my pet."

Now that the fox has been tamed by the boys at Central Fire Station, it was decided to go after bigger game. To the surprise of everyone, a "wolf" is now being tamed. According to its trainers, a better job can be done if a larger collar were purchased. They say the fox had a smaller neck than the chief clerk (**Stuart Moloney**).

The boys at Station 3 had been missing silverware lately, but the culprit was found and apprehended through kangaroo court. **Frank I. Goldenstein** doesn't like **John Harbison** as an attorney.

James Livengood says his wife makes the best jelly rolls in the state.

Charley Hendrickson is all smiles lately—daughter and **Mrs. Hendrickson** are doing very nicely.

Any of the boys wanting hunting tips should contact **Henry Stege** at Station 3.

John Watkins has given up the horses for checkers—profits are the same.

Anyone wishing to secure a ring as a birthday present should learn the proper technique from **Robert Connelly**.

The other day Chief Mortenson went on one of those "all Quacks and no Waacs" hunting trips. His partner, **Charles Davis**, had much the better luck on the excursion, as Charlie's catch for the day amounted to one decoy.

A farewell dinner was given for **Len Jessen**, who is on his way to earn a pair of silver wings. Len was presented with a gold badge.

The boys in the department are anxious to hear from all of their ex-mates who are in the armed services. Every letter received will be answered immediately.

Sir Walter Raleigh had nothing on **Kenny Brooke**. "Squeaky" uses his coat to thaw out the gals' radiators, but refuses to split on any rewards received.

Tomorrow

"Over There," across the Pond,
They're fighting "teeth and skin,"
While "over here," we're fighting, too,
For victories, that will win.

For this is the War to end all Wars,
That begin with dissatisfaction,
And anyone greedy, selfish and cruel,
Will be crushed in this last demolition.

So now you see why we are here—
To "back" our boys over there,
The EOP's just one of them,
But we're here to do our share.

So have no doubt, it may take time,
But we'll take it in our stride,
Before they know what they're up against
We'll have stemmed the yellow tide.

—**Harryette Werling**

Group 8, Bldg. 11

The EOP Guide Post

SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT • BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Riders Wanted—From Kankakee for steady day shift, preferably from Group 9. Call **Gene Center**, Group 9, Line 3138.

Riders Wanted—From north or west side of Chicago. See **Harry Sugarman**, Group 1, Building 10, Bay 1.

Riders Wanted—Leave Chicago at 6:00 a.m. from 74th and Morgan streets by the way of Southwest highway. Will carry two or three passengers. Call **William Weitzel**, Aberdeen 8554.

Found—Pair of glasses. Stop at Room 9, Building 73-3, Richards Farm, or call Line 3180.

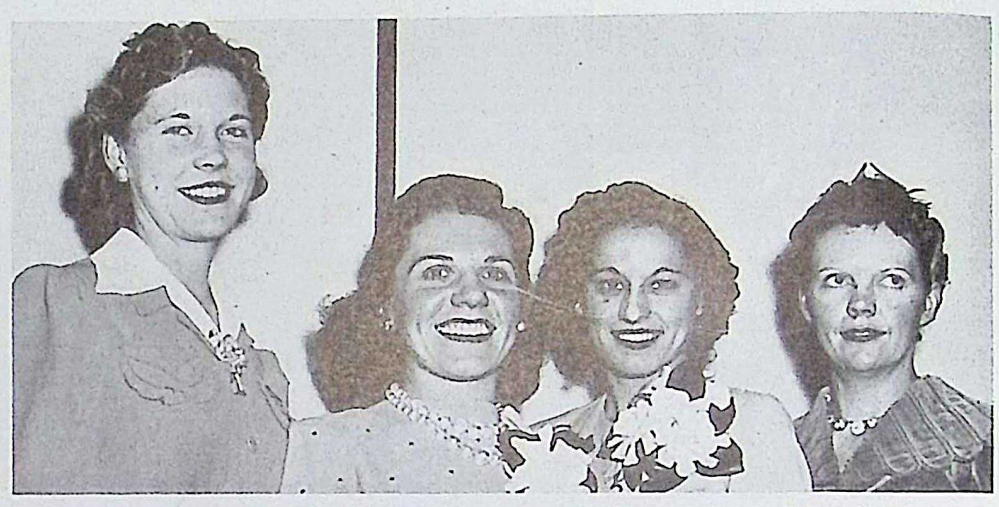
Lost—Man's gold wedding ring on October 27. Initials "I. U. to E. G." and "12-28-41" appear on the inside of band. Call Line 3142.

Riders Wanted—Or alternate driving in vicinity of Elmhurst, Villa Park, Lombard or Glen Ellyn, Ill. Shift work. Call **Edward Egan**, Group 2, Line 2162 or 3296.

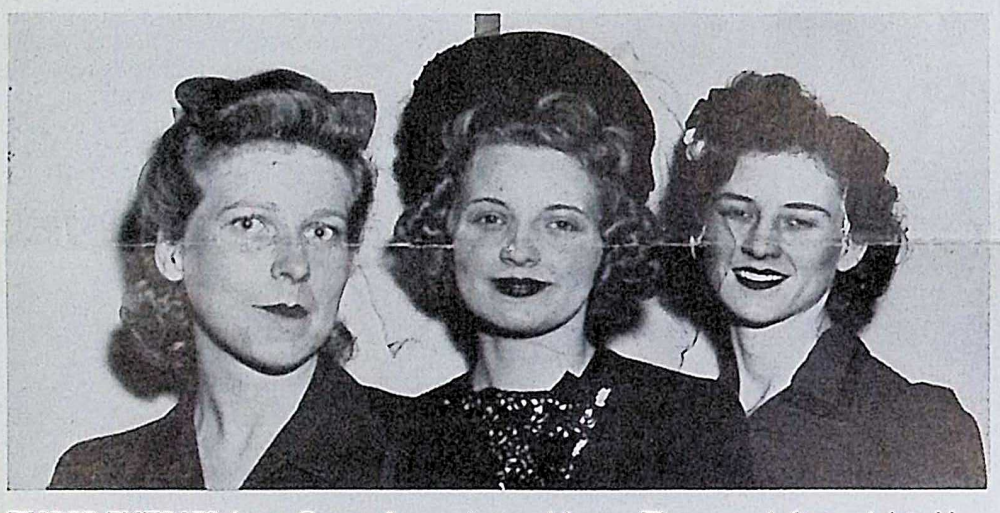
PICTURED left to right are Dorothy Connors, Group 6; Norma Castle, Group 8; Iona Calhoon, Group 7, and Betty Palmer, Group 6.

SHOWN HERE left to right are entries from Group 9; Catherine Gorman, Virginia Anderson, Amy Redington and Edith Klenz.

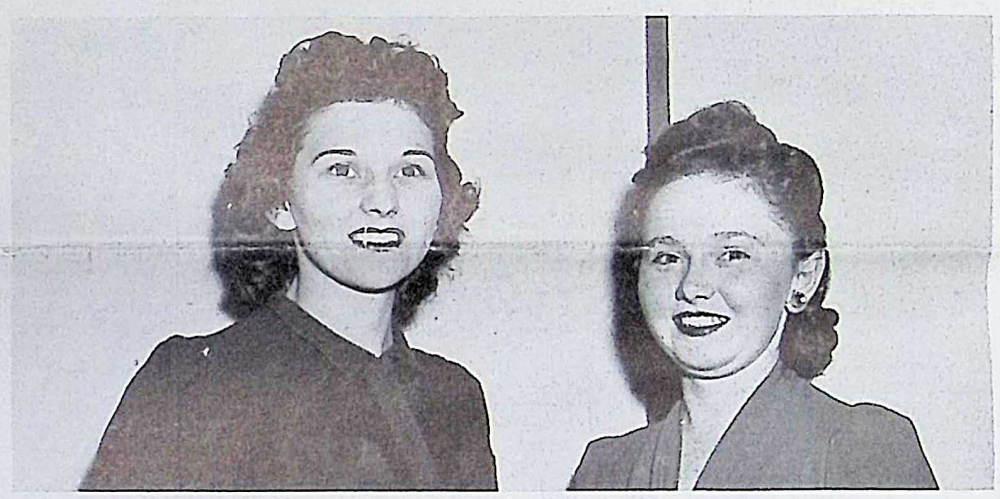
FOUR ENTRIES were selected by Group 1. Shown here, left to right, they are Ruth Barr, Betty Jensen, Mary Danser and Wanda Merritt.



FUZE AND BOOSTER entries included, left to right, Virginia Andreasen, Group 5; Ann Grobarcik, Julia Corzan and Rouray Stinson, all of Group 7.



THREE ENTRIES from Group 4 are pictured here. They are, left to right, Harriet Porter, Maxine Enger and Ruth Sanderson.



WAR DEPARTMENT entries included the two girls shown here, Betty Stalzer (left) and Betty Ross, who is one of the first mail delivery girls employed here.

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General Groves, Who Spoke Here, Knows EOP Well

Numerous Visits And Conferences Mark Relations

By Harrison Smith

Brig. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, whose photograph and inspiring message to the workers of Elwood Ordnance Plant appear in adjoining columns, is intimately acquainted with personnel and progress of EOP and *The Bomb-Shell* takes pleasure in presenting a story of his career and activities for the information of employees.

Many of our readers were present when General Groves addressed Elwood Ordnance Plant workers October 16, 1941, on the occasion of the flag raising ceremony and barbecue, in celebration of the completion of Group 1 Loading Line. General Groves consented to make this address despite the heavy duties of his office, which do not usually include the making of public addresses. But whatever General Groves does, he does well, as evidenced by his outstanding address, remembered by all so fortunate as to have heard it.

The Office of the Chief of Engineers has the responsibility for discharging so many duties that the mere enumeration of them would require an extended article. As applying to Elwood Ordnance Plant, however, it may be stated briefly that in December, 1941, the Office of the Chief of Engineers took over from the Office of the Quartermaster General the direction of construction of this plant and all plants of similar character.

In December, 1940, shortly after his assignment to the Construction Division, Office of Quartermaster General, General Groves visited

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Huge Scrap Total Obtained in Drive

Iron and steel scrap, totaling 213,120 pounds, has been accumulated since the start of the war salvage drive October 9 at EOP, according to a report by **Hugh S. Robb**, superintendent of salvage. Copper wire totaled 9,520 pounds. Scrap lead amounted to 1,760 pounds.

These accumulations are in addition to the regular salvage operations and represent contributions from individuals as well as operating groups.

Residents within the EOP area and employees of the Cafeteria have been asked to aid the salvage drive by saving tin cans regularly. A special bulletin requested that the empty cans be cleaned, flattened and placed in a box near garbage containers for pick-up by the garbage disposal crew. Pick-ups will be consolidated at the Salvage Yard for shipping.

Plant to Observe Thanksgiving Day

All departments will suspend operations on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 1942, except for personnel required for the protection of plant and property.

W. E. Canniff, Manager,
Engineering and Operations

". . . Elwood mark spells death and destruction . . ."

BRIGADIER GENERAL LESLIE R. GROVES
Deputy Chief, Construction Division, Office, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army

An Important Wartime Message to the Builders And Workers of the Elwood Ordnance Plant

"SCARCELY MORE than one year ago I had the honor and privilege of addressing you on the occasion of the flag-raising at the Elwood Ordnance Plant. The shadow of the world-wide war against which we were preparing at breakneck speed was already upon us. Less than two months after that colorful, patriotic ceremony, the flag we so proudly raised October 16, 1941, was under the fire of a treacherous and ruthless foe.

"We were talking mostly about Hitler in those days. When the first blow fell, however, it came from one of his stooges —Japan, a nation with which we were on supposedly friendly terms. But that is now history—an infamous chapter that time will but magnify with the passing years.

"What counts is the fact that when December 7, 1941, arrived, the great plant you constructed with such speed and efficiency, had been in production several months and was already supplying our own troops and those of our allies with the shells and ammunition for which it was designed and built. We needed them sooner than we thought—and you had them ready!

"I recall saying at our ceremonies a year ago:

No one knows what the future holds in store. We all read the war news in our daily newspapers. The totalitarian nations and their allies will assuredly not hesitate to gang up on us if England and Russia do not stop Hitler in Europe. America may be placed in extreme military peril at any moment. When we need the shells you

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Six EOP Girls In "Miss Victory" District Finals

32 of 36 Plant Entries Appear Before Judges

(Picture on Page 12)

Six girl war workers from the Elwood Ordnance Plant entered the district finals in the search of the Chicago *Herald-American* for "Miss Victory." They were scheduled to compete with 34 other girls from numerous war plants for the title at Aragon ballroom in Chicago Thursday night, November 19.

The six finalists are **Betty Foster** and **Maxine Enger** of Group 4, **Betty Jane Jensen** and **Mary Danser** of Group 1, **Erva Willford** of Utilities Department and **Dorothy Connors** of Group 7.

These six and four others were selected from approximately 150 girls who appeared before the newspaper's judges at the Hotel Sherman Sunday night, November 15. Thirty-six EOP girls were selected by employees at the Hallowe'en frolic to represent the plant in the contest to name a typical girl war worker as "Miss America."

Thirty-two of them were escorted to Chicago by **George F. Bent**, chairman of the local committee of judges, and **Capt. David P. Tunstall**, EOP public relations officer.

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S & P's Operating Contract Extended

Extension of Sanderson & Porter's contract to operate Elwood Ordnance Plant for the War Department was announced by **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer.

This contract with the United States of America for the design, construction and operation of the plant was one of the earlier contracts signed under what was then known as the "defense program." War Department commitments then were for shorter periods than now. Because of the uncertainty existing then, September, 1940, the EOP contract was for a short period, with provisions for extensions for additional periods at the option of the Government.

Because of war, the Government deemed it advisable to exercise its option so that continuity of management can be provided to insure sustained production at the plant. Major Haber said Sanderson & Porter's operation of EOP had set an enviable record for other plants of the same type and that the Ordnance Department was pleased that the contract had been extended.

Pearl Harbor Edition Planned for Dec. 4

The December 4 issue of *The Bomb-Shell* will be a special "Pearl Harbor" edition in observance of Pearl Harbor Day, December 7. There will be pictures and stories of what has transpired at EOP during a year of war. If you have any stories or pictures related to the Japs' attack on Pearl Harbor, *The Bomb-Shell* will appreciate your calling Line 4206 and offering your contribution.

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Let Us Be Truly Thankful

There is a prayer we would utter now—as Thanksgiving comes again to America. A prayer we live and feel and know—but cannot find the countless words—the million tongues and voices to repeat.

It comes from the centuries that have molded this nation—and made her great and strong. It comes from the canyons of towering cities . . . from the echoing quiet of countless village streets . . . from the roaring tumult of industry . . . and a fisherman hauling his nets.

It is the heart of a nation giving humble thanks. For blessings we cannot measure. For gifts we cannot appraise. It is a people—saying in one reverent voice: "Thank God I live in America."

It is a people aware, as never before, of the greatness of their nation. The wealth of her resources. The riches in her lands. The strength and courage and unity of her people. A people giving thanks for a nation built from a wilderness to limitless power. To stand firm against those who would plunder and steal and enslave. And thanking a beneficent God for His gifts.

In a world, long suffering from the barbarism and cruelty of war—we have lived in a land of peaceful sky and earth. There has been no ceaseless horror in the heavens above us. No endless devastation to lay our lands and homes in waste. No despot rules that our children shall starve and die.

We are free. Free, in a world of prejudice and intolerance. Free to live and speak and act and work and worship as we choose. Free to elect our own leaders. Free to live by the laws of our own making. Free to decide our own destinies. For this we give thanks—and pray that God may guide us in the exercise of this freedom—that others of the earth, now slaves, may share it. That in the end—they may again be free.

America gives thanks, for the men who saw with clear, unflinching eyes, the nation to be. Who fought as we fight in the cause of freedom and humanity and brotherhood. And for those who now fight—knowing that history has given few men the privilege of fighting for so great a cause.

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This, then, is the greatness of America. And in our prayer of thanks—there would be the voices of all who share this nation's glory. All who now work and save and fight as one—that no power, however great, may ever be allowed to assault or plunder this freedom that is our lives.

The Saturday Evening Post

Keep On Loading

The 1942 season of ghosts, goblins, witches, etc., now a memory, brings to us this more serious and important occasion to anticipate. Many will have these thoughts in mind, "no turkey and pumpkin pie this year, there isn't anything I have to be thankful for." That is wrong. Show your appreciation for what you have. Carry on. The way you celebrate Thanksgiving may be important ammunition in one of our greatest weapons, Morale.

Don't say it, I know. Your tires are bad, coffee is hard to get. Soon you will have to eat more fish. Next is gasoline on the ration list.

On the other hand most of us don't know what war is. Outside of Pearl Harbor, air raids are just subjects to talk about when you aren't busy at something else. No one is starving. None of us is getting gray worrying about being sent to enemy factories to work. Two or three hundred aren't shot because one said something about the enemy government.

Let "Thank God I Am An American," be one of your Thanksgiving prayers. Take a little time and think of the historical significance behind that day. Then get into harness and work; work ever so hard so that next year, pray to God, our heroes will be at home eating pumpkin pie and turkey.

In other words don't sing that old song "I am sorry for myself," but load shells, lots of shells, so that our boys can show the Jap that a big *Yank* is more effective than a bunch of small *jerks*.

—Joe Motta, Group 61

THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

Folks, I made a mistake! After all the effort and careful planning in getting out my Christmas list in the last issue of the World's most scintillating journal, all I get is a truckload of abuse. Instead of mail bags of messages complimenting my foresight, and co-operation with the Postal authorities, retail merchants, and other "whatshall-Igive" sufferers, all I got was a bunch of vitriolic sight drafts from various members of our group calling for certain grandiose gifts and insinuating that if I didn't come through as requested, the consequences would be more pleasant to the undertaker than to me.

The fellow who invented that sound axiom that said, "you can't please all of the people all of the time . . . etc.", really had something. Is he telling *me?*

Yea, verily, the path of the pioneer is strewn with brickbats and Coca-Cola signs, but the real sturdy pioneer never wavers in the face of a new challenge, and even though the Christmas list will go down in history with only one good point in its favor—it got out early—your correspondent deems it his honored privilege to dilly-dally a bit with some New Year's resolutions.

As a result of a lengthy tabulation setting forth past years' resolutions against corresponding performance, you might as well know the truth. My record has been perfect. Every resolution seems to have become just a scrap of paper.

In view of my apparent determination to break every resolution thought up for the improvement of my well being, it seems more in the spirit of the time for me to spare you many busy-bees the task of compiling your individual New Year's promises by doing it for you. You will all readily appreciate that many appropriate and much needed resolutions are unprintable and they will be delivered privately in fire-proof envelopes.

Coming now to the less critical reformations, it seems in order that **John Ryan** promises faithfully to have a box car at the loading line whenever requested regardless of the short notice; **Clyde Utley**, the old Volt-and-Ampere man, shall agree that the lights stay on, *watt-ever* may happen to the wires, poles and other electrical victims of local windstorms,

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I have written . . . a poem!

Carry On

Just ten months ago tonight
You left to fight
For freedom and right.
You said "Don't say 'Good-bye,'
dear.
Just smile and say 'Solong.' "
Then you left without a fear—
Without a thought of being wrong.
But yours was a one way ticket to
A lonely grave across the blue,
Terrifying, greedy waters.
While we watched, hoped—
Waited with dread—
Came a final word "He's dead."

There were glorious speeches
Of heroics true and brave—
Of battles on faraway beaches—
Of a man who gave
His all to keep his country free,
For an aging Father and loving
Mother,
For his countrymen—his family.
Amid this I hear you say "Skip it,
brother."
As of old you want no praise,
Then as through a haze
I hear you whisper "Will you carry
on?"
So now for the sake of you and
our son—
I remember our plans — and
carry on.

—Your Wife
—Glennie Duckworth
Group 5

A Nursery Rhyme

So, you turned your pretty ankle,
Running in the change-house
ramp?
Well—you'd *oughta* get a spanking,
(And you *know* it, too, you
scamp!)
But instead you'll get a bandage,
Be it early shift or late . . .
From our smiling first aid nurses,
Misses Rimmer, Thompson,
Grate!

Oh, so you've a tarnished toenail?
Yours is splinters? Tummy Ache?
Yours is tenosynovitis?
(Heaven help you if you fake!)
These, and sixty-seven others
Can be treated, have no fears . . .
By efficient first aid nurses,
Misses Lindblatt, Edwards,
Speers!

L'Envoi

Yes, they *try* to guard you hourly,
But, won't *you*, too, have a
heart?
And *use your head* to *think* of
safety,
Not just to keep your ears apart?

—Jim Hart
Safety Department

Tomorrow

"Over There," across the Pond,
They're fighting "teeth and
skin,"
While "over here," we're fighting,
too,
For victories, that will win.

For this is the War to end all
Wars,
That begin with dissatisfaction,
And anyone greedy, selfish and
cruel,
Will be crushed in this last
demolition.

It's called the War of Christianity,
I really believe that's true,
For the way of the heathen seldom
finds,
A land that's all true-blue.

A son, a sweetheart, or a Dad,
So many of you have sent,
You hope and pray that God is
good and will
Return him as he went.

Your prayers are not
unanswered,
Your hearts may break and
bleed,
But never, for one moment, think
That God did not take heed.

He's with them every minute,
For is it not His war
To fight the men, the *parasites*,
who
Monopolize His door?

The avaricious, greedy things
Who live, but yet, to die,
Will soon have met their judgment
Under a red, and blazing sky.

While America, the U. S. A.,
The home of the brave and the
free,
Shall count their losses, one by
one,
But will "Thank God, for
Victory."

So now you see why we are here—
To "back" our boys over there,
The EOP's just one of them,
But we're here to do our share.

So have no doubt, it may take
time,
But we'll take it in our stride,
Before they know what they're up
against
We'll have stemmed the yellow
tide.

—Harryette Werling
Group 8, Bldg. 11

Praise for a Job Well Done

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I AM GLAD TO LEARN THAT EMPLOYEES OF ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT ARE PARTICIPATING IN PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN WITH ALLOTMENTS FOR WAR BONDS AVERAGING 10.3 PCT OF GROSS PAYROLL . THIS IS A SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL FOR THIS RECORD=

HENRY MORGENTHAU JR
SECY OF THE TREAS .

Join EOP's Ten Per Cent Club!

Former Workers Increase Mail From Overseas

Pleas for Letters, Greetings to Pals, Stories Included

Mail addressed to *The Bomb-Shell* from former EOP employees in the armed services, both overseas and in this country, continues to increase as copies of the tabloid catch up with them in their travels.

Two V-Mail letters were received from Hawaii. **Corp. Edward L. Heard** sent greetings to the "old gang" at Group 62 and said life "on the Hawaiian Islands is as good as expected. The other V-Mail missive from Hawaii was from **Pvt. Thomas P. Landers.**

From "somewhere in England," **Corp. Peter Dinelli** asked by V-Mail that regards be sent to his former superiors here, **Supt. E. J. Egan** and **J. Redman,** Transportation Department. He related he had suffered a slight accident and was in a hospital, but praised the physicians and nurses located there.

Pvt. Fred Carpenter of the Marines wrote from the South Seas. He said he formerly worked on construction of Group 3 and in Building 16 after the line was completed. "I'd be glad to hear from any employee in Group 3 . . . come on, Pop and Dan, pick up that moldy old pen and scribble me a few lines," was his closing plea.

Sends Personal Regards

Burton C. English, Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla., said he had just received his wings and his commission as a lieutenant. "Now I'm learning to fly bigger planes," his letter continued, "for the bigger job at hand. I am learning to fly the 'Flying Fortresses' you read about and maybe in the very near future shall have a plane loaded with bombs made at EOP. If such happens, I hope that I shall be able to bear the message which all of you put into each product which is made, each shell and each bomb, that we shall see this war to a victorious end. Give **Joe Shepley** and **Jimmie Cronan** of Group 1 my regards."

"The September 25th issue of *The Bomb-Shell* has been chasing me through several states," said **Lyman C. Bedwell,** former timekeeper, Officers Candidate School, Grinnell, Ia. "My old address was Ft. Leonard Wood and that is where the paper went first. From there it was forwarded to Nashville, Tenn., and then on to Grinnell, where I am studying to be an officer."

Sgt. Albert "Benny" Kallai, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., in addition to a request for **Jack Barry** to write more about Building 10 in his Group 1 column, said "it won't be long until I and all the rest of us will be dropping EOP projectiles on the enemy."

Laundry Story Seen

Lt. W. J. Durrenberger, formerly stationed here, wrote that he failed to get the last copy of the paper and that this "approaches the catastrophic since *The Bomb-Shell* is my main link to my ol' alma mater, EOP. Quite a few ex-EOPers are stationed at this, the chief testing and training center of the Ordnance Department, and all of them agree that *The Bomb-Shell* is, to put it mildly, an excellent paper."

A long letter was received from **Tech. Sgt. Joseph A. Cassani,** who entered the Army in March, 1941, and has been in foreign service for several months. He said strict censorship prevented his telling his location, but added he was doing work similar to that shown in the pictures of Supt. Francis R. Walsh, and his associates in the EOP Laundry, in the July 31 edition of *The Bomb-Shell.*

Pvt. Coy Bobbitt, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, said he would like to hear from the employees in Building 13, Group 1, and his wife, who is there with him, would like to hear from Group 4. "I have had several occasions to be with gun squads who fire the (censored) guns, and my regards go to the men and women who are making the shells," he added.

"Being in an ordnance company," wrote **Tech. Sgt. Hiram D. Whittemore** from somewhere in New Guinea in acknowledging the first five issues of *The Bomb-Shell,* "there is a great deal in it of interest to me and to many of the fellows in the outfit. I am glad to see that work is going along so well at the plant; that end of things is just as important as our work out here."

Wants Group 1 Letters

Johnny Milton Harrison, U. S. Navy, Great Lakes, Ill., sent a request for the men and women in Building 14, Group 1, to write to him. Regards to workers in Building 13 of the same group were sent by **Pvt. Louis J. Sedivy,** Camp Davis, North Carolina, who said he had been "pearl diving" ever since he arrived two months ago.

Pvt. John Brannick, Portsmouth, Va., sent greetings to Group 2 and said he hoped "they continue to keep production rolling, so that us boys in the service can have plenty of opportunity to fight for our country's freedom." A hello to Group 66-A was sent by **Pvt. Walter A. Simpson,** Port Stockton, California.

Pvt. George D. Turner, who wrote from the Army Bombardier School at San Angelo, Tex., said he would like some letters from his former associates in Buildings 10 and 12 in Group 3-A. He said one of his first jobs was to mop up every morning, but that this was easy as he had lots of practice at EOP.

Pvt. Harold E. Johnson, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, made a special plea for letters from **Supt. John O'Connell,** his former superior in the Timekeeping department, and from **Leo Gaffney** and **John Machias.**

Marines Like Paper

Pvt. Leo "Tony" Walters, who formerly worked in Groups 6, 7 and 8, wrote from the Marine Corps Base at San Diego, Calif., that there are several former EOP employees stationed there and that they looked forward to each issue of *The Bomb-Shell* with eagerness.

Mrs. Robert Terzick, Joliet, said her brother, **Pvt. Joseph Badorcki,** a former EOP employee, is now "somewhere in New Guinea."

Nicholas Belluso, Timekeeping Department, received an interesting, detailed letter from **Fred Semitekol,** a former timekeeper, who has been assigned by the Army to the Mira-Loma Flight Academy, Oxnard, Calif., for training as a pilot. He reported his marriage to a Joliet girl, who is residing at Santa Monica, near the school.

Mrs. Mary C. Fitzgerald, Joliet, mother of **Joe Fitzgerald,** former EOP timekeeper, wrote that he had passed all of his tests and had been sent to the gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev., from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Another son, **Bob Fitzgerald,** formerly a construction worker here, is with a Coast Artillery unit in Hawaii.

Many Others Write

Letters and cards also were received from the following: **Pvt. Irving Katz,** Camp McCoy, Wis.; **Pvt. Ivan C. Nelson,** Lincoln, Neb.; **James H. Dunn,** Chicago, Ill.; **Harold Conrad,** AS, Newport, R. I.; **Pvt. Harley LeVasseur,** Camp Wheeler, Ga.; **Corp. Robert B. Crow,** Angel Island, Calif.; **Pvt. Frank Branger,** Dallas, Tex.; **Pvt. William F. Boehnert,** Fort Bragg, N. C.; **Pvt. Robel V. Gustafson,** Camp Haan, Calif.; **Pvt. Julius H. Dorich,** Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; **Joseph Postula,** AS, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. Robert W. Walling,** Camp Bowie, Tex.; **Pvt. Jack Horn,** Keesler Field, Miss.; **Pvt. J. L. Waldvogel,** Hawthorne, Nev.; **Pvt. Stephen J. Rusina,** New Orleans, La.; **Pvt. Patrick L. Benoit,** Fort Bragg, N. C.; **James E. Koerner,** Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. Lawrence McCann,** Fort Lewis, Washington; **Pvt. John Hibler,** Fort Lewis, Washington; **Pvt. John Vilt,** Camp Rucker, Ala.; **Mrs. M. Jacovec,** Braidwood, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her son, **Pvt. Albert Jacovec,** New Orleans, La.

Corp. Paul McCormick, Camp Robinson, Arkansas; **Jerome O'Leary,** U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. Thomas W. Birkey,** Waycross, Ga.; **Pvt. Jesse G. Leenerts,** Blytheville, Ark.; **Tech. Sgt. E. W. Cockbill,** Fort Meade, Maryland; **Pvt. John White,** Camp Crowder, Missouri; **John Mazur,** U. S. Navy, Memphis, Tenn.; **Pvt. Joseph Smutnak,** New Orleans, La.; **Pvt. R. L. Schultheis,** Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky; **Pvt. Arthur Florian,** Camp Polk, Louisiana; **Corp. T. Q. Stukel,** Camp Stewart, Georgia; **Pvt. Joseph Zalud,** Niland, Calif.; **Pvt. F. M. Padley,** Fort Hancock, New Jersey; **Mrs. Adele Green,** who wrote in behalf of her son, **Pvt. David Green** at Kelly Field, Texas; **Mrs. E. McShane,** who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Eugene Kelly; Pvt. Robert Kelly** and **Pvt. Francis Kelly; Mrs. M. L. Bolos,** who wrote in behalf of her brother, **Casimir Smigielski,** U. S. Navy, St. Augustine, Fla.; **Barbara J. Vilt,** who wrote in behalf of her brother, **Joseph J. Vilt,** U. S. Navy, % Postmaster, N. Y.; **Mrs. Roland Torkelson,** who wrote in behalf of her husband, **Pvt. Roland Torkelson,** Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Forwarding Papers Excellent Service

Excellent service in forwarding copies of *The Bomb-Shell* to former EOP employees in the armed forces as they are moved from camp to camp in this country and then to overseas stations is rendered by the Mail Sections of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. An illustration is a letter from **Lt. James F. Gilreath,** postal officer at Fort Lewis, Washington, asking that the addresses of seven former EOP men be changed to an overseas station.

Capt. G. A. Grant Named Executive Officer of EOP

Major Johnston Sent To Replacement Group At Aberdeen, Md.

Capt. G. A. Grant has been named executive officer of the Elwood Ordnance Plant to succeed **Maj. A. C. Johnston,** it was announced by **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber,** commanding officer.

Major Johnston has been assigned to the Ordnance Officers Replacement Pool at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. He reported there November 16, after inspecting ordnance plants in other states.

Captain Grant previously was chief, operations and engineering division, Ordnance Department, here. He came to EOP September 20, 1941, after entering the Ordnance Department of the Army at Benicia Arsenal in California, August 8, 1941.

A native of Coulee Dam, Wash., **Captain Grant** was graduated from Washington State College with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was employed as an engineer in the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam for five years before entering the Army. He is married, has one daughter and lives within the area.

Capt. J. Rhinelander, formerly of the office of Field Director of Ammunition Plants, St. Louis, succeeded **Captain Grant** as chief of operations and engineering.

NEWLY APPOINTED Executive Officer at EOP is Capt. G. A. Grant, shown here at his desk in the Administration Building. He succeeded Maj. A. C. Johnston who has been assigned to the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Dwayne B. Baston
John I. Beaver
Joseph J. Cassetto
James R. Condie
Herbert L. Davidson
Mearl J. Davis
Fred Fidler
Granville W. Gaines
Walter George
David Gianuzzi
Peyton L. Gibson
Ellwood D. Golding
Arthur L. Howard
Lyle Ingraham
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Francis J. Kelly
Michael D. Kelly
Robert T. Kelly
Walter W. Kidd
Hjalmar L. Knutson
Norman C. Lange
Bernard J. Lipsey
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Alfred J. Munch, Jr.
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George A. Nelson
Cyril T. Newman
Harold O'Keefe
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Vern E. Sims
Casimir C. Smigielski
Claude Spargur
Walter E. Stewart
Ben L. Trimby
John H. Wagner
John White
R. C. Williams

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

The boxing match between the Democratic Donkey and the Republican Elephant last Tuesday, November 3, was really a great fight. Of course, both boxers claimed foul blows in the later rounds. But the referee, John Q. Public, wouldn't allow it and he warned them to break clean in the clinches. The Donkey's seconds, "The Democratic Party," claimed they won all but two rounds. The Elephant's seconds, "The Republican Party," claimed they won all rounds, but the foxy referee, "Old John Q.," called it a draw and told them to shake hands like a couple of good sports and leave the arena. The judges and the referee would like to see them in a return engagement at a later date, and, if they are smart, they should both be in better fighting condition than they were this time. All they need to do is knock out all their sparring partners, Japs, Germans and Italians, while they are training and we will all be there the next time they meet.

The Donkey hee-haw'd a little too loud and kept the voters awake, but he shouldn't fear the Elephant too much because although the Elephant carries a large trunk on the front end, in case of a long stay, he also carries an overnight bag on the other end just in case.

John Bradeich refused to vote when he couldn't find **Thomas Jefferson's** name on the ballot.

Clinton Jones refused to vote because **Abraham Lincoln's** name wasn't on the ballot.

Gerald Fitzgerald, material checker at the Hub, stayed up all Monday night so he would be the first one to vote Tuesday morning, and when he couldn't find "Miss Victory's" name on the ballot, he not only refused to vote; he got so mad, he said he will never vote again because these politicians are all full of bunk.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Funeral services were held November 2 for **James R. Wilson,** 52 years old, Production Planning Department, who died as a result of a heart attack. Mr. Wilson had been employed here since the plant was started. He was formerly a divisional manager for the Florence Stove Company, Kankakee. He is survived by his wife, **Mrs. Alice Wilson,** one son, and two grandchildren.

Goodbyes are being said almost daily in Production Planning. Three boys left in one week for the armed forces. **Dick Ebben** and **Dick Court** will be in the Army and **Larry Crawford** in the Air Corps. Other members of the department are beginning to wonder if an all-girl office force is imminent.

Things never known until now: That **Loretta Ryan** can blush . . . Mr. Court's fondness for the song "Sylvia" . . . **Harry Brown's** development of literary talent . . . **Dorothy Maxwell** does not like to ride in the front seat . . . **Mary McGovern** does not like to be called "McGovern" . . . **Fred Mastin** does not know all the gossip . . . **Wallace Bensen** is now smoking 15-cent cigars, thanks to a fellow passenger . . . **Bud Wright** is arriving at the crack of dawn to churn the wheels of progress.

Fellow members of the department extend sympathies to the family of **James Wilson,** who died suddenly.

A few new members have been initiated including **Genevieve Karr,** who has taken over the duties as chauffeur for the office.

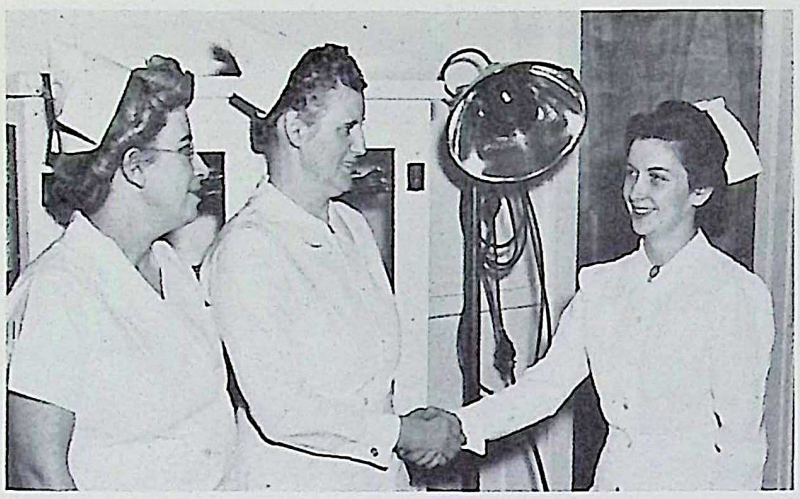
William Stanley of Group 2 is soon to leave for the Army.

John Connors of Group 1 has been presented with two assistants, namely, **Pearl Corbin** of Aurora and **Lois Bobbie** of Joliet.

All miss the friendly smile and carefree manner of **Martha Craig,** who has returned to school.

Harbour Lieutenant In U. S. Engineers

Irving C. Harbour, who resigned as superintendent of road maintenance early this month, has received a first lieutenant's commission in the Army Corps of Engineers. He reported for duty at Fort Claybourne, Louisiana. Mr. Harbour joined the EOP organization November 16, 1940. His wife, **Mrs. Margaret Haley Harbour,** and son, **Frederick,** live in Joliet.



FIRST GIRL SAILOR from EOP, Louise Thompson, nurse in first aid station for Groups 4-5, has left to be an ensign in the Navy. She is shown here at right as Nurses Dorothy Busse (left) and Marie Ulrich told her farewell at the EOP Hospital. Miss Thompson will be stationed at San Diego, Calif.

General Groves, Who Spoke Here, Knows EOP

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the Elwood site and his visits continued through his successive assignments as Chief of the Fixed Fee Branch and Chief of the Operations Branch of the Office of the Quartermaster General. Any one who has been associated with General Groves knows that his visits were not perfunctory. His sources of information are such that his questions are pointed, his criticisms just and his attitude helpful.

Gives Full Co-operation

Elwood Ordnance Plant has been fortunate in enjoying full and complete co-operation from General Groves and his assistants, brought about by keen understanding of difficulties inherent in a large construction project of this kind. During the whole construction period of this plant, many problems were continually met and solved, and the successful completion of this plant on time and ahead of schedule, reflects great credit, not only upon General Groves, personally, but upon both Offices of Quartermaster General and Chief of Engineers.

In General Groves' administration of the assignments given him, he was ably assisted by **Frank Creedon**, his principal assistant, and by **Messrs. Widmyer, Chellman, Seider, O'Brien** and **Maher**, and many others in his Washington office, who made frequent visits to Elwood during the construction period; by **Col. L. D. Worsham**, Division Engineer, and **Col. Charles Keller**, District Engineer, U. S. Engineers Office, Chicago, Ill.; and by **Maj. Elvin R. Gates, Maj. Curtis A. Nelson** and **Capt. K. D. DeYoung**, successively, either Construction Quartermasters or Area Engineers, located on the site.

General Groves' message to Elwood Ordnance Plant workers is based upon first-hand information gained during the performance of his arduous duties. That he should consent again to give us a message is typical of the man, and demonstrates the spirit which impels him to do his every bit toward making our war efforts successful. We at Elwood appreciate the high compliment which General Groves has paid us, and we know that the response to his message will be whole-hearted and complete.

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General Groves' Career Varied Here, Abroad

Born at Albany, N. Y., August 17, 1896, **General Groves** studied at the University of Washington and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1918.

He was appointed second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers November 1, 1918, and was promoted to first lieutenant May 1, 1919, while attending the Engineer School at Camp A. A. Humphreys—now Fort Belvoir, Virginia. From Camp Humphreys he was ordered to France in June, 1919. While there, with the American Expeditionary Force, he served on a tour of observation from June 20, 1919, to September 10, 1919. At the end of that tour he returned to the Engineer School at Camp Humphreys.

From June, 1920, to February, 1921, **General Groves** commanded the Engineer Demonstration Company at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He returned to the Engineer School at Camp Humphreys, and was graduated July, 1921, from both the basic and the civil engineering courses.

General Groves afterwards served at Camp Lewis, Washington. From August, 1921, until September 20, 1921, he commanded a survey detachment at Fort Worden, Washington. There followed a tour of duty for one year with an Engineer Training Company at the Presidio of San Francisco, California. In November, 1922, he was ordered to a three-year tour of duty in Hawaii with the 3rd Engineers, stationed at Schofield Barracks, T. H.

Served in Nicaragua

Returning to the United States, he served as Assistant to the District Engineer at Galveston, Tex., from November, 1925, until October, 1927. He then joined the 1st Engineers and served with this regiment as a company commander successively at Fort DuPont, Delaware, until November 10, 1927; at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, until April 15, 1928; and again at Fort DuPont until October 15, 1929. He then took his company to Nicaragua where it formed a part of the Army Engineer Battalion that surveyed the Nicaraguan Canal Route. During this period he participated in relief work after the Managua earthquake disaster—restoring water and electric service to the city. He returned to the United States in August, 1931, for duty in the Supply Section, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, and later became chief of that Section.

August, 1935, found **General Groves** in attendance at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was graduated from that school in June, 1936, and was assigned as Assistant to the Division Engineer, Missouri River Division, at Kansas City, Mo. He then entered the Army War College at Washington, D. C., in September, 1938, from which he was graduated in June, 1939.

After graduation from the Army War College, **General Groves** was detailed in the War Department General Staff in Washington—in the Operations and Training Division. He had been promoted to captain October 20, 1934, and, July 1, 1940, he became a major. Three weeks later, July 22, 1940, he became a special assistant to the Quartermaster General in connection with construction. On November 13, 1940, he was promoted to colonel (Temporary) and assigned to the Construction Division, of the Office of Quartermaster General. He served as Chief of the Fixed Fee Branch of this Division until its merger with the Operations Branch. He then became Chief of the latter branch and served in that capacity with the Quartermaster Corps until the transfer of the Construction Division from that Corps to the Corps of Engineers December 16, 1941. On that same day he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Engineers and continued as Chief of the Operations Branch until early in March, 1942, when he was appointed to his present position. On September 6, 1942, he was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General (Temporary).

To the Builders and Workers of EOP

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are loading here, we will need them very badly, and we had better have enough on hand so that we can do business with Hitler on our terms rather than his. . . . In the shells sent abroad from the factory you have built, you are striking a second blow in the defense of freedom. Every shell you finish here gives Hitler another worry! Shells and bombs are the only talk the Nazis understand. You can't reason with a Panzer division.

"Well, they *have* ganged up on us and what we feared might happen has come to pass. In retrospect, we may now look at the job you have done and view it from the new perspective of a nation at war, a nation now engaged in an all-out, knock-down-and-drag-out fight for its very existence. It is then and then only that we begin to realize the true significance of the vital contribution which has been made to the security—indeed to the very survival of our country by the men and women workers of Elwood.

"Together with all those who have made the assembly-line full partner of the firing line, you constituted the first army in the first theater of operations — military construction on the home front.

"The battle is on and there can be no pause or compromise until we have achieved complete victory. Only one job lies ahead of us—the job of winning this war. Elwood, where production lines went into use two full months ahead of schedule, is typical of the American drive and energy which will bring that day of triumph.

"Through the medium of this brief message, which has been requested by **Harrison Smith**, it is a personal pleasure for me to renew the ties that bind us all together, not merely in the construction and operation of this large war plant, but in the spirit of determination, sacrifice and cooperation which will overcome our enemies.

"American heroes have died in action since we gathered at the foot of your tall flagpole and broke bread together at your hospitable barbecue in those peaceful days of October, 1941. Their blood cries aloud for vengeance and victory. Today you have the satisfaction of knowing that your labors have not been in vain and that the great factory you built in such a hurry and the shells you are now producing in such volume are doing a personal job for us all in the fight for freedom and democracy.

"Your products carry the Elwood mark—a mark that today spells death and destruction to the Axis Powers. Keep them coming! Yours for an ever and ever-increasing production!

—Brig. Gen. Leslie R. Groves.

Our Job

Government inspectors are we
Just as happy as can be.
We see that things are done
just right
For our dear boys who have to
fight.
The enemy had better watch
out
For the Fuzes we inspect are
good and stout.
We buy War Bonds and Stamps
To make the U. S. world champs.

—Frances Olroyd
Group 4

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

William "Tiny" Kautz, foreman of Building 3, was scheduled to report for an Army examination November 13. Being accustomed to examinations after taking two in one week, he shouldn't mind at all. Here is an attempt to give you the results of part of Tiny's examination at the EOP Hospital:

Doctor: Step up on the scale.

Tiny: That's where I got you. That scale only goes to 300 pounds.

Doctor: Then stoop over and touch your toes.

Tiny: That's where you got me.

Who said the women are not taking-over now days? If in doubt, ask **Dick Gordan** of Building 10; he's just a passenger in his own car.

Donald Riley, electrician, is almost ready to set sail for Siltha Bay, Alaska. War construction is calling him, and he really loves to roam. Every one wishes him luck and a pleasant journey.

Stanley Pearson and family have returned from a few days' visit in Minnesota.

Earnest Hoffman, carpenter foreman, has been reading a book called "Love Encyclopedia." He may turn out to be another John Barrymore.

Peter Golgin, assistant foreman in Building 3, has been sporting a white shirt and brown tie lately. His associates are wondering.

Tony Gomora acquired a new nickname when his oil stove went "hay-wire." The boys now call him "Blackout."

Frank Underwood and **Julius Block** of Building 3 have started a new business, selling lunch boxes which are given up by men going to the Army.

Wilbur Sanders is now on his way up. He has been promoted from oiler to machinist.

As a patron of the arts, **Stanley Kroger**, happy-go-lucky foreman of Building 16, says that he has gone completely overboard on music and esthetic exercises connected therewith. "Of course," he said, "music to please me must be of the better sort, as I have no use for the "low-brow" form. However, when they put on the old "Boogie-woogie" with plenty of "Gut-bucket," then I'm the "hep-cat" who can really "cut a rug."

If there is anyone who wants information on taking care of babies, ask **Bob McMahon**. He has good experience given him by his daughter, **Pat**. She just got over a bad case of the whooping cough.

Herschel "Kankakee" Laughlin is looking for some cash customers to and from Kankakee. Somebody will have to pay for those new tires.

Among the boys from Group 3 going to the armed services in the past week are: **Paul Higgins, Donald Sutton, Wilbur Bowman, Jr., Jack Probisky, Henry Blackmer, Paul Browman** and **James Recchione**. Best of luck is wished for these boys, and for those whose names may have been overlooked.

Woody Koerner is fully recovered. The blessed event finally took place. Woody is now the proud papa of a son. Congratulations are due both Woody and **Mrs. Koerner**.

It is wondered: What has happened in the top-off bay of Building 16—such a nice display of color. It seems everyone has donned a loud tie and shirt combination. Could it have started because of that black bow tie that **"Mack" Persinger** introduced recently? . . . How **Ed Jones** can stand to work an eight-hour shift and then go home to attend a midnight show on Hallowe'en. . . . How **Paul Lambert** feels in those distinguished blue coveralls after wearing brown and gray so long. . . . Why **Wally Britz** carries those bowling scores around with him. . . . Why **Junior Ballentine** had such a smile on his face when he was asked whose picture that was stuck on the wall, lately. Congratulations are in order. . . . Why **Herman Goselin** says he is getting in such a condition that he can see better at night than in the daylight?

Wayne Munyon has finally shifted to second gear (second great wonder and only five more to go). He is able to get up and chase people "when he wants to." He soon may be able to walk from 20A to 10 in less than an hour, or even run it.

Joseph Zelinko, the cowboy from Coal City, seems to have rope trouble. The other day, his boss asked him to splice a rope and he finished up with a sailor's knot.

Nimrod Tales—Good and Bad

Bustling **Bill Testa** of Building 5-A is quite enthusiastic over his great preparations for the hunting season. He claims to have perfected an attachment for his gun that should have wonderful results. In describing it, he said that the gun will fire both barrels, and will then throw rocks in all directions for five minutes, thus insuring him a successful day. Mr. Testa said that he could not claim complete credit for his invention because after some discussion with **Jack Hummel**, the idea came to him in a flash. Should Mr. Testa become lost in the wilds near Coal City, **"Jolly Joe" Oldani** will be on deck with his engaging smile and in there pitching for him as usual.

Arky "Hill-billy" Holland wants to sell his hunting dog. Prospects are asked to form a line on his right.

Harl Son should be told that **Vern Worden** got six ducks his first time out.

Charlie Robbins, Power House, was seen eating wild duck sandwiches. He says he shot a whole mess and at least brings proof that he got one.

Fred Dvorak, Building 3, went pheasant hunting after promising ten pheasants to his friends. It seems nine of his friends were disappointed.

Ed Upham, genial taskmaster of Buildings 6 and 7, *tells of a very* unusual experience in the wilds of Wisconsin. "Pheasants were out of season," he said, shaking his head sadly, "and for some unexplained reason, one of these birds—a very large one—seemed to conceive a violent dislike for me. As long as it merely pecked at the back of my legs, I restrained myself, but when it started jumping higher and delivering very hearty pecks, indeed; I lost all patience and discovering a gun on my shoulder, I absent-mindedly shot it in self-defense."

Anyone needing shotgun shells, might be able to talk **Veryl Schmidt** out of some of his stock. He may be seen any time and is really anxious to get rid of his surplus.

Robert Fox, John Hakey and **Joe Tonkovic** were discussing their prowess with the mighty muskets. According to their claims the birds might just as well give up.

Henry Risk is going around feeling like a duck. He has heard so much talk about duck hunting from a few boys in Building 15, that he was talking to someone the other day and he filled in all pauses with "Quack, Quack." It's good that it's too cold to swim, or he might have been tempted to take a dip.

Elijah Pugh did it again. He was on the state team that won the National Championship Trapshoot Meet. He hit 196 out of 200. The team knocked off 983 out of 1,000. Some of the hunters should take him out on their hunting trips; it would save them all that embarrassment that has been so prevalent.

Frank Underwood is all decked out with a very bright red plaid shirt as a result of compliments from feminine riders in his bus.

The latest solution to the manner in which the large stone quarry on the Joliet highway can be moved over to make room for the new road was made recently by one of the staff here—namely—they need merely engage Yehudi as the contractor and he will use sky-hooks to fasten pulleys and move the hole.

Girl Reporter's Heart "Walks On Tiptoe" As She Tours EOP Groups for Story

Impressed By Bombs, Shells, Safety Precautions, Recreation Program and Interviews With Girl Workers

By Ann Marsters

There is something about a roomful of bombs that can make you feel both proud and horrified.

You are proud in the knowledge that they are OUR bombs—and that there are so many of them. And yet, there's that feeling of horror when you look at them and can even dimly visualize their terrible power for destruction.

From a respectful distance, the Elwood Ordnance Plant, near Joliet, looks more like a military academy than an arsenal. The outside of the long, low buildings, scattered over many acres, gives you no hint of what is going on inside.

Searched First

Before entering any of the various sections, you must pass inspection at a "shakedown" house. It seems that every time you turn around there is a "shakedown" house, always located at a good distance from the buildings they protect.

Here you turn over your matches and wrist watch. (I could understand about the matches, but the wrist watch matter was never made quite clear to me.) There are uniformed officers, both male and female, ready to search your pocketbook and to politely frisk you.

All the while I was at Elwood I was conscious of an element of excitement in the air. The very presence of the high explosives, the detailed precautions taken for our safety, made me feel closer to the war than I had ever felt.

It was all so impressive and thought-provoking that my heart seemed to walk on tiptoe.

Bury Explosives

As we were driven toward our first objective, I asked Capt. Tunstall, who was acting as my escort, about the countless, grass-covered mounds which dotted the earth around us. Igloo storage magazines, he said they were, covered with soil to keep the explosives cool.

The really touchy explosives are kept wet as well as cool, until they are ready for use.

At last we entered a building where about 500 girls were working with fuzes and boosters. A booster (in case you are as ignorant of such things as I was) is a small cup filled, eventually, with tetryl powder which boosts the fuze from the shell.

Sunny Room

The big room was filled with sunshine from many windows. Everything looked neat and clean. The girls were all dressed alike in trim blue uniforms which had been designed by the War Production Board.

Each line of girls (there are about 23 to a line) is supervised by a forelady rather than a foreman.

One of the foreladies, Miss Harriet Porter, introduced me to some of the girls and explained the type of work they are doing.

Miss Porter herself was trained for her job in three months, during which time she learned how to do every job on the fuze line. She said:

"The competitive spirit of the girls is splendid. One line is always trying to beat the production record of another line. You see, there is an inspector at the end of each table who keeps an account, on paper, of the work produced." So the girls have only to glance at the account sheet of a rival line to know who is ahead.

The lunch room and "change" house, so named because it is where the girls change into their uniforms each morning, is reached through a long corridor hooded by corrugated asbestos. The lunch room is the only place in the plant where the girls are allowed to smoke, but even here they cannot use matches. There is an electric lighter on the wall.

Elwood Story Is One of War Series

The story by Ann Marsters, reprinted here through the courtesy of the Chicago *Herald-American*, is one of a series Miss Marsters is writing from factual information obtained at various war plants.

These rooms are also called the "bomb shelter," because always during a thunder and lightning storm the plant ceases production and the workers congregate here and in similar "bomb shelters."

I was eager to move on to another section of the plant where the bombs and shells reached the last stages of production.

Searched Again

An army car took us to the shakedown house near the entrance of the bomb line. And here I had to part with practically everything in my pocketbook, including my comb, which was classed as inflammable. For there was T.N.T. in that building — T.N.T. mixed with nitrate of ammonia, which makes a fine explosive called by a name that sounds like a sleeping potion. "Amatol," I think it is.

Before we entered the bomb building, we were asked to touch a metal plate, designed to ground any electricity in us.

Then I was ready for my first closeup view of bombs as big as elephants.

And there they lay—row upon row—looking as peaceful as sleeping tigers in all their awful symmetry.

For a minute I felt sorry that men had ever become smart enough to make such things. If they had never learned how to produce the deadly, magnificent implements of war, we might still be fighting with bows and arrows. And these same workers might be busily engaged in making the BEST bows and arrows in the world.

Women Working

Well—it so happened that I arrived on the very day that women had for the first time been put to work on the bomb line.

They were working side by side with the men, learning the various operations which might soon be performed entirely by feminine hands.

Several of them were working on either side of a conveyor on which was a line of bombs. One of the girls tried to explain to me what she was doing.

"First," she said, **"the nose plug is removed and the fuze seat liner inserted. Then the tail plate is removed, the threads cleaned, and the interior painting inspected."**

Knows Her Job

Even though she had never worked on bombs before, she seemed to have a perfect understanding of "fuze seat liners," "nose plugs" and "tail plates."

When such details have been attended to, the bombs roll along on the conveyor to the paint spray booth.

Here I found another new employe—**Mrs. Anna Jancuska**—who was having a fine time spraying the bombs with paint.

Because she was so new at it, she was really having fun. She said:

"Isn't this a wonderful way to paint? You just press a button, swish the spray around, and there you have a freshly painted bomb."

Placed On Racks

From here, the bombs are placed on racks which are hitched to a little truck and carried to the line, where they are loaded with explosives. (I was allowed to try my hand at driving one of the trucks after **Ida Anderson** and **Angela Murayski** had hitched bomb-filled racks to it.)

So now we are ready to move on to the department where the actual explosives are; where a lot of young women are working with live shells, handling each one with skillful and respectful fingers.

You couldn't miss seeing the big sign which read:

"Immediately Upon Entering This Building, STOP. Have Your Shoes Inspected."

I was at the Elwood ordnance plant near Joliet and had finally arrived at the department where tremendous bombs and shells are filled with explosives and sent on their journey toward victory.

Safety shoes are in order here—shoes which have no nails in them, no metal of any kind. The heels must be rubber (in spite of everything) and attached to the sole by wooden pegs. It's easy to understand that a nail in a shoe might cause a spark as you walk, which, in turn, might come in contact with explosives.

Working On Shells

Girls were working on shells stacked before them on long tables. They were putting fuzes on projectiles; carefully cleaning the shells, brushing off whatever TNT dust might be on them. They were doing spot painting—touching up the shells where the paint had worn off. And some of them were zoning the shells, which means making certain dents on the steel that designates firing distance of the weapons.

A girl in khaki overalls came sliding up to one of the tables. She really slid, because she was pulling a small truck loaded with shells and as she approached the table she let the momentum of the truck slide her along.

She was blonde and pretty. She told us her name—**Shirley Stafford**—and she said:

"When my husband joined the Army I decided to get a job in a war plant. I started in the fuze and boosting department, but this is the job I like best. It isn't work. It's like play.

"I'm living with my girl-friend, Margaret Kormelink. She works here, too, and her boyfriend is in the Army. She does what is called 'spilling the fuze.' That means unpacking the fuzes into trays."

Jean Kane and **Dorthy Carlson** glanced up from their shells to tell us about their connection with the Army. Jean said:

"I have two brothers—one somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands and one who, as far as we know, is still at Pearl Harbor."

Dottie has a boyfriend, to whom she is "practically engaged," in Hawaii.

Splendid Recreation

Apart from their work at the plant, the girls are offered splendid recreational facilities. Every Wednesday is Ladies' Day at the big Recreation Building, where the girls may take their choice of bowling, basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping pong, shuffleboard, pool or cards.

In last week's edition of *The Bomb-Shell*, the plant's newspaper, there was printed the following message to girl workers:

"You represent a sizable portion of the many thousands of workers in the factories, offices, etc., who are releasing much needed manpower for the Army. We realize our first and most important job is to 'keep 'em shooting' by turning out our full production quota. But 'all work and no play makes Jane a dull girl,' therefore it is the aim of the recreation department to help each girl build for herself a sane program of leisure-time activity which will keep her mentally and physically fit for her job as a production soldier."

Dances At Plant

There are occasional dances at the Recreation Building—the most recent one being a gala Hallowe'en party at which the workers selected a number of "Miss Victory" candidates.

All the war plants I visited seemed very much concerned with improving the girls' social lives. And I can't imagine a girl war worker ever finding it necessary to write a Lonely Hearts column.

I spent most of the afternoon learning more and more about shells and their final operations. I even followed some of them to the shipping room where they are packed in containers and loaded into waiting freight cars.

But there was one thing I learned for which I was especially thankful.

I learned the exact purpose of the countless little screws which I had inserted into shells when I worked on the production lines at Mills Novelty Company.

I knew at last that I had put in the screw that holds the booster that holds the fuze.

The night shift was about to take over when I left Elwood Ordnance. On my way out, I walked again past the rows of smooth, fat bombs. I reached out and patted some of them—and wished them lucky landings.

FAMED REPORTER and feature writer of the Chicago Herald-American, Ann Marsters, is shown here interviewing Charlotte Doxsee, Personnel Department, while A. Berardi, Herald-American pix man, focuses for a flash.

Student Outlines War Jobs at Home

By Deborah Deylitz, Sophomore, St. Francis Academy, Joliet

This country, the United States, has entered a second World War to help free the world of men like Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito. Our men and boys are willing to defend the rights of all the nations, which are together opposing the Nazis and Japs on the fighting front, while our women work in war plants and on the home front.

Since December 7, when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, many have died, not in vain, but for a cause which is just and true. Not all who died have been men; women and children also have died. They all have not died fighting as soldiers and nurses, many have been shot, bombed, starved, and yet some do not realize the seriousness of this war. They have read the newspapers but still they go on helping the Nazis and Japs. This seems impossible to some people, yet it is true.

Even though there is a war, a war which in the end will show whether we will be ruled by a dictator or will have a free democracy, people go on helping our enemies by having strikes which slow up the much needed war materials, by giving information, some of it unintentionally and some on purpose. Isn't it better to give your life to guard a military secret than to give it to our enemies and have them use it against us?

Yet with all the jobs this war gives, people say what can I do, and how can I help win the war? Those at home can help by giving to the USO, working in a war plant, being an Air Raid Warden, Airplane Spotter, Civil Air Patrol Pilot, or doing any kind of Civilian Defense Work. Women can join the AWVS, the WAVES, or the WAACS, while men can join any one of the armed services, or work in a war plant if over the age limit. All sorts of jobs have been opened since the war, still others have been left vacant by those who have been called into the armed forces.

No one can really say that there is nothing that they can do to help with the war effort. We must work hard to help the war plants produce the vitally needed war materials to aid in fighting our enemies, to protect our homes, and we will fight to prove that this government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Six EOP Girls In "Miss Victory" Finals

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In addition to the six district finalists, other EOP candidates were **Betty Ross** and **Betty Stalzer**, War Department; **Ruth Barr** and **Wanda Merritt**, Group 1; **Harriet E. Porter** and **Ruth Sanderson**, Group 4; **Catherine Laske, Delores Nelson, Veronica Carlson** and **Virginia Andreason**, Group 5; **Betty Palmer** and **Juanita A. Thompson**, Group 6; **Rouray A. Stinson, Ione Calhoon, Ann Grobarcik** and **Julia Corzan**, Group 7; **Norma J. Castle** and **Mina Nordstrom**, Group 8; **Virginia L. Anderson, Lois M. Peterson, Edith F. Klenz, Helen J. Johnson, Jean Nelson, Ilene A. Buckmaster, Genevieve M. Bendrick, Catherine J. Gorman** and **Amy M. Redington**, Group 9; **Frances Biros**, Group 3-A; **Margaret Turner** and **Arlene Schloendorf**, Administration Building.

In commenting on the six EOP semi-finalists, the *Herald American* published the following:

Miss Danser, 18, of Kankakee, an explosives operator. She left high school at Lawrenceville, Ill., last Spring to enter war work, is active in war bond drives and Red Cross work, and has a boy friend in the army.

Miss Jensen, 18, of Kankakee; Red Cross and USO worker, sings at service men's canteen and leads a war bond selling team.

Miss Willford, 20, of Wilmington, Ill., mechanic-machinist, welder and truck driver; Red Cross, USO worker, OCD first aid trainee, aircraft instructor in machine shop work, student of aeronautical engineering.

Mrs. Connors, 29, of Kankakee, bomb fuse reject division; active in war bond drives; has two brothers in army and maintains regular correspondence with group of home-town soldiers in New Caledonia.

Miss Enger, 20, forewoman; singer at USO center; active in war bond drives; maintains regular correspondence with service men on various fighting fronts.

Miss Foster, 22, Kankakee, forewoman on fuze assembly line; USO worker; canteen dance director, maintains regular correspondence with soldiers in Alaska and Egypt.

Readers of *The Bomb-Shell* in the armed forces also took an interest in the contest. In a letter from the Army Air Forces Technical School at Lincoln, Neb., **Pvt. Stanley Sporar**, a former EOP employee, wrote that he and his buddies had taken a vote which resulted in the selection of Miss Jensen as their favorite to win the title.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

The miners were extremely busy over the week end . . . diamonds were the vogue Monday morning . . . specially in the Mail and Record section. **Anne Kakara** and **Catherine Stortz** were the lucky gals. . . .

Marge Kangley heard from her big brother **Norm Long** . . . he's in Miami, Fla., learning the ropes of the Air Corps. . . . He is surely missed around here. . . . Didja know that **Esther Johnson** of Stores and Transportation, joined the WAAC's? . . . Yep she done did it, she's just waitin' for the call to the Armed Forces. . . .

Have you ever heard **Mavis Emerson's** stories about political big shots? . . . It's understood that **Cecil Wheeler** knows them. . . . How about it? . . . Off the cuff. . . . **Ken Bull** is anxiously awaiting the return of his car . . . it has been in the "garage" for about three weeks . . . he sure wants to get to Aurora. . . . Hope the gas rationing doesn't go into effect before he gets it out of hock?

Understand that **William Leeland** has remarked that all this country needs is a good 6c cigar. . . . But did you know that Room 10 in the Personnel Building never has to have the fumigators . . . reason—Mr. Leeland's cigar and **James George's** pipe . . . really it's colossal. . . . Mr. Leeland himself said he couldn't believe it was so bad until he left the room and then returned a little while later. . . .

Have you ever heard the horn on the **Dix (Ev and Lois)** car? . . . it's a riot. . . . 'Tis heard that **Clara Wehner** is contemplating a trip to Galesburg. . . . What goes on down there?? . . . **Bernece Carlson** and **Bea Berge** are making that trip about every other week end. . . . Perhaps the train ride has something to do with it??? . . .

Course, you must have read that **Mrs. "Red" Bowler** doesn't get up in the morning to get "Red's" breakfast. . . . (The local gazette carried the story.) . . . **"Ollie" Olsen** was heard giving Red the once over concerning it. . . . P. S. Wonder if "Ollie" isn't in the same boat? . . . Ask **Dottie?**

"Tommy" Haigh is in the dog house with **Helen Harmon** . . . it has something to do with the dance. . . . So far, that's all that's known. . . . **Harold Kapsch** is now in Camp McCoy going through the works. . . . Hope he sends that picture he promised. . . . **Marie Maren** has become an "enthusiastic" bowler . . . in fact, she most disrupted the whole bowling alley when she got the first "spare". . . . **Hazel Kossack** and her better half, **Arthur,** were having quite a serious conversation on a downtown corner the other nite . . . yep . . . they couldn't decide where to go. . . . They sure look like the happily married couple. . . .

"Ginny" Harrod will be burning up the mail soon . . . her fiance is on his way to the armed forces. . . . **Evelyn Tecotsky** has been mysteriously absent from bowling Wednesday nights lately. . . . Wonder who he is??? . . . Have you ever noticed how much **Betty Wallace** looks like **Bette Davis?** . . . **Jane McVay** has gone home to stay —she'll be missed. . . . **Claire Shol** has been moon eyed lately. . . . **Kay Rosenbaum** is knitting a sweater for the Red Cross . . . she is worried about the size and wanted to try it on **Lt. Robert Johnson** . . . so far the result of this experiment hasn't been learned. . . . **Ruby Mosteller,** of Personnel, was embarrassed no end the other morning when the horn on her car wouldn't stop blowing?? . . . some good samaritan came to her rescue. . . .

Wonder where **Ralph Clutts** keeps himself . . . since he is on the night shift he is sure a spook. . . . What metamorphosis has come over **Lewis Shuck** of Timekeeping????? . . . He comes to work all slicked up . . . tie, shoes lined, pants pressed and in fact the whole works. . . . Anyone know the reason????? . . .

Did you know that **John Hugo Green** hails from the wilds of Wisconsin, **George Kelly Stevens** and **Betty Lou Page** from Texas, **Anita Cleveland** from Minnesota and **Charles Downes** from any place on the continent you might want to name? . . .

Ed Webster is going to take a vacation before he is called to the Air Corps. . . . **Sam Fischman,** the genial gentleman, is leaving too . . . he's going somewhere in the Chicago area. . . .

The Tick-Tock Timekeepers had quite a session the other Thursday night . . . it was a dinner party at a nite spot on the Du Page River . . . the event . . . just a get together for the Department. Everyone really devoured the good steaks and after dinner a song fest was started by **Miss Page** and **Mary Kay Lohman.** . . . Pert little **Joan Malloy** is now with the Frankfort Sailplane Co. . . . **Martina Schoman** has a good looking boy friend. . . . Talk about good looking people, **Juanita Kliegl** of Payroll has a brother or cousin that is "keen" and that **Patty Haley** has been looking his way of late . . . but not to such an extent that **Gerry Kestel** doesn't know it. . . .

The Dot and Dash Club reveals that **Lt. Bill Durrenburger,** formerly of this plant, has had quite a time in Aberdeen? . . . **Mr. Wheeler,** that shy little gentleman of Purchasing, has the cutest daughter you ever saw . . . boy, will she be a honey when she grows up. . . . Ask **Ann Lipsar** and **Lois Dix** how they enjoyed their trip?

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

The Hurley Machine Company of Chicago, manufacturers of war material, has organized its women ordnance workers into an organization entitled "The WOWS" and is encouraging all other war plants to form Chapters to affiliate with the original group, thus making it a national organization of "WOWS." EOP girls could be classified as "WOWS."

William H. Peterson, assistant chief inspector, is sporting a new chapeau. He won't say how he obtained it.

Lawrence E. Myers, divisional inspector of Inert Storage, attended an "Ordnance Container Course" at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., November 9 to 13.

Mother of twin sons, **Brian** and **Bruce, Mrs. Maxine Hillenbrand,** pictured here, is the wife of **Willard K. Hillenbrand,** Government Inspection Department.

Garr Burt's overtime check is spent taking **Kathleen Dugan** to lunch. Kathleen is the little girl with the big appetite. Her father, **Melvin Dugan,** and Garr are coworkers and for some time it was Mr. Dugan's obligation to take his daughter to lunch. However, tiring of the responsibility and the deficiency of funds, he eventually devised a method of discontinuing the practice by matching pennies with Mr. Burt. Mr. Dugan carries a rabbit's foot and Mr. Burt is usually the loser, or perhaps "Winnah."

Ordnance Inspection extends congratulations to **Elmer Martinson** and **Harry Larsen** as courteous and pleasant officers guarding the Ordnance Inspection Department offices on the first floor, west wing, Administration Building.

Morris Banks and **Kenneth Palmer,** former Government inspectors, Group 2, are with the Air Corps in Miami Beach, Fla. Incidentally, they are in the same company and stationed within a half-block of the beach. They were never known to do much corresponding, however, they have been writing frequently to the boys in Group 2, keeping them advised of the ideal weather which prevails in Miami. They may be receiving a commission from the Florida Chamber of Commerce, or they may be lonesome. They should be told of the good duck hunting in Illinois.

A rather unusual contest is to take place in the Ordnance Department Divisional Office on Saturday morning, November 14. **Homer Peters** claims to be the champion "Devil's Food" cake baker and **Geraldine Ward** also claims the distinction. Each contestant will bring their cake, unmarked, to the office where the judges (self-appointed) **Kermit Long** and **Paul R. Smith,** will decide, after sampling, the better of the two. There are certain rules in a contest, but these have been dispensed with, because Homer has threatened the judges should they select the wrong cake. Geraldine did not say what she would do if she lost. The winner will be announced in the next issue of *The Bomb-Shell* should the judges make the correct decision. If not, well no one will ever know that a man could bake a better cake than a woman.

WAACS have claimed another from the EOP family in the person of Jane Finney, Ordnance Auditing Department, shown here. Miss Finney has taken the oath and expects a call to service momentarily.

A Hunting We Will Go!

TIME: 3:00 A. M.
DATE: Sunday, November 8.
PLACE: Lacon, Illinois.

HUNTERS: **Lt. M. G. Brandon,** Ordnance Department, Chief, Stores & Transportation. **Robert I. Irwin,** Government inspector, Groups 64-66. **Captain J. S. Gates,** Kankakee Ordnance Works. **Paul H. Embick,** EOP Safety Department.

Four hunters lay on the banks of the Illinois awaiting the break of dawn. They are anxious to obtain their quota of wild ducks, *so, oh so plentiful,* this season. Dawn approaches; noon; afternoon; the day is practically gone and not a duck has made its appearance. **Robert** becomes rather impatient, he had been boasting of his hunting ability and agreed to bring back his limit so that a certain group could partake of a duck dinner. He inquired of Paul if he knew of a butcher shop enroute home, but **Lt. Brandon** discouraged the plan, saying he was a Montanian and would solve the problem by capturing, dead or alive, the first fowl, regardless of species, that made its appearance. Dusk would soon be upon them and the weary hunters had given up hope when **Lieutenant Brandon** faintly whispered "Hush boys, I have sighted my quarry." Stillness prevailed and two shots rang out in rapid succession. He rushed over to the river only to find a lot of wooden fragments floating about. Yes, you have guessed it, he shot the decoys. His only remark was "And I needed a new feather pillow so badly, how can I make use of these splinters?" He persuaded the boys not to disclose his error, but news does get around, especially since there were several in the party.

Carl Anker took a big rock down to Little Rock the weekend of November 7. In the future all the little Ankers will be singing "way down in Arkansas, that's where my good papa met my good mama, and etc."

Pvt. Leo "Wiggles" Waldvogel, former inspector in Group 1, is stationed with the Marine Corps at Hawthorne, Nev. He is the son of **Max Waldvogel,** Accounting Department.

Group 5

Inspectors seen at the Hallowe'en Dance included **Eddie Kluza,** charming the Army widows, and **Theresa Bolck** dancing with an ardent admirer.

Ivy Wellman, equestrienne, is back on the job after a slight accident while riding a horse. She is more determined than ever to own a certain horse.

Mr. Kluza was accompanied to the dance by his friend, **Cy Potempa,** a professor of N-economics from Chicago, who made quite a splash with the female employees of the War Department.

Bernice Ksiazak can now come out of hibernation. She finally got her fur coat out of hock, or perhaps it was *storage.*

A second advanced class for Government girls has started with **Naomi Apgar** and **Bethel Snevely** the lucky students.

Group 5 is proud of **Phil Horwitz,** but will miss him when he's gone. He qualified for the electronics course given by the Army Signal Corps.

Helen Skumanich and **Helen Zivic** send their thanks to all the Government personnel of the Fuze and Booster Area for the co-operation given them on their recent tour.

If all doors were made of glass, business would be excellent, as **Elinor Gudath** is very adept at slamming doors carelessly.

Group 6

Inspectors here regret that **Julia Turk** had to give up her work because of ill health.

Edna Guernsey has resigned from her position and will soon become a member of the WAAC's.

Catherine Fitzmaurice and **Mildred Schmitz** have been transferred to the loading lines.

Group 6 was happy to welcome **Margaret Carter** back from her month's tour of the other Fuze and Booster groups.

The birthday of **Bernice Unwin** was celebrated with a pot-luck luncheon.

Jerome S. Foster has returned after several weeks of work at Group 45.

The girls in Group 8 are becoming aware of a poet in their midst. The poetry **Josephine Podobnik** has been displaying is quite interesting.

Park Paxton, Group 8, has recently returned from an enjoyable trip to New York.

George Huster, former Government inspector, Group 27, was honor man of his company at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and was selected to attend one of the Navy's service schools.

Chemical Laboratory

There have been many changes in the Fuze and Booster Chemical Laboratory, due to **Howard Johnson's** enlistment in Electronics Division of the Army Signal Corps, and **Joe Ralston's** enrollment in the Navy's V-7 program.

Two women inspectors, **Lorraine Kinsley,** formerly of Group 9, and **Harriet Nadelhoffer,** formerly of Group 5, are now stationed here.

The laboratory has saved on electricity since **Marie Plankar** received an engagement ring. Her fiance is serving in the Signal Corps at Camp Battle, N. C.

Melvin "Pliny" Hurwitz will be moving back to the YMCA one of these days to get into condition for the Army.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Ernest Entwistle is back on the job after being confined to his home for seven weeks in a finish battle with double pneumonia. . . . **Tom Shay** and **Mack McLean,** of the expeditors, have signed up in the reserves and will soon be going away to get their commissions and help to win the war. . . .

There are some pretty girls in Group 1 as represented by **Ruth Barr, Wanda Merritt, Betty Jensen** and **Mary Danser,** who recently gave all a treat by visiting around complete with identifying placards. . . .

Marion Zobel, nicknamed "Smiley" for a self-evident reason, has been making a clean-up around building 10 which just goes to show the advantages of higher education. . . .

In a recent extolling of Table 6 in our shipping bay the names of **Don Lambert** and **Mathew Kovach** were inadvertently omitted so here they are to take a bow. . . . **"Zipper" Zintarski** went to the Army November 1. He's a big man and ought to be able to hold up his end of the war work. . . .

Margaret Pesavento left for a position in Chicago and will be missed here.

Buck Jones scored another victory. He was in a race with his buddy, **Clarence Turner,** to see which one would be a proud father first. Buck won as his fine son, **Duane,** arrived on the scene first. . . . **Timothy O'Donnell** and **Scotty Stephens** have left the carpenter force for Army duties. The boys had a party for them and started them off with money to spend and a watch to tell the time.

Some of the lads and lassies in the group tried the bowling alleys and all agree that they are pretty slick. . . . Your correspondent is *going all out for the girls in this* issue. You take **Rose Kellner,** beautiful ballistics girl, and the correspondent will take **Bernice Skriner,** assistant to the foreman in Building 10, or **Julia Jensen,** her swing girl. It is hoped they are single as complications must be avoided. . . .

Well the Veteran's Armistice party was a grand success, judging from the lasting effects and repercussions which still hang over the field of battle. A big crowd was there and all agreed that it was a lalapalooza. Much credit is due to **Clarence Beck, Pop Kent, Jim Barrowman, John Kinsella, Herman Beringer** and **Walt Wilcox** who worked so hard to put it over.

In the Fall a young man's fancy . . . **Joe Nicoletti,** young and debonair Government inspector, proved that it's not the season, but the reason. He's got himself engaged to charming **Josephine Musengo** of Chicago. . . . And a man doesn't have to be extremely young either. **Joe Farrell,** Beau Brummel maintenance man, has ideas along similar lines, it seems as though. What with five-pound boxes of candy, flowers, ice cream, and proposed movies, he has the popular girls all atwitter. . . .

Johnny Loughran, big munitions man, has finally made up his mind. After many years of courtship he has married the lady of his heart, **Grace Werner** of Joliet. All his friends wish the happy couple many years of prosperity. . . .

Edna Cairns has married a man from Group 3. . . . **Rita Fang** had a party. The girls in building 14 decided that she should be called "Miss Victory" and so they threw a party and presented her with a gold compact, so inscribed. . . .

Jimmie McNulty, bay foreman, has dubbed pretty **Frances Nichols** "curly locks" and the name is well-applied. . . . On Hallowe'en night while the girls in building 14 were enjoying their lunch, a poor harmless mouse entered the room and took charge of the situation. The girls were all up in the air on tables and what-nots and there they would be to this day if an intrepid "feller" had not come upon the scene (lucky fellow) and subdued the bloodthirsty mouse.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist's fiance, **Al Streitzel,** was home from Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., on his first furlough since he entered the armed forces in June, 1941, so she took the rest of the week off to help him celebrate.

"Isn't he the cutest thing? Just look at how sweet he is. Wonder what his name is. Peter? Now, isn't that just the right name for him? But you say his girl friend is waiting for him at home. Just like all the men."

In the midst of these exclamations stood **St. Clair Smith,** proudly beaming as everyone admired his peppy little wire haired terrier that he brought into the Personnel Building when he came visiting.

Well-behaved Peter investigated the vicinity thoroughly and accepted all the attention enthusiastically. As he skittered about he looked as if he were a stuffed puppy suddenly granted life.

All the way from Camp Rucker, Ala., comes word from **George Harrop** wishing all his friends at EOP the best of luck. Hobnobbing with **George** was **Charles Hansen,** formerly of group 3-A, proudly sporting his former service stripes and his bride of three weeks who has moved near the camp.

You could almost feel **Rose LeBeau's** disappointment. For years she'd been hearing about cider, both sweet and hard, and for some reason had never tasted any. When she discovered that cider was going to be served at a party which she was to attend, she could hardly wait for refreshments. The next day, everyone was anxious to know if she had liked the new beverage, "Aw, it tasted just like plain, old, every-day apple juice," was her disgusted rejoinder.

It has always been the opinion that **Marge "Stormy" Bittles** wasn't afraid of anything or anybody. However, when **Stephen McGann** rendered "LaPaloma" in Spanish with that dreamy look in his eyes, she just ran out of her office. Mr. McGann looked like somebody's birthday present with the fancy pink bow on his coat tail the other day. Could it have been an election bet?

Jane Schnepper had new shoes on (at least they were new to her) and **Eula Weaver** was sitting twiddling her toes in unaccustomed freedom. Rumor was running neck and neck as to whether it was a bet, but verified facts proved that Jane just couldn't take the wear and tear on her feet any longer so she made an exchange with someone who didn't have to walk around so much. Everyone was well satisfied with the arrangements.

Rita "Rusty" Cushing, the little red-haired messenger with the sunshine disposition, was asking everyone she met if they had a penny. Being the day before pay day, people thought that she must be badly in need of money and felt sorry for her. Finally someone offered to lend her some money until the next day if she really needed it.

"Oh, I have plenty of money but no change," she remarked. "My legs ache so much from running up and down the hall that I thought it would help if I could buy some gum. Everybody asked me if I thought they were millionaires when I asked for change for a dollar on a Wednesday so I changed my plea to a single penny and I can't collect even that."

The joke of the week (should it be said it isn't punny?) came from **Floyd Schauland.** Driving home a little late from work one night, the girls in the back seat began to work a crossword puzzle. Of course, it takes an almost superhuman will power to resist asking what is a three-letter word beginning with "a" meaning . . . etc. Well, the riders didn't even attempt this feat and soon queries were filling the air. One particular word was returned to again and again. It was supposed to be a synonym for wash basin and right in the middle of the space was a "Z." Everyone racked what passed for brains at that time of day and finally Mr. S. relaxed with the final effort, "Must be crude zinc."

Miss Weaver, Leona Hagen and **Helen DeLach** think that they have reached the peak of their careers as hitch-hikers back from the Olympic Cafeteria. It was a grader who came to their rescue and the girls had a "whooping" good ride.

Casualty of the week was an olive pit. On this **Carmen Oldani** broke out a front tooth. Warning to all olives, "stay away from Personnel." Carmen has fully recovered now with the aid of the dentist, so you can all relax.

Instead of "Gabriel, blow your horn" it's going to be **"Helen,** blow your horn," in the Personnel Building if **Helen Bardi** doesn't approach corners a trifle more carefully. The other day she almost knocked one of her fellow-workers down when she came rushing out of the Reference Department. In order that **"Miss Bardi"** wouldn't feel so tall when she stood and talked to him, jolly, rolly polly, comedian of the Reference Room, **Francis Peck,** climbed onto a chair and stood there looking down on her from the heights. While he was in Aurora for a few days recently, girls missed him, or his cigars.

One of the applicants kept the whole waiting room amused the other day by imitating dogs and pigs, etc. For a little while he put on quite a show. There's always something different in the Personnel Building. There was the man who was having his eyes examined. **Dr. Madura** said, "Put your hand over your left eye and read the chart." As soon as he saw that order followed, the doctor aimlessly said without looking up, "Now the left"; then, "Now Both." He almost jumped when the man exclaimed, "I can't see a thing." *He had covered both eyes.*

L. D. Ross, head of Personnel's photographic and finger print departments, has returned from a vacation and will jump into the job of making pictures for *The Bomb-Shell.*

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Homer Smalt, the fellow who is always suffering from a "code" in the head, celebrated his birthday recently in a manner that left him a bit befuddled. He had no sooner arrived at the office on this memorial day, than he was instantly grabbed by several of the stronger fellows and was given a sound paddling. Then "Happy Birthday" was sung to him by those present. Events calmed down for a few hours after that, but soon started again. Homer was called before **John O'Connell** and the rest of the office crew. Mr. O'Connell honored his birthday and then **Milton Treitel** in behalf of the Time Department presented Homer with a large box. Upon unwrapping, a smaller box was found within and finally he came to the gift. It was a dog license with a short note attached which read that Homer, being in the dog house so long, should be properly decorated to fit his position. Homer took it all in good spirits like the good fellow he is, but when his phone rang all afternoon and each call was some hoarse voice singing "Happy Birthday," it almost got him down. Homer celebrated his 32nd birthday and, incidentally, his second year with EOP.

Elmer Dames was in the dog house for several days when **T. V. Brennan,** as part of a conversation, asked Elmer how his poker game came out the previous Friday night. Seemed that the question was asked in front of Elmer's girl friend, with whom Elmer had broken a date for the same night.

Mike Bolero would like to hear from some of the fellows he used to work with. He is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and details of his address may be obtained by calling Line 2189. Drop him a line.

Harry Knarr is sporting a college crew haircut. Seems Harry got tired of pulling his hair out and is now chewing his finger nails. If he bites one off he won't be able to disburse any more wrong checks.

Rosemary Veach celebrated her birthday November 11. She is pretty and definitely 19.

Angeline Gunnerson likes the candy at the Cafeteria. Ask her about it some time. She really tells people off, since she took a few lessons from Mr. Knarr and **Robert McEvoy.**

Mr. Treitel and **Barney McShane,** the gold dust twins, had Mr. Smalt's goat recently when they got in an argument about

PRIDE of Clyde Baker, electrician, is his 3-year-old son, Kenneth, shown here with pipe in mouth.

Homer's home raised chicken eggs. Seems Homer was getting more for his eggs than the grocers and they were kidding him about it. The argument went on all day.

Mrs. Bessie East received a gift from her son, **Bob.** It was his wings insignia that Bob received in commemoration for his two years in the Army Air Force.

Mary Keene is taking a leave of absence to join her husband in Texas. It is hoped she doesn't pull a **Judy Smith** and forget to come back.

Bernie Smego has been so dressed up lately, despite the mud and rain, that it is suspected the girls in Group 1 have something to do with it.

Eugene Schuck has two fine hobbies. He likes to write poetry and also delves in archeology.

Three former Government girls have joined the Time Department. They are **Shirley Cairns, Geraldine Parthun** and **Louise Ardolino.**

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

This department thanks all the groups and each individual for their contributions to the scrap drive. You are urged to keep on sending the scrap so that Uncle Sam can continue to carry the *scrap* in the form of ships, tanks and guns to the enemy.

Joe Smerker wonders why he can't sleep as soundly at night as he does when it is time to get up.

Donald Foutch, who had a new arrival in his family, found that the stork is the bird with the big bill.

Henry O'Reilly says what he would like to see in regard to fall styles for men, would be some change in the pockets.

Presley Hankins has moved from the farm to Joliet where he can get pork chops for breakfast, as he claims he was tired of fried chicken.

Swen Swendahl remarked that if he were running the world he would have it rain only between 2 and 5 A. M. and if anyone were out then they ought to get wet.

Scott Soper and **Bob Milus** went hunting last Tuesday. Scotty had Bob singing to scare up the birds, but it frightened him so that he was unable to shoot.

Lyle Safford is trying to locate a place in the city on account of the country being at war.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY
Correspondent

Smokie, the pet fox, made an unscheduled jaunt to Group 3, via the broken chain route, the other day. **Asst. Chief Charles Davis,** fortified with a brand new pork chop and three mice, out-foxed the fox in exactly 2 hours and 33 minutes.

Just received a flash that former firemen **Charles Crain, Len Jessen** and **Harry Crubaugh** have taken over Camp Grant, but not for the duration.

It seems that a certain **Bill Dust** has adopted the "For the Duration" slogan as his old friends have not received their cigars as the result of a recent increase. It couldn't be that he is taking his new Fire Guard job too seriously.

Harry Swartz is always smiling lately, but who wouldn't with such beautiful biters.

The boys at Station 2 are finally convinced that clothes do make the man after seeing **Willard Essington** in his fire guard uniform.

The 3:30—11:30 shift has a new addition to the crew, better known as the Gold Dust Twins, **John Meyer** and **Alvin Rediger.**

"Congrats" are due the **Robert Connelly clan.** The new one's name is **Judy Ann.**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright are the proud parents of a new boss in the House of Wright.

The Department extends its sincerest sympathy to **Lowell Horath** and family in the recent death of his little niece.

Fireman Meyer Horowitz is spending the next few weeks in the Edward Hines Hospital.

Lt. Glynn Seale, of the fire inspectors, has joined the Marines. **Fireman Wiley Bell** has clicked with the Army and **Fireman Robert Schreffler** left for the U. S. Merchant Marine. With guys like these going in, it's a cinch that there is bound to be some more good news from the fighting forces.

The boys at Station 2 are soon sending their sixth member to the colors. The latest to leave is **Jerry Hanlon,** who started with the department just 20 months ago, along with **Chief Roy Mortenson** and **Asst. Chiefs Walter Lueder, William Reichert** and **Clifford Weiss.** These men have watched the Department grow into the second largest in the State in this comparatively short period of time.

A farewell dinner was tendered **Jerry.** It was a sumptuous repast including cakes and gold-wrapped cigars. The guests were **Ira Shick, Ralph Rausch, Dave Forcell, Carl Richards, Dick Jensen, Lafe Martin, Mike Ryan, Harry Swartz, Walter Hilgert** and **Stu Moloney.** Mr. Weiss was invited but found he could not attend, due to the pressure of unfinished business.

One slightly used Hydrant Wrench goes to the party who can solve the mystery of **George Rogina's** damaged ear.

The world is waiting for the sunrise and the Fire Department still waits for **"Scotty" Rodgers'** debut with his kilts and bagpipe.

It's a darn good thing that **Charlie Kammerman, Dick Pearson, Jimmie Dickson, Art Flahaven, Ralph Johnson, Ogle Garrett, Harold Guderjan** and many of the other lads do not have names that the poisonous poet can put into rhyme in his special bulletin, but many of the boys who have been missed will see their names in print before long.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The inventive genius of **Ed Jilek** is really being put to test. **Clem Birch** writes from Fort Lewis, Washington, requesting a *gadget* to replace hiking and drilling!

John Merrick said his red nose was from a sun lamp—then it was learned he receives his mail at the Joliet Eagles Club Tap Room. Tap Room tan!

Bob Mobus got a pheasant in the first half-hour of shooting.

Harry Miles, now a "Seabee"—Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va.—writes that the Norfolk girls are really *honeys.* (Ed. note:—bees + honey = bum joke.)

Syl Stearns is learning the pleasures of auto ownership. He bought a car one afternoon and the radiator froze that night. What, with flat tires, no gas, and the finance company—the Army looks better every day.

Art "Gordo" Ricketts must have lost the formula for his majic hair restorer. Haven't heard a word about it in weeks—and Art still keeps his hat on.

Bertha Koehler left for Texas to join her husband, who is in the Army.

A speedy recovery is wished for **Frank Curran,** who was injured in an automobile accident.

The inspectors wish luck and happiness to **Nellie Barnett,** forelady in Group 7, who is moving to Arizona.

Doris Callaway, Group 4, is very busy lately with her new duties, now that she has her pilot's license. She is also very proud to be a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Inspectors in Group 8 said their goodbyes to their associates, **Vivian Kimberlin, Betty Roge** and **Fern Davis.** Betty's going to California to see what the West Coast looks like. Fern is moving to Chicago and Vivian back to Indiana after hubby gets his silver wings. California, Indiana and Illinois, here they come, and best wishes go with them.

Betty Novatney, Group 8, said "I do" and became the bride of **Lt. Herman Dachring** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Streator, Ill., October 24.

It seems as though **Elvera Barney** has a bet that she won't be married in the next year. Some say that 5-spot could be stopping her.

Group 6 acquired some new inspectors this week from Groups 4 and 5. They are **Wilma Smith, Evelyn Strunk, Evelyn Gallaway, Olga Zema** and **Ann Gifford.**

Norma Castle, Group 8, represented her group in the "Miss Victory" contest at the Hallowe'en Dance in the Recreation Building October 31.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cusick of Joliet celebrated their 25th anniversary. Mr. Cusick is employed in Group 8.

What, again? **Mrs. Harold Johnson** just couldn't wait any longer to see her husband. She left November 1 after receiving a telegram.

Group 6 inspectors express their deepest sympathy to **Ethel Partridge,** who was called home to Oregon by the sudden death of her father.

The former **Gladys Allie,** Group 6, has returned from a week's vacation in Little Rock, Ark. While there she was married, October 31, to **Pvt. William Patchett.**

COMING EVENTS cast their shadows before and this scene photographed at the Main Entrance to the Administration Area shows what winter may have in store for EOP this year.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

The associates welcome **Edward S. Goble, Charles K. Wagoner** and **George Steinke** into the organization and wish them every success.

Two EOP employees were united in marriage October 31 when **Delores Peterson**, nurse at the Hospital, became the bride of **Richard McCollem**, explosives operator here. One week of matrimony and Dick forgot his badge, and most think that only single fellows are guilty of such.

Cecil Abbott was married recently.

The Avery Emersons are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son and heir to the Emerson fortunes. The event occurred November 5 and, at press time, no name had been chosen.

In her column recently, **Geraldine M. Ward** related that **Joe Motta** was bruised in the rush to see the new mail girl, **Betty Ross**, when she made her first Group 61 delivery. For Miss Ward's information, Joe had another misfortune, not a bruise, just a plain old "tummy" ache. It couldn't possibly have been caused by the cookies his mother made from Miss Ward's recipe in **Catherine Noonan's** column, "Women."

All indications point toward **Don Morsch** and **George Diment** being accepted for active military service.

Someone else gained when Group 61 lost **Mike Enich, Bill Bixby** and **Julian Oliskifski**, Government inspectors, by transfer.

John Williams journeyed to his home town in Southern Illinois to spend a few days with old acquaintances.

At the Hallowe'en dance, **Harold Rouff** approached pretty **Wanda Merrit**, candidate for the title of Miss Victory, and asked her for the next dance. Her answer was "sorry but I am here with a *gentleman*."

Companions wish **Nick Pagoria** good luck, since enlisting in the Army Signal Corps.

Pvt. James Halpin wrote and said he had a hundred and one things for dinner—beans.

News flash from **Commentator Bill Brown** Sunday, November 1, "there is a dense fog between Carbon Hill and EOP." Could that be why **Al Pope** didn't show up for duty?

It would be nice if . . . **Melvin Moore** and **George Kushner** catch something other than a cold on their hunting trip . . . when going out on a pleasure jaunt, **Larry Holz** didn't meet too many relatives . . . someone knew of a way to prevent **Leonard Williams** and **Clarence Scott** from arguing . . . in a hurry, **William Johnston** would get well . . . everyone chipped in to buy **Walter Boughton** a new shirt . . . all interested knew that **Ray Ruffner** brags, then when in Harvey, Ill., he is meek as a lamb . . . **James Adams** had fewer flat tires . . . more knew about **Bob Plese's** new fool-proof system but never wins in football pools . . . **Junior Albright** rode his motorcycle again . . . the real reason were known why **Hans Koenning** had a good time at the last dance . . . you saw at the Hallowe'en dance, **Ed Rashid** dancing with a dark haired girl; **P. L. Deylitz** sitting with **Mrs. Deylitz** enjoying the music; **James Glade** dancing with **Mrs. Glade**, who was wearing a pretty white dress; **Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnston**, who seemed to be doing all right, and **James Decker** and **Ray Carlson** coming in late . . . **Harry Norman** could learn to speak the same language as his maid—they would get along better . . . you knew that **Robert Briese** was rejected.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Having heard nothing from the Igloo boys, I've come to the conclusion that they've taken to hibernating. So, I'll not disturb them 'till the next edition. — Correspondent.

Laboratory

It's a battle for survival at the laboratory these days and the question is, who'll survive, mouse or man. So far it's a losing fight for the little grey rodents, who, with the coming on of winter, determined to take up warmer quarters and migrated from the fields to the lab. But unless the supply is unlimited, the lab will soon be mouse-free for 16 in the past three days have met death in traps set by Janitor **Abraham Agamy**. No one is suffering more from the mouse invasion than Secretary **Vern Holder**, who screams at the sight of one, dead or alive—and that means several good, healthy shrieks a day. It's a good thing it was not Vern who became ill one afternoon, lay down on a couple of crates in the basement and had his ear nibbled by a particularly bold mousie.

The lab isn't quite the same without the southern drawl of **Jess Kinser** who, after working in the laboratory several months, has returned to her home in the Old South—in Memphis, to be exact. At the lab Mrs. Kinser answered to "Scarlet O'Kinser," a name concocted by the facile mind of **Inspector Ellis Steinberg.**

The **Ford Teeters** have moved from Raynor Avenue to Illinois Street and they're happy about the change.

Nelson Tippett is a fine boy. This week he nearly doubled his weekly deduction for War Bonds—and he was already having 10 per cent allotted from his salary.

Flash!

Just received—**Antone Yedlicka** and **Cecil Morey** were War Bond winners in Group 68.

Play Committee Invites All to Join Program

All Workers Have Voice in Plans as Desires Are Sought

By C. O. Finnegan, Chairman Employees Activities Committee

All employees of EOP are invited to participate in the expanding recreation program under the guidance of the Employees Activities Committee and the direction of E. L. Walkup.

The purpose of the committee is to determine the program desired by a sufficient number of EOP employees to make the activity a part of the recreational program.

Men and women of each group are represented on the committee by one of their co-workers, whose duty it is to learn the interests and hobbies of the workers in their respective groups and report to the committee as to the number interested in any particular activity.

It is hoped that all employees will help the Activities Committee make it possible for everyone to play and take part in a well rounded activities program. You'll do your daily job better if you take time to play.

Members of the committee are **George Barford** and **Dara Prew**, Personnel; **Jack Barry** and **Beverly Garing**, Group 1; **Wilbur Galbraith**, Group 2; **Norbert McLuckie**, Group 3; **Colby Eriksen** and **J. E. Hendershott**, Group 3-A; **Rita O'Connor**, Group 5; **Art Jensen** and **Ruth Starkman**, Groups 6 and 7; **W. V. Birtwistle** and **Dorothy Lehman**, Group 8; **Dorothy Murphy** and **James J. Neely**, Group 9; **James Murphy** and **Arlene Schloendorf**, Group 60; **Harvey Steffes**, Group 61; **Sgt. H. E. Dowden**, Guards; **Lucia Jane Pearson**, Women Guards; **C. O. Finnegan**, Engineers; **Charles Harris**, Bus Drivers; **Helen Shimek, E. G. McAloon** and **Walter H. White**, Utilities; **Mary Jane Clennon** and **Robert C. Wilhelmi**, Inspection; **Loris Hart**, Fire Guards; **Keith Gail**, Paint Shop, and **Frank J. Wehrli**, High Explosives. Others will be added as they are selected by their groups.

READER of The Bomb-Shell during his spare moments at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, is Pvt. Charles L. Wolcott, a former EOP guard, shown here when he was stationed at Boyce, La.

Fellowship Meeting Deferred to Dec. 3

A. E. Frosch and **E. A. Evans**, co-chairmen of the Employees' Fellowship meetings, announced that the sixth session will be deferred to December 3 because Thanksgiving Day falls on the regular date. Dinner will be served at the Mess Hall at 6 o'clock followed by a program of entertainment in the Recreation Building.

The committee in charge of the next meeting consists of **H. D. Dougherty**, chairman; **E. J. Egan**, assistant chairman; **H. E. Barclay**, steward; **J. H. Lower, R. W. Mortenson, H. O. Cadwell, J. W. Stark, A. J. MacLellan** and **E. L. Walkup.** Those desiring to attend should call Mr. Barclay by 12 o'clock noon, December 2, over Line 2116.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Best wishes go to **Shirley Hommes** who became **Mrs. Joe Grady** November 7 at Elmhurst, Ill.

Edna Guernsey, Government inspector, and **Judith Wilkinson**, of 7-6, have been accepted for officer's training in the WAACS and WAVES respectively.

Monelle "Tennessee" McLemara was married November 7.

Leo "Miami" Rintelmaun and **L. E. "Parson" Tilton** have gravely conferred the title of "Major Hoople" upon **Tom Harris.**

Group 5

Betty Price and **Ruth Taylor** are welcomed back to 5-5 after their recent illnesses.

Zezella "Tiny" Silveius was the life of the Springfield Board of Education convention.

Mice are an old story to the primer room, but when a snake makes an appearance it's news. **Eddie Kluza** refereed the battle, **Pat Hickey** screamed, **Betty Hengl** and **Lucille Garner** killed it.

Wedding bells will ring for **Mildred Wilkey** December 6. The lucky man will be **Ed Girot**, of Braidwood.

Bessie Lough will join her husband, **Pvt. Archie Lough**, in Lincoln, Neb. Bessie also has three brothers in the armed forces.

The "gang" in the shipping room had a birthday party—big cake and everything—for **Annie Marie Klein, Mary Merillat, Dorothy Formenti** and **Otis Stapp.**

Group 5 does miss its songstress, **Pearl Whittemore**, who is away on a leave of absence.

The joy has gone out of **Joy Mann** because Uncle Sam has called her **"Rich."**

Rita Rossetto was pleasantly surprised when **Len**, her sailor boy friend, came home on furlough from his convoy duty.

Tillie Watson is driving a truck now, and capably too.

Group 4

Catherine Kemp and **Frances Olroyd** *insist* that **Winifred Prickett** has turned his jumble and bolt machines to "Dad's Old Fashioned Root Beer!"

Harry "Two Ton" Amyx has a new nickname—"Blockbuster."

Larry "Bashful" Nelson, and his brother, **Len "Bull" Nelson**, report that **Marion Dilliard** had t'fight so many guys over his first name that he scrapped his way right into the Golden Gloves.

Group 8

Veronica Roemer became the bride of **Darrell Taylor** October 31 at St. Patrick's church in Joliet. Darrell is awaiting a call for active duty in the Navy.

Marjorie Sperling is leaving in a few weeks to join her Army husband, who is stationed in Texas.

From all indications, **Al Mondrella** will be thumbing a ride to work from now on.

Frank Zupancic, Group 8 chief timekeeper, has finally taken the great step, and is now happily married.

Mike Molar promised birds for everybody, but, since opening day, he has been getting the "bird" from everybody.

Group 9

Now that it is time for all good men to go hunting, the men of Group 9 are really going in after it tooth and nail. Duck hunters in Illinois River Valley were surprised one Sunday when what looked like a full sized battle ship, with all the guns manned, came floating downstream. Their fears were soon overcome, when it became visible and turned out only to be a large Towboat manned by **William Whaley, Glenn Allen, Del Millican** and **Clarence Wilkins.**

Ed Nemanich is adding to his collection of pigeoos, and, believe it or not, they come right up to his desk in 9-12B and beg to be taken to a good home.

LeRoy LaCost, better known as "Smokey," couldn't see very well Tuesday morning, because he certainly did not see that ditch.

Some of the Lead Azide gang are going around with long faces because **Keith Smith** is Army bound.

Congratulations go to **Leonard "Dutch" Larson** and his wife, **Eleanor**, on that 10 pound 4 ounce son, named **Louis Richard.** Best wishes go to **Violet Maxwell** who is to be married November 21.

Helen Wissert is visiting her husband in Tampa, Fla., where he is in the armed forces.

Lucille Kulkissen has returned to work after being away for six weeks with a broken arm.

Sergeant Leonard Rabideau was home visiting his mother, **Agnes Dora Rabideau**, on a 15-day furlough. He is stationed in Seattle, Wash.

Wedding bells rang last Sunday for Foreman **Bob Hartman.**

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

"Always ahead of time, that's us girls," says **Frances Biros.** Already the main topic of conversation at lunch time is Christmas—doings for the girls and boxes for boys in service.

Robert McEvoy, known as the "Lunch Box Parasite" in 3-A, says bread crumbs, orange peels and so forth will be greatly appreciated.

Birthday cake was enjoyed by the girls at lunch the other day when **Victoria Scuteri** celebrated her 20th birthday.

Irving Slutsky straightens his tie quite often as he goes down the line. It shows what women will do to a man.

A certain male clerk has made a disparaging remark about the change house since the girls took over. The natural resentment of the gals is over-shadowed by their curiosity as to how he comes to know anything about the inside of 20-A nowadays. Perhaps **Roland Oertel** can furnish a clue.

Group 3-A has lost to the services the following men since the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell:* **Francis Marshall, Paul Timm, Robert Helmick, Merville Helle, John Christensen, Kenneth Rubin, Henry Burrers, John Dion** and **Donald Breen.**

Margaret Scardina and **Jennie Hoffman**, matrons at 20-A, have been getting some valuable experience in shoe-fitting. The girls in 3-A are now safely shod and finding their new shoes very comfortable, but **Anna Jancuska** says they are too heavy to let her do the Conga.

After **Supt. John J. Fitzpatrick** gave a little talk to the girls on the purchase of war bonds, they rushed **Gerald "Whitey" Hall** for applications 100 per cent like women rush a clerk at a bargain counter, shouting "Praise the Lord and pass the applications!"

You've heard of going off the gold standard. **Arthur Cleary** has now gone off the *ivory* standard. Since he has had all of his teeth extracted, he won't be able to eat peanuts for a couple of months.

George Costello has become so adept with a lasso that he was able to bring in a ring-necked pheasant as proof of his skill.

Group 3-A girls pictured cooling powder in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* were **Hattie Biggerstaff** and **Alma Eklund.**

Addresses of Service Men Are Available

Employees and members of their families who desire the present address of any former EOP employee now in the armed forces may obtain it by telephoning the office of *The Bomb-Shell*, Line 4206. Space does not permit the publication of these addresses in the tabloid, but an up-to-date file is maintained and it is available to any employee.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

The latest theme song at this group is "A hunting we will go, a hunting we will go, hi ho the merry oh, a hunting we will go." **John Johnson, Jr.,** and **Jersey Klegman,** who are now enjoying a few belated vacation days, report the hunting is very good.

Fred Mogle and **Winston Wascher** are doing a fine job in enrolling all new men in the pay-roll savings plan for War Bonds. Group 2 proudly reports it is 100 per cent.

"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" will be the theme song of **Sgt. Albert Frankovich,** former corporal in this group, who is leaving for the Army some time in November.

Congratulations are extended to Timekeeper **Bob Bright** who recently joined the Married Men's Club. The cigars tasted swell.

Congratulations are also in order for **Corp. Leo Kiegher** and **Earl Jarvis,** stationed here, who were promoted to the corporal rank recently.

Possibly the reason **Bill Malone** bought a horse is because the "Green Hornet" has been sold and, with the tire and gas rationing now in effect, the most available form of transportation is either a bicycle or horse and Bill decided on the latter.

George Zobel expects to become one of Uncle Sam's boys soon, so he's taking a last fling at some of the brighter spots. The same goes for **Robert McGuire** who is known as the "King" of the night spots. Bob denies it and he's probably right.

Ray Murray's wife must be packing enough lunch for him these days. If you think she isn't, just observe the lunch he brings to work daily.

Many of the fellows are asking why **Chuck Pierce** and **Sam Hoffman** are such inseparable buddies. You see, these two pals agree on most everything except football rules and close decisions that come up during a pass and touch football game. A rule book would help settle some of these close ones.

Belatedly, but no less sincerely, congratulations are extended to **Sgts. Emmett Bantner** and **Frank Harrelson** on their recent promotions to the sergeant rank. Both were formerly corporals here.

Some one said that Vince Fogarty shot at four wooden duck decoys on a recent hunting trip and some of the boys are thinking that a collection for a pair of extra good glasses might be in order.

Now that there is a bicycle here some of the boys are wondering whether or not **Bill Galbraith** and his cohorts will break the speed law of 15 miles an hour riding from **Supt. James J. Murphy's** office to Building 12. Or, 'tis further wondered, will they have enough endurance to last the distance?

Cy Thompson, who is an ardent supporter of the gas rationing program, has a new nickname "Barney Oldfield." Just ask Cy how he got the name.

They call the three men loading cars on the day shift in Building 12, "the three fibbers." **Ferris Bales** and **Bill Van Asdlen** are tied for first place, with **Bill Rogers** a close second.

Ode Golden, inspector, is still moaning the fact that he faces three more weeks of night shift work.

Much comment has been heard about **John Kelahan's** ability to walk the line many times a shift and it has been suggested that John should enter a Walkathon now in progress in Chicago.

It is rumored that **John "Pete" Fleming** got into a little argument with **Tim Thompson** from the Lock Shop. Pete isn't saying a word, but he is wearing glasses.

Mr. Mogel is disappointed. When the new bike arrived he wanted to be the first to ride it. Well he wasn't first, but came a close second. **Gene Hunt** got out of the house before breakfast and to work before Fred arrived.

Bill Stanley will be leaving for the Army shortly after this issue goes to press.

Fred Hansen says that trying to make *The Bomb-Shell* is the same as trying to make the *Wake of the News*. Fred did tell about **Whitey Butler** driving home from work. He heard a train approaching, so stopped (right in the middle of the tracks) to see from which way the train was coming.

Bob Reid reports that he is ready to start collecting all bets made and won by him. It seems as though the boys would bet Bob a steak, knowing that Bob couldn't eat it. Now he has his new choppers.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Chief M. C. Baughman recently had to endure the old saying "Grin and bear it." It seems, he went bowling in the Recreation Building and during the course of the evening submitted to a rubbing treatment rendered by a couple of fictitious rubbing doctors. (The alleged doctors, **P. L. Deylitz** and **J. W. Stark,** are now under surveillance by state authorities for operating without a license.) It is reported that **George Halas** of the Chicago Bears is scouting these Tuesday bowling engagements for possible football material after hearing the following casualties. Mr. Deylitz—injuries unknown. Chief Baughman—injuries (assumed)—broken hip and pair of glasses broken ($10 claim) and possible internal injuries. Mr. Stark—injuries—stiff joints; other injuries not reported. **V. L. Knudsen**—injuries—broken watch and other mishaps. To add insult to injury, the chief was notified by phone the next day that he had lost the bet and the bowling match by *one pin*.

The Guards will miss two fine sergeants. **Sgt. Albert Frankovich** and **Sgt. James Connor** leave soon for the armed forces.

That man you see walking through the halls with the tape measure around his neck, is now **Sgt. H. Walters.** Other recent promotions are **Sgt. Leo Boyle,** former corporal at Group 3; **Sgt. Frank Harrelson,** former corporal at Group 2, and **Sgt. Don Hoffman,** former corporal at Fuse and Booster Area. Best wishes go to all and the men who succeeded them. **Cpls. Russell Dunham, Foster Jarvis** and **Threll Childers.**

Boyd "Bud" Sorenson, who repairs, remodels and refinishes all the guns, said they must of put those bars on the stock room windows near his work bench to remind him of those prison days. (He was a guard.)

Arnold Hahn has returned to the Guard force. Arnold was one of the original members of the force, and resigned in 1941 for a business venture. He was given a hearty welcome.

Group 2

A "short change party" was given in honor of Sergeant Harrelson and Corporal Jarvis, who were recently promoted, at Wilmington November 7 by **Guard John Pearce** and members of Sergeant Harrelson's former shift at Group 2. Among those present were **George Buck, Herbert Jones, Al Planing, Cecil Godbey, Glendon Lade, Elbert Lemley, Steve Rittof** and **Dewey Pohlman.** Refreshments and a friendly rummy game were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roberson announced the arrival of a daughter, born November 3 at St. James Hospital, Chicago Heights. She was named **Jonelle,** weighed 7 pounds and both mother and child are doing nicely.

It is reported that **Guard "Nig" Bennett** was injured by a Greyhound bus in Joliet November 7.

Groups 4 and 5

Arnold Branz has a new son.

Harold Armes had a long weekend off and went to his home town, Peoria. He reports he had a pleasant time with friends.

James Cox' riders are hoping he gets the hole in the side window of his car fixed before cold weather, although it does make a good ash tray.

Bob Lockard has returned from a pleasant vacation in Southern Illinois. Did quite a little hunting, and the meal and its price will be announced later.

Ray Wiseman, who is the father of two lovely daughters, is now the father of a bouncing son. And is he proud!

Russell Nash was on the sick list for a week.

Group 3

John Long reports after a recent scouting trip that quail are very plentiful and of good quality this season. This should be of special interest to hunters who are eager to go.

U. S. Houses at Wilmington to Be Ready Soon

Occupancy Is Seen Within Two Weeks As Work Is Rushed

Occupancy of the dwelling units of the Federal Public Housing Authority at Wilmington is expected in about two weeks, according to the present stage of progress in the installation of heating equipment.

As the result of a visit to the Federal Public Housing Authority in Washington by **R. T. Bassett,** assistant comptroller of EOP, delivery of a pump was speeded. It has been installed and pressure tests are now being made. Heating equipment has been delivered and is now being installed. Work on the roads is progressing and sidewalks of precast concrete stepping stones will be laid promptly.

Employees who are interested in renting one of the dwelling units should apply at the office of the housing manager, **E. C. Fortmann,** in Wilmington. Applications are then sent to EOP for approval and certification. Approximately 200 applications have been certified here to date.

Rentals established are $27.50 for a one bedroom unit, $31.50 for two bedrooms and $35 for three bedrooms. Charges for utilities such as electricity, water and fuel are additional. Each unit will contain a coal fired heating stove, kerosene cooking range, icebox and hot water heater.

Do You Belong
For October, 1942
"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 3-A*
Group 4**
Group 5**
Group 7*
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Group 23*
Plant Protection*****
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Group 61**********
Group 62 N****
Group 62 S**
Group 65****
Group 66****
Group 68****
Richards Farm****
Utilities*

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during October.

More Power to You

ANYTHING AT ALL is acceptable for the scrap drive was the verdict of the Salvage Department when a bed and springs were contributed by Supt. James J. Murphy of Group 2. Pictured here left to right are Presley Hankins, Henry O'Reilly, Swan Sandahl, Supt. Hugh Robb and Andrew Vail.

Using the old Army parlance, a "natural" has been discovered on the shift of Corp. Joseph Chavez in the very amiable person of **Bill Landers,** who qualified recently as a pistol expert, with a score of 91.7 per cent. Bill attained this remarkable score although he had *never previously fired a revolver.* This certainly speaks well for the genial pistol instructor, **Sgt. William Maskel,** may he always keep them in the "black," bulls eye to the uninitiated.

Edward Bray, Harry Bloomquist, George Smith, Asa McGuire, Prentice Antle and **George W. Day** have participated in nocturnal military tactics and are well advanced in their course of drill. These hard working World War Veterans say the new formations are much easier to learn, and far less complicated, and have been streamlined for maximum speed.

The family of **George L. Stephen,** former guard who died October 14, wishes to thank the men at the Hub, the Saunemin bus drivers and riders for their grateful remembrance and kind expression of sympathy in their time of sorrow.

With the Women

The Women Guards are feeling more and more they are a part of a great organization. Hardly a day passes without a new surprise. Last week it was bunks, eight of them, in rebuilt quarters. It gives those who started here when the department was in its infancy, a feeling of pride when it is realized how much has been gained in personnel and equipment. The one-room office has grown into a four-room suite. The women certainly appreciate the fact that they can now say "I'll call Headquarters," instead of the usual "Phone the Office."

Drilling is still a new phase, but under the careful guidance of **Capt. John Hardy** and the capable assistance of **Thresa Johnston** it is hoped to perfect the squad to 100 per cent.

Another all day class was held October 31. **Supt. E. O. Huey** talked about many problems. **Chief M. C. Baughman** answered questions. **Captain Hardy** gave a lecture on "Military Hygiene." In the afternoon **I. W. Hawes** gave another lesson on "First Aid."

Pearl Barsalou has left the Women Guards to return to her profession.

New Faces that will soon be seen at the various post include: **Marcella Bowden,** Morris; **Lola Blue,** Danville; **Lelah Warner,** Joliet; **Katherine Koncor,** Manhattan; **Sarah VanSlyke,** Joliet; **Ellen Nugent,** Joliet; **Victoria Matteson,** Morris; **Wanda Foutch,** Wilmington; **Pearl Halberg,** Danna; **Alma Trittipoe,** Joliet, and **Henrietta McBride,** Joliet.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

The opening day of hunting season found several members of the Machine Shop holding forth in duck blinds. It is reported that **Merle Jones** caught—a cold; **Lloyd Widup** had a close shot at a cow; **Bill House** shot seven (his point is five); **Fran Rogel** brought home a bag full—of air; **John Nilson** thought someone said it was the open season on *peasants* so he took a bead on a farm hand; **Del Govoni** caught, you know what, when he got home; **Fred Rohder** downed a big one (but he quick took a chaser). Some hunters!

Frankie "Irish" Zembruski, Motor Pool, had a big disappointment when he tried to join the Marines. He wanted to take his B.B. gun along, because it doesn't kick.

Radio Communications **Barney Johnson** is passing out some fancy cigars these days inscribed, "It's a boy." He described the new baby as being "a cute little bugger." Barney is wearing a smile on his face that just won't wipe off nohow.

Martha Herity, chief operator, was greatly missed around the Telephone Building while she vacationed in New York and Canada.

'Tis reported that the Bus Drivers' Ball Saturday, November 14, was a grand success. Everybody did a little truckin' and a good time was had by all.

"Pick a Winner" Senter has good horse sense. But how about those "also rans" that are never heard about?

Another one of the boys from Bus Transportation is leaving for service and his friends are certain that **Joe Santucci** will make a good soldier.

The new telephone directory has been delayed, but it was hoped it could go to press by November 20.

Mix-up in the Motor Pool—**Del Jensen** has decided that two can't live as cheaply as one. Maybe it was a member of the armed forces who helped him decide.

Everybody at the Machine Shop knows that it was sawdust **Scotty Meyers** was wearing on the top of his head, and not a crop of golden blond hair, as he was trying to make people believe.

Richard Grendheim is now a private at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He has given up EOP's truck division for Uncle Sam's tank division.

The Bus Drivers' bowling team is really progressing since **John Hennessy** started to bowl those 249 games.

Welcomed to the Telephone Department is **Joseph Thompson,** who is a new outside man.

W. A. Buck, wire chief, has been running around greeting streaks—not of luck, but lightning.

Another hunter in the Machine Shop? **Tom Riordan** is taking his vacation during the season, anyway.

Louis Peterson, bus dispatcher, celebrated his third wedding anniversary November 11. Even after three years, Pete says it's great to be married.

The Motor Pool's **John Moon** is practicing for gas rationing. He ran out of gas twice in one week.

There'll be no one happier when he gets his tires from the ration board than Bill House of the Machine Shop. It gets mighty monotonous changing flats.

Lyle Sweetland, right hand man to **Tom Singer** at the Paint Shop, has left EOP. The efficiency and willing co-operation behind his quiet manner will be missed.

TIMEKEEPING OFFICE takes on a more feminine appearance as men employees leave for the armed forces. Shown here left to right are Maria Darin, Emily Kexel, Mary Keene, Cele Harte, Irene Morris, Eva Sweda, Rose Mary Veach and Margaret Downs.

Sanderson & Porter Design Allatoona Dam and Power Plant in Georgia

The firm of Sanderson & Porter, since it was established some 45 years ago, has specialized in powerplants, having designed and constructed both hydro-electric and steam plants aggregating close to $100,000,000 in value.

Last January, in addition to its already enormous volume of war work, the firm undertook to design the Allatoona Dam and Power Plant for U. S. Army Engineers.

The dam will be built on the Etowah River in Georgia, just below its confluence with Allatoona Creek, from which latter stream its name is derived. The site is near Cartersville, Ga., some 30 miles northwest of Atlanta, and not far from Kenesaw Mountain, which gave General Sherman so much trouble on his famous march to the sea.

The dam as originally planned was for the purpose of controlling the floodwaters of the Etowah and its tributaries, thus protecting much valuable farm land, and a number of towns, particularly Rome, Ga., which is built only a few feet above normal high water and is frequently damaged by floods. Because of the shortage of hydro-electric power in the southeast, due to lack of rain for some years past, and the increase in the need of power for war industries, it was decided to build a powerplant in connection with the dam and use the stored floodwaters, as well as the normal flow of the river, to develop 100,000 kilowatts of electric power which would add materially to the power supply for the war effort.

Project Costs $20,000,000

The entire project, including purchase of land, clearing, relocating highways, bridges, and railroads will cost approximately $20,000,000. Of this sum, the relocation of highways and railroads is estimated at about $4,000,000, leaving about $16,000,000 as the cost of the power development.

The dam will be of concrete, about 200 feet high, and 1,325 feet in length, with curved axis, in order to take advantage of the best natural rock for the foundation. The water of the Etowah River will be raised about 160 feet, forming a lake of 20,000 acres in extent. The drainage area at the site of the dam is 1,100 square miles.

Design Nearly Completed

For water control, there will be nine radial gates, 25 feet high by 40 feet in width, and two double regulating gates of the same height and each 20 feet in width.

The power house, of structural steel and reinforced concrete, will contain three main hydraulic turbines and generators, each having a rated capacity of 36,000 kilowatts at 13,800 volts. In addition, there will be a service unit of 2,000 kilowatts. The dimensions of the power house will be 96 feet by 247 feet by 131 feet maximum height. The three main transformer banks, each of 40,000 KVA capacity, one for each generator, are designed to step up generator voltage to 154,000 volts for the outgoing transmission lines. They are the outdoor type and will be located in the switchyard between the power house and the dam.

Sanderson & Porter's Hydraulic Department has nearly completed the design of this hydro-electric development. Just when construction work will start depends upon the allocation by the War Production Board of materials.

Women

By CATHERINE NOONAN

Rush for your date book at once and make the following correction: Ladies' Day at the Recreation Building has been changed from Wednesday to Friday. **Myrna Faris**, director of women's activities, has started classes in calisthenics. There are two classes every Friday. The first class meets from 4:15 to 5:00, and then all over again from 5:30 to 6:15.

Red Longies Next?

The mail must go through. And it does with the aid of three charming feminine messengers, slacks and bicycles. The new additions to the central mail room in the Administration Building are **Betty Fedderson, Margaret Ott** and **Wilma Stevenson** who have replaced boy messengers who have business elsewhere at this time. The service is par excellence. The girls whiz through the air with the greatest of ease between the Personnel and Recreation Buildings with the Administration Building as home base. The slacks are because of the bicycles and the bicycles are for speed. With the on-coming of winter the question is whether the girls will take to red flannels or the conventional ski suits?

Sanderson & Porter

The combination of Sanderson & Porter is hard to beat all the way from making bombs to "Miss Victory" candidates. Of the 36 candidates pictured in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, unwittingly grouped in the same picture were **Ruth Sanderson** and **Harriet Porter** of Group 4.

Pass the Bacon, Pappy!

Reach for a chicken leg instead of a T-bone steak. You can have bacon for breakfast and a conservative serving of meat for dinner and still stay within the bounds of voluntary meat rationing. If workers on the home front restrict themselves to 2½ pounds of meat a week, the consolation prize is knowing that our men on the fighting front are the best fed in the world, anywhere in the world. Nutritionists in the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services in Washington have been working on balanced menus for the war workers. Here is a typical lunch which includes vegetable soup in a vacuum bottle, 2 chicken sandwiches on whole wheat or enriched bread, cabbage and green pepper salad, 2 nut cookies and a pint of milk.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Shoes and more shoes is the issue at Inert these days. The boys have been shod with arch support numbers and safety toes . . . now their little corns and tootsies will be safe from all harm.

C. H. Mann, assistant superintendent, served on the committee for the Fellowship Meeting November 12th. Among those attending were **Supt. A. P. Balston, Jim Whitley, Calvin N. Kemper, Stanley Wiencek, Bill Denver, Frank Zupancic** and **Charles Gorham. George Newton** came through at the last minute . . . his excuses just wouldn't hold water.

Wally Fang and his squad of men are anxious to return to South Inert after spending some time at Group 27.

The boys at South report a flock of snow geese over Kemery Dam . . . also some ducks. **Del Neece** has offered him farm land as a hunters' paradise and **Mr. Wiencek** and **Mr. Newton** will try it out soon. **Mr. Whitley** reports he will spend the Thanksgiving holiday earning his spurs playing games.

'Tis reported that scrapper **Harold Johnson** did some work at Group 27.

Inert's candidate for "Miss Victory" scored a picture in the Chicago *Herald-American* . . . her name is **Betty Ross.**

Visiting at Inert was the Fire House Fox . . . the real one.

Gloom hangs over South Inert since the safety department informed the boys that their mascot (goat) must leave the area.

The sick list claimed **Eddie Sheridan** of Group 27 for a few days. He says it was a cold. Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Sammy Vivana** who was seriously injured in an auto accident.

Leaving to enter the Army are **Walt Merchont, James McFadden, William Gibson, George Gray** and **George Rankin.** In the armed forces, **Donald McCauley** holds the honor of being the best correspondent. Why not try to equal him with a card to the old gang at Inert? **Cy Cobb** went one better with a personal visit while on a furlough and really enjoyed it.

New employees welcomed are **Bernard Kahn** and **James Brooks** at South Inert.

Something has been dug up and it is the question of the week where Inert men speak. Here it is—

Question: What do you think you, as an individual, could do to make Elwood Ordnance Plant a better place to work?

Mr. Newton: Be courteous to all fellow workers, whether in line of duty or not.

Mr. Neece: Partake of recreation to your liking not because a friend wants you to, but because you really like to do it yourself. . . . I suggest hunting or fishing as it is always a healthful outside interest from your work and makes you better fit for duty.

John Meditz has been making frequent trips to the EOP Hospital.

Edward Speizo recently bagged four pheasants, 12 rabbits, six quail, one empty stomach, two wet feet and one pair of wet trousers.

John Burke admires himself so much lately that the boys at 27 are sorry they did not run him in the "Miss Victory" contest.

Horace "Clux Gable" Clark has started a new band called "The Dream Boggie Boys."

Alex "Bing" Ciarletta has recently been giving a certain gang at 27 vocal lessons on his new song "Give Me A Little Kiss, Will You Hon"?

The Basketball team of Group 27 has not played any league games yet, but the boys have been doing a lot of practicing and are in tip-top shape. Suits for the team were obtained through money raised by the sale of chances on a War Bond.

The boys at 27 would like to know if pipe, tobacco, and lunch were all **C. A. Kemper** left in the taxi cab.

Ray McGrath thinks there is power at Group 27. . . . Yeh Man!

Mose Williams, the old rail, is noted as the key expert in the Barrel Department at Group 27.

A number of the boys have worried about **Eddie Sheridan** getting under the weather, not wearing a hat.

Basketball Now Occupies Sports Spotlight As Winter Recreation Program Begins

Bowling, Skating, Dancing, Music, Dramatics Are Making Progress As Devotees Develop Plans

By E. L. Walkup
Recreation Director

Drop into the gymnasium any afternoon or evening nowadays and you will find one or more basketball teams hard at work getting themselves in shape for a heavy season.

There will be an EOP League of about 10 teams and a plant-wide team that will represent EOP in the Industrial Leagues in Joliet and Kankakee.

The Industrial League players are having tryouts almost every day under the guidance and eye of **John Kusinski**, and, from appearances, he should have a team that could meet all of the big ones. Some of the men trying out are **Roy Wright, James "Slim" Clark, Warren Hair, William Askenbrenner, Hershel Peterson, Roy Rudder, Robert Peterson, Howard Gulick, John Phelan, Eugene Grove, Eugene Telleson.** Kusinski said that all positions are still open and any one interested should get in touch with him at the Recreation Department.

Among the group teams that have already signified their intention of joining the local league are Group 62, **Edward Spezio**, captain, and **Edward Sheridan**, manager; **Joseph Sarti** is captain of Group 61 and **Harvey Steffes** is manager; Group 1, **Captain "Bunny" Farnango, John Burdette**, manager; Guards, **Sergt. William Dowden**, captain and manager; Fire Guards, **Roy Wright**, captain, and **Roy A. Martenson**, manager; Army, **Lt. M. G. Brandon**, captain, and **Lt. D. A. Yeoman**, manager; Fuse and Booster Laboratories, **Jed Mees**, captain, and **Charles Bridwell**, manager; Bus Drivers, **Tiny Moss**, captain and manager; Group 70, **Mario Zaninni**, captain, and **Paul Becker**, manager.

A complete schedule for practice dates is now being drawn up and forwarded to the managers. Play will start in a week or so, but there is still time to get in, just call the Recreation Department, 4109. There have been many dances planned by the different groups, all rushing to get in ahead of gas rationing. Just watch your bulletin boards for dates. Some of them include the Bus Drivers, Group 1, Group 3 and the Government Inspection Department. The latter is an annual affair and is not open to the public. Last year it was held in Joliet, but this year they expect to take advantage of the many facilities offered by the Recreation Department and use the gymnasium.

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We in the Recreation Department are looking forward to the cold weather and winter sports. If you are a skater—speed or figure—or are interested, let the representative of the Employees Activity Committee for your group know about it, or visit the Recreation Office.

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No definite plans have yet been made for dramatics. These plans will depend on you. Let us know if you have had amateur or professional experience in either the drama or musical comedy. Many opportunities come up for use of small groups with one act plays and musical presentations.

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The EOP Orchestra, under the direction of **George Zelke**, is really making a name for itself. The library is growing fast and includes all of the latest numbers as well as many of the older tunes, with special arrangements, which are so popular now.

General Offices

MAE BELLE ANDERSON
Correspondent

Irene Keenan casually strolled into a Joliet drug store which does not sell papers (she was unaware of the fact). She walked up to the soda fountain, saw a *Tribune* and picked it up and proceeded to pay the clerk for it. A man sitting at the counter spoke up and said, "I beg your pardon, madame, but that is *my* morning paper, they don't sell papers here."

Lt. Stuart Moloney, of the Fire Department, is thinking of appealing to Mr. Anthony's court. He is greatly perplexed. He received a card from Aurora, signed "Sweetheart Mary." Now his problem is: Will you please identify yourself "Sweetheart Mary" and don't keep me in suspenders!

Gerry Almon told a tall tale to **E. O. Huey**—her story has not been verified as yet. She said she recently accompanied her husband on a pheasant hunting trip (during the season). He had only one shell with him. He fired the one shot and killed three pheasants. Believe it, or not!

Rita Washburn has been adding, subtracting and worrying. She's trying to figure out how many miles a week she drives; she has a hunch she'll need more than 4 gallons to drive 180 miles.

When asked if she would like a drink the other day, **Betty Barkelew** asked, "What can you get around here besides coke?"

Marian Alexander found her shoes, she thinks. Now the question is, where did she lose them?

There's really no reason why **Stephen McCann** can't continue with those tea parties every afternoon, as it is reported he is always in hot water anyway.

Jacqueline Binzen, Mail and Files Department, spent a vacation in San Francisco and Stockton, Calif.

Frank J. Leiss has been added to the staff of the Comptroller's Office.

Slower Driving Reduces Accidents

Reduction of maximum speeds for driving within the EOP area has resulted in a material lessening of accidents, according to **M. C. Baughman**, chief of guards, who pointed out this advantage in addition to the conservation of rubber primarily sought in the change of driving regulations.

Mr. Baughman said the present speed regulations are: In loading lines, 15 miles an hour; East and West Road through Group 70, 15 miles an hour; passing fire stations, 20 miles an hour; throughout the plant area, 25 miles an hour.

Any employee having an accident, where damages to a Government vehicle are involved, is given a hearing to determine the cause and to fix the blame. All damages must be paid by the guilty person.

A new addition to the Recreation Building is a juke box—oh! Yes, dancing is permitted. It's your club, make use of the building as you would a country club. Watch the Bulletin Board, for now that the weather is keeping everyone indoors there will be many new activities you will be interested in.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

November 23

Marie Ashline, Group 7; **Jane Askew,** Group 9; **Horace Beland,** Group 3; **Robert Blair,** Group 4; **Frieda Blanck,** Group 9; **John Burnett,** Group 1; **Helen Dillon,** Plant Protection; **Clyde Duncan,** Inspection; **Howard Frain,** Group 1; **Verna Furstnow,** Group 9; **Marion Hatch,** Accounting; **Maurice Keating,** Group 7; **Hazel Keever,** Group 9; **Murray Livingston,** Guards; **Goldie Longest,** Group 5; **William Martin,** Group 3-A **Marcus McCarthy,** Utilities; **Victor McIntire,** Group 1; **Virginia McIntosh,** Group 5; **Laurence Ogden,** Guards; **Henry Paap,** Inert Storage; **Emeron Sanders,** Inspection; **Purcell Sprimont,** Group 1; **Jack Steinbacker,** Group 4; **Jennie Stroh,** Group 9; **Fred Thompson,** Utilities; **Stella Witten,** Group 9.

November 24

Mary Binzen, Group 7; **Allen Bohn,** Utilities; **Frances Bozich,** Group 9; **Eve Anna Castle,** Plant Protection; **Della Chammess,** Group 9; **Anita Chaney,** Group 5; **Glen Colaw,** Utilities; **Stephen Craver,** Utilities; **Helen Curry,** Group 8; **Louise Dennison,** Group 8; **Charles Dew,** Group 2; **Arthemae Ebert,** Group 4; **Fred Greene,** Group 3-A; **Charles Halweg,** Group 3-A; **Helen Harrison,** Group 5; **Raymond Kennedy,** Inert Storage; **Clyde Kurtz,** Group 3; **Robert Lanfear,** Group 1; **Frances Larkins,** Group 6; **Richard Mains,** Inspection; **Lillian Malinske,** Group 5; **Joseph Martin,** Inert Storage; **Robert McCormack,** Utilities; **Kenneth Meyer,** Group 3; **Doris Murphy,** Group 8; **Thomas Nemanick,** Group 9; **Louis Residore,** Group 1; **Victoria Ruatto,** Group 5; **Mary Rubocki,** Group 8; **Joseph Saleg,** Group 7; **Alvin Schwake,** Group 3-A; **Robert Sherwood,** Group 1; **Jane Siemsen,** Group 4; **Wilbur Sodemann,** Group 61; **Pearl Steinbach,** Group 8; **Chester Tucker,** High Explosives; **Lidwina Wempe,** Group 5; **Hazel Whited,** Group 9.

November 25

Russell Barrett, Group 1; **Oswald Bleber,** Group 1; **Henry Bland,** Maintenance; **Hillmon Bridges,** Inert Storage; **Harry Cambores,** Utilities; **Frank Cooke,** Utilities; **Russell Delong,** Utilities; **Elmer Dodge,** Group 7; **William Duhownik,** High Explosives; **Villa Eggleston,** Plant Protection; **Gilbert Fox,** Utilities; **Leila Francis,** Group 9; **Homer Hilleary, Sr.,** Guards; **Frederick Jacobs,** Group 1; **Steve Jarvis,** Fire Department; **Truman Kelly,** Group 1; **Maore LaFine,** Group 7; **Robert LaFrance,** Group 4; **William Lanterman,** Engineering Department; **Henry Lewis,** Group 4; **Nora Mack,** Group 9; **Arthur Maland,** Group 8; **Mae O'Harn,** Group 4; **Beatrice Pace,** Group 7; **Earl Phillips,** Group 3; **Lewis Robinson,** Group 3; **Edna Ross,** Group 5; **Frederich Rumney,** Inert Storage; **Ralph Rutland,** Utilities; **George Schuck,** Utilities; **Porter Shell,** Group 1; **Elizabeth Wasik,** Group 8; **Robert Whitley,** Utilities.

November 26

Lucille Alwine, Group 4; **Willard Arseneau,** Guards; **Marjorie Bell,** Group 4; **Elma Benoit,** Group 5; **Roy Bourgeois,** Guards; **Velida Dill,** Group 5; **Bruce Fahrner,** Group 3; **Alma Fortman,** Group 9; **John Gnadinger,** Inert Storage; **Everett Granville,** Engineering Department; **Ernest Hahndorf,** Group 2; **Kenneth Hansen,** Group 1; **Sedelle Jacobson,** Group 1; **Edward Kanoski,** Group 1; **Norman Keck,** Utilities; **Ernest Kee,** Utilities; **Francis Keeley,** Guards; **Eddie Lawrence,** Group 5; **Alice Martin,** Group 6; **Robert Morgan,** High Explosives; **Mary Peterson,** Group 8; **Mary Piercy,** Group 7; **Mary Pribish,** Inspection; **Lillian Reis,** Group 9; **Rosalind Skeen,** Group 8; **Velma Smiley,** Group 4; **Harvey Studer,** Group 8; **Harry Swanson,** Utilities; **Henry Wood,** Guards.

November 27

Stanley Ballard, Accounting; **Graydon Becker,** Guards; **Violet Brinkman,** Group 6; **Ocie Carbin,** Group 8; **Mary Davis,** Group 9; **Harvey Evans,** Group 7; **Leroy Gilmour,** High Explosives; **Laura Glover,** Group 6; **Louis Gregorich, Jr.,** High Explosives; **Lottie Herman,** Group 7; **George Karlovsky,** Utilities; **Mareta Knorr,** Group 7; **Gladys Liles,** Group 8; **Harvey Lippold,** Inert Storage; **John Mack,** Inert Storage; **Clifford Miller,** Group 3-A; **Robert Milus,** Group 3-A; **Patricia Poutre,** Group 6; **John Pullara,** Group 1; **James Rinaldo,** Inert Storage; **Albert Rosier,** Group 8; **Louise Schenkel,** Group 4; **Bernard Staur,** Inert Storage; **Alberta Stroud,** Group 7; **Lyle Sweetland,** Accounting; **Clyde Utley,** Utilities; **Robert Wood,** Group 4.

November 28

Alfred Ahern, Group 3; **Mildred Ashley,** Group 9; **William Bell,** Utilities; **George Bennett,** Utilities; **Rhaddan Bleifeld,** Group 4; **John Brannan,** Group 3-A; **Bert Bryant,** Utilities; **Casmira Burzowa,** Group 5; **Agnes Craighwell,** Group 7; **Tom East,** Utilities; **Berniece Findley,** Group 7; **Estel Fugett,** Group 1; **Katherine Glynn,** General Office; **Frances Gwarney,** Group 4; **Harold Harrison,** Hospital; **George Harrop, Jr.,** Inert Storage; **James Hatz,** Group 1; **Florence Henry,** Group 5; **Margaret Hoffman,** Group 9; **Cora Jones,** General Office; **Anthony Katsenes,** Utilities; **Orbie Lauderdale,** Utilities; **Mary Linsted,** Group 7; **William McCormick,** Group 7; **Harold McFadden,** Personnel; **Melvin Moore,** Group 61; **Cecil Morey,** Utilities; **Lawrence Pennuto,** Group 4; **John Piese, Jr.,** High Explosives; **James Sandretto,** Group 1; **Wesley Sargent,** Group 4; **Henry Stuky,** Utilities; **Gurney Trumble,** Group 1; **Lamar Weathersbee,** Group 66; **Catherine Wilkey,** Group 5; **Phyllis Zwierz,** Group 9.

November 29

Bernice Brozovich, Group 9; **Doris Callaway,** Group 4; **Joseph Cole,** Inert Storage; **Joseph Drazy,** Fire Department; **Anna Erio,** Group 9; **Josephine Finch,** Group 7; **Zula Finch,** Group 9; **Leona Franklin,** Group 9; **Francis Giroux,** Group 1; **Leonard Healy,** Group 61; **Rosella Higgins,** Group 4; **Eva Jackson,** Group 9; **Glenn Jessup,** Group 1; **Charles Johnson,** Utilities; **Lowell Kidder,** Group 8; **Agnes Karpel,** Group 1; **Gladys Long,** Group 4; **Loretta LaFine,** Group 9; **Lorene Mailleh,** Group 9; **Ruth Matthews,** Inspection; **Robert McCarty,** Group 1; **Gladys Milton,** Group 5; **Julius Nawrot,** Group 3-A; **Patrick O'Donnell,** Guards; **Marie Pierce,** Group 4; **Carrie Rice,** Utilities; **Emmet Rogers,** Utilities; **Justin Rygh,** Group 2; **John Shaffer,** Group 1; **John Siemer,** Group 3-A; **Emmett Spencer,** Inert Storage; **William Treasure,** Group 3; **Anton Vecellio,** Group 1; **Stevens Watson,** Group 4; **William Westmeyer,** Utilities; **Ira White,** Guards; **George Yurko,** Group 1.

November 30

Elsie Adams, Group 9; **Roger Anderson,** Group 5; **Arden Beardsley,** Group 2; **Peter Bereolas,** Group 3-A; **Frederick Bracken,** Group 1; **Matilda Brinkman,** Group 5; **Adolph Buckner,** Materials and Stores; **Mary Ellen Conover,** Group 5; **William Day,** Fire Department; **Angelo Delrose,** Group 3; **Albert Dinelli,** Utilities; **Renald Dinelli,** Utilities; **Jessie Eppstein,** Group 5; **Jesse Fugett,** Group 3; **Margaret Ghigo,** Group 7; **Myron Glade,** Utilities; **Leroy Grothen,** Utilities; **Helen Grush,** Group 5; **Corrine Guenetle,** Group 8; **Crystal Hansen,** Group 4; **Dorothy Harrison,** Group 4; **Guy Hoskins, Jr.,** Group 66; **Mildred Jisa,** Group 9; **LeRoy Johnson,** Group 8; **Ivan LaFond,** Group 2; **Dorothea Lishman,** Group 9; **Joseph Lovera,** Group 4; **Boystish Lucca,** Group 1; **Everett Martin,** Group 3; **Frederick Mogle,** General Operation; **Daniel O'Brien,** Group 2; **Evan Olson,** Group 7; **Wesley Peebles,** Group 9; **Verla Reiter,** Group 6; **Lonnie Seaton,** Guards; **Yvonne Smith,** Group 9; **Clarence Stukel,** Utilities; **Lorenzo Uelom,** Guards; **Dorothy White,** Group 9; **Luella Williams,** Group 9.

December 1

Robert Ardaugh, Group 2; **Mary Berg,** Group 5; **Ovella Berg,** Group 4; **Glen Bohm,** Group 2; **Bernice Brooker,** Group 4; **Elsie Cerar,** Group 8; **Elain Christman,** General Office; **Earl Crouch,** Group 1; **Henry Davies,** Guards; **Lucille Dobak,** Group 8; **Thomas Doyle,** Utilities; **Harriet Gossensmith,** Group 4; **Montgomery Hamilton,** Group 3; **Henry Hodel,** Group 4; **Julia Howard,** Group 4; **Henry Hunter,** Guards; **Walter Johnson,** Group 4; **Russell Kiger,** Group 1; **Dorothy McFadden,** Group 7; **Harold Murphy,** Group 3; **Betty O'Reilly,** Group 6; **Catherine Ray,** Ordnance; **Margaret Rogers,** Utilities; **Inez Sandeno,** Group 7; **Alfred Smith,** Utilities; **Fred Varvel,** Group 61; **John A. Vick,** Ordnance; **Albert Walker,** Watchmen.

December 2

Roosevelt Begnoche, Group 9; **Clarence Brehn,** Group 1; **Joseph Giardina,** Utilities; **Rachel Holcomb,** Group 9; **Ruth Holcomb,** Group 6; **Samuel Jones,** Group 4; **Thaddeus Kowalski,** Ordnance; **Donald May,** Group 2; **Nora McNamara,** Group 7; **Harry Moran,** Fire Department; **Arlene Nash,** Group 4; **Otto Nelson,** Group 1; **Harry Norman,** Utilities; **Aelila Pement,** Group 7; **Stanley Rattin,** Group 2; **Capitola Ricketts,** Group 8; **Frank Rupnow,** Materials and Stores; **Wilbur Scott,** Group 3; **Otmar Senn,** Accounting; **Bernard Swaney,** Group 3.

December 3

Duane Bertrand, Group 1; **Ralph Blundy,** Group 3-A; **Lester Bryant,** Ordnance; **Helen Chuk,** Group 9; **Woodrow Davidson,** Inert Storage; **Melvin Dugan,** Ordnance; **Harry Elb,** Group 66; **Norma Fratin,** Personnel; **Albin Gustafson,** Group 2; **Herman Guyot,** Fire Department; **Jack Hanna,** Group 3; **Harry Hilgart,** Group 3; **Donald Krieger,** Inert Storage; **John Ludwig,** Group 1; **Helen Martin,** Group 9; **Meredith McArty,** Group 3; **William Miller,** Group 3; **Frank Nerkins,** Group 2; **Joseph Ritchie,** Guards; **Marie Sokolowski,** Group 4; **William Stegall,** Group 2; **Frances Staniewicz,** Group 7; **Leroy Van Duyne,** Group 1; **Serena Vehrenkamp,** Group 4; **Thomas Warren,** Group 1; **George Weber,** Utilities; **Eleanor Yonke,** Group 8.

December 4

Carl Anker, Ordnance; **Charles Brewer,** Group 3; **Harold Donaldson,** Group 3; **Raymond Doyle,** Group 3; **Elizabeth Ely,** Group 9; **Oscar Erickson,** Group 2; **Evelyn Fogarity,** Group 6; **Isabella Green,** Group 6; **Charles Hendricks,** Group 3; **Wayne Hish,** Group 3; **Lucille Hritz,** Group 7; **Roy Jaggers,** Guards; **Michael Keller,** Inspection; **Julia Loelba,** Group 5; **Robert Lagger,** Accounting; **Nellie Lazio,** Hospital; **Arthur McHugh,** Group 66; **Henry Mehn,** Group 1; **Francis Murphy,** Utilities; **Lee Oetter,** Utilities; **Bertha Perush,** Hospital; **Leslie Ross,** Ordnance; **Francois Theophile,** Group 61; **Marie Ulrich,** Hospital; **Carl Van Cleave,** Group 2; **Louis White,** Group 3-A; **William Wolford,** Utilities.

December 5

Ronald Anderson, General Office; **Edward Armstrong,** Guards; **William Bixby,** Ordnance; **William Breen,** Group 1; **James Call,** Group 3; **William Conness,** Utilities; **Oliver Dilks,** Guards; **Thelma Erickson,** Group 5; **Robert Hafeley,** Group 66; **Herman Hafner,** Group 2; **Sigurd Hansen,** Inert Storage; **James Harris,** Inert Storage; **Joseph Horvat,** Group 2; **Arthur Jamison,** Inert Storage; **Marjorie Jones,** Group 4; **Gladys Koerner,** Women Guards; **Jennie Koser,** Group 5; **Ruth Kovis,** Group 9; **Ambrose Legris,** Group 3-A; **Dorothy Linnemar,** Group 5; **Oscar Long,** Group 3; **Margaret Marasso,** Group 1; **Andrew Mason,** Utilities; **Lewis Meyers,** Ordnance; **Helen Murphy,** Utilities; **Celilia Parzych,** Group 1; **Remmell Rogers,** Utilities; **Lyle Safford,** Utilities; **George Schafer,** Utilities; **Catherine Schuster,** Group 1; **William Smith,** Group 3-A; **Duane Swinford,** General Office; **William White,** Utilities.

December 6

John Cima, Group 1; **Mary Clow,** General Office; **Addie Crosby,** Group 6; **Edmund Dougherty,** Utilities; **Glenna Downey,** Group 4; **John Feeney,** Guards; **Geneva Fullriede,** Group 6; **Mary Giffin,** Group 9; **John Grube,** Group 8; **Marjorie Howerton,** General Office; **Mary Klobutcher,** Group 1; **Frank Kopie,** Accounting; **Arthur Longtin,** Group 2; **Rudolph Mandak,** Group 1; **John Nicholson,** Engineering Department; **Walter Nielsen,** Engineering Department; **Hubert Ochs,** High Explosives; **Ruth Pearce,** Group 9; **Elwood Quick,** Utilities; **Neil Safford,** Utilities; **Ruth Slinkard,** Group 7; **Raymond Thompson,** Group 1.

W. F. Futterer

J. F. Futterer

Albert Futterer

Arthur Futterer

THREE of the four Futterer brothers, shown here, now in the armed forces, are former employees of the Ordnance Department here. The three are J. F., Albert and Arthur. W. F. and Arthur are overseas.

23 Complete Joliet First-Aid Class

Twenty-three EOP employees have completed the standard first-aid course given in Joliet, according to **Karl J. Ulrich,** assistant safety supervisor. The standard first-aid course consists of 20 hours and a certificate is awarded to each person who successfully completes the course.

Those who have received their first-aid certificates are **William Briddick, Robert Gibson, Esther Leverich, Quentin Leverich, George Newton, Frank Platt, Henry Risk, Roy Shepherd, Louis W. Walsh, Jr., Vernon Worden, Elsie Allen, Marion Ambrosic, Minnie Benedino, Adolph Bronx, Pauline Crakovic, Margaret Oxepregi, Marie E. Mock, Eugenia Pasternak, Arlene Nash, Frances Ramsey, Helen Skumanich, Ann Stimac and Martha Swinford.**

LIKE A TOY is the appearance of the 10-ton Diesel locomotive shown here, but it does a big job as its part of the EOP railroad system. Pictured left to right are Roy Sawyer, switchman; Charles Kastner, engineer, and B. F. Berden, foreman.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Roscoe Sidell, supervisor of the Hospital Laboratory, attended the funeral of his father, who died suddenly.

Nearly all have read the story of the three pigs, where the big bad wolf "huffed and puffed and blew their house in." **Dorothy Schoop** huffed and puffed and shook the back door of the Administration building, trying to get in and clock out. When suddenly a gentleman opened the door and **Dottie** turned crimson, and thanked **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber.**

A good suggestion is to begin pooling pennies for cigars soon, as November 19 will see **Dr. B. G. Giel** celebrating his birthday. It isn't necessary to say what he likes but you can always see him flicking ashes off a cigar off duty.

Clare V. Johnson left the EOP Hospital November 11. His new position is that of Director of Food Rationing at Springfield, Ill.

October 31 saw **Doris Petersen** and **Richard McCollem** exchange nuptial vows at Ottowa Street Methodist Church. **Mrs. McCollem** is a nurse at the hospital and **Mr. McCollem** is an explosives operator in Group 61. They are to reside in their newly purchased home in Sunnyland District on the Plainfield Road.

Lucy Harkness, former secretary here, received a letter from **Pvt. William Bryant,** former insurance was stationed in Massachusetts, has been transferred to Camp Davis in North Carolina. He also has been promoted to corporal.

Maurice Bremer, of Pontiac, hospital ambulance driver, recently received a letter from his son, **Sgt. Gordon Bremer,** attached to the U. S. force somewhere in Africa as a meteorologist, that he has started a "private zoo." So far he has acquired a young ostrich, a young giraffe, several horses and chameleons. The chameleons are larger that those sold in circuses and carnivals here, and have a sort of a crest-like design on their heads. They turn two shades of green and black. He expects to be transferred shortly and says that he likes the country he is in very much.

November 1 brought a letter from **Pvt. Joseph Chizmark,** former ambulance driver. He recently had his knee operated on and is in the hospital. Several persons have asked for his address and they may obtain it by calling Line 3246.

Eddie Murphy reports that even though the alleys are being used more than the average commercial alleys, he still has the best alleys in northern Illinois. While about 40 teams have signified their intentions of getting in the Plant League, due to travel and gas rationing, it is expected that plans for leagues might be dropped and throw the time open for scheduled bowling, so until it is definitely decided whether leagues will be organized or not, call up for reservations. Alleys are in operation from noon until 11 o'clock at night.

The Burning Pit

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tornadoes and meteorological uprisings, or should I say "uprootings?" **Karl Ulrich** of the Safety Department might, in the interests of mental relaxation, be advisedly persuaded to step out and take a chance, even if it be only a drug store punchboard. This last may seem like treason but it would help that worried look. I suggest you *Read* these lines with caution, Mr. Ulrich.

There are many other worthy subjects to be recommended but with the picture roughed in by the paragraphs I hope you have just read, you can daub in the colors and details to suit yourself. And of course don't forget the promise we are all going to make to put in just a bit more effort every day during the coming year so that before the next set of resolutions goes to print, the word of the day will be *VICTORY.*

The EOP Guide Post

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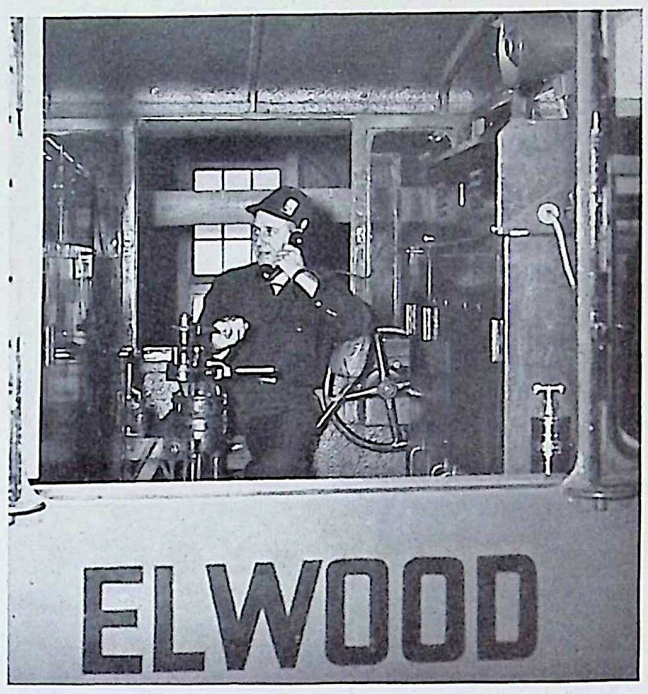
ELWOOD ON PARADE

PRESSING tetryl pellets behind a concrete barricade is being watched through a peephole by Winifred Robbins at her station in Group 6.



FRAMED through the cab window of his Diesel locomotive, Joseph E. Dunn is checking his orders by radio before leaving the round house.

ASSEMBLING operations in the Fuze & Booster Area are numerous and Estelline Reece is shown here in Group 7 performing one of the tasks.

BOOSTERS FOR SHELLS are assembled on tables like the one shown here at which Marjorie Woodward, Group 6, is shown working. After assembling is completed, the components are sent by trucks to the loading lines.

MASKS ARE WORN when tetryl pellets are placed in boosters. Pictured here, left to right, are Alice Martin, Helen Karl, Bonnie Lewis, Virginia Himmerling and June Randolph, all of Group 6.

EOP'S SIX DISTRICT FINALISTS in the "Miss Victory" contest are shown here among the ten selected by the judges. Pictured left to right are Lucille Blaida, Zenith Radio; Evelyn Tolustad and Irene Houch, Elgin Watch; Betty Foster, EOP; Geraldine Vickers, Guardian Electric; Betty Jensen, Mary E. Danser, Erva Willford, Maxine Enger and Dorothy Connors, EOP. (Herald-American photo.)

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S & P Present War Bonds to Victory Girls

Six District Finalists In Chicago Contest Are Honored Here

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War bonds have been presented by Sanderson & Porter to EOP's six district finalists who participated in the "Miss Victory" contest, sponsored by the *Chicago Herald-American*. To **Betty Foster** of Group 4, who won second place, was given a $200 war bond. **Maxine Enger**, Group 4; **Betty Jane Jensen** and **Mary Danser**, Group 1; **Dorothy Connors**, Group 7, and **Erva Willford**, Utilities, were awarded each a $100 war bond.

The bonds are a token of appreciation to the six girls who represented EOP with such outstanding success in the contest. **W. E. Canniff**, manager, engineering and operations, made the presentation in behalf of Sanderson & Porter in his office November 30.

In a letter to each of the finalists, Mr. Canniff said in part: "It is right that we should all be gratified because 6 of our 35 candidates from some 500 competitors received final consideration. We are proud of each of our candidates, but it seems appropriate that the 6 finalists, including our own "Miss Victory," should receive some special token of appreciation from Sanderson & Porter."

The 6 finalists were escorted to the "Miss Victory" ball at the Aragon ballroom November 19 by EOP'S "Miss Victory" committee which consisted of **George F. Bent**, chairman and personnel director; **Capt. D. P. Tunstall**, public relations officer; **John A. Lower**, superintendent of Groups 4-5; **Helen Bardi**, Personnel; **Helen Shimek**, Utilities, and **John Condie**, Group 1.

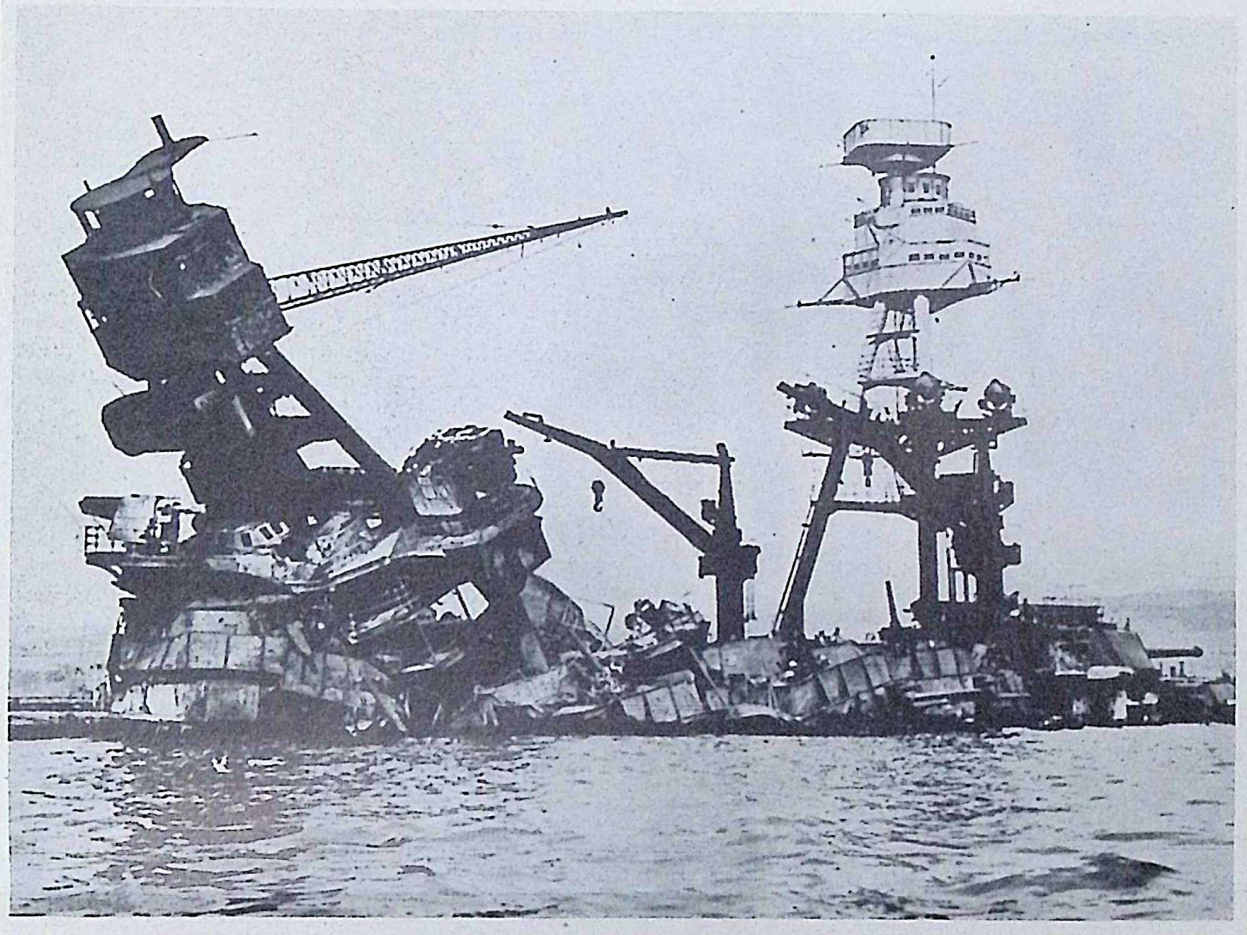
The 40 contestants, representing different companies in the Chicago area engaged in war work, made the stage of the Aragon a common battlefield for the coveted title. They were presented in groups of 6 to the audience and judges. **Patricia Dougherty**, women's editor of the *Chicago Herald-American* introduced the girls and kept the audience amused with her repartee while the judges gave sincere consideration to each contestant.

While the votes were being cast, the audience was lavishly entertained by **Sophie Tucker**, **Grace Moore**, **Ben Bernie**, **Bert Wheeler**, **Boris Karloff** and many others.

The 40 contestants were eliminated to 18, then to 5 and then to the big 3. They were **Mary Hoffman** of Western Electric, **Margaret Helen Reed** of Ammunition Container Corp. and Miss Foster. Two more votes were taken and then **John A. Malloy**, executive editor of the paper, announced that Mary Hoffman was "Miss Victory" of the Chicago area.

But Betty Foster is the official "Miss Victory" of EOP.

Wreckage of U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor



THE U.S.S. ARIZONA was sunk in Pearl Harbor when Jap bombers attacked the fleet and airfields December 7, 1941.

—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Military Accomplishments of Elwood Ordnance Plant Are Many and Varied During War's First Year

This Nation's first year of war, which began on that fateful Sunday of December 7, 1941, when Japanese bombers attacked Pearl Harbor and other points in Hawaii, has seen many contributions made to the war program by the Elwood Ordnance Plant.

Within three days after the attack, the first shipment of bombs and shells was made from EOP. That December of a year ago also saw the beginning of assembling and loading operations in Groups 4 and 7, the first two of the Fuze and Booster groups to get under way. Construction was still in progress, although Groups 1, 2 and 3 were in operation. The automatic telephone service was placed in operation and the railway system was turned over to the operating department.

In January Group 5 was put into operation. The fire station at the North Gate was completed. The Nitrate of Ammonia Plant and the radio maintenance and repair shop were put into service. On January 21, **Charles J. Kemery**, superintendent of carpenters and a leading figure in the construction of EOP, died. A flood seriously interfered with construction in February.

Col. T. C. Gerber was succeeded as commanding officer by **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman.**

Group 8 was placed in operation in March. There was a considerable increase in the number of women employees in the Fuze and Booster area. The Construction Department ceased to exist March 15 and this work was reorganized under the Utilities Department, which assumed operation of the railroad, all shops and maintenance divisions. Loading and assembling of anti-tank mines got under way. The first women timekeepers were employed.

Group 3-A was placed in operation April 9, loading bombs. Groups 6 and 9 also started operations, completing the loading and assembling groups. A testimonial dinner was given April 10 for **Capt. Curtis A. Nelson**, who as area engineer of the plant, after serving as constructing quartermaster and area engineer since July, 1941, was succeded by **Capt. K. D. De Young.**

A transportation survey made in May showed that EOP workers lived in 187 communities and in 16 counties and commuted to and from work each day. The first EOP block-buster bombs were loaded in this month. Extensions to the east and west wings of the Administration Building were started. A recreational program was launched and plans for employee use of the Recreation Building were made. A campaign to sell War Bonds on the Payroll Savings Plan was launched and to date employees have invested $1,398,147.50 for this purpose.

The first issue of *The Bomb-Shell* was published June 1. Tragedy struck June 5, when an explosion in Group 2 cost the lives of 48 "soldiers of the home front." Seventy-two were injured. A memorial service for the heroes was held in front of the Administration Building June 17.

Group 2 resumed operations July 6. Extensions to the Administration Building were completed in this month. One of the first war restrictions was put into effect with launching of the motor pool for all Government-owned vehicles. Plant guards were made a part of the Army's Military Police July 18.

A fund of $16,943.50 was raised by employees and the management for the survivors of those who were lost in the June explosion. August also saw completion of the new shipping building at Group 2 and beginning of its operations. EOP's first WAAC, **Alice Pichon**, was sworn into the Army August 3 and since has received her commission as a lieutenant. A gigantic service flag honoring EOP workers who had been called to the armed forces was dedicated August 8.

The construction program was officially terminated September 30. Richards Farm, site of construction headquarters, was fenced in.

A snowstorm hit the vicinity September 26. Girl employees of the War Department donned uniforms September 15.

October saw tire rationing well under way. The speed limit within the plant area was reduced from 30 to 25 miles. Women were employed as bomb loaders in Group 3-A. A scrap drive was launched October 9. Colonel Hoffman was succeeded by **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber** as commanding officer.

In November plans were made for co-operation with the gasoline rationing program to become effective December 1. A uniform shift change time was inaugurated. Announcement was made that Sanderson & Porter's contract with the United States for operation of the plant had been extended. Changes in some of the War Department divisions at the plant were started.

Yes, all in all, an eventful year. EOP has contributed its full share to the war effort in men, women, money, scrap and millions of pounds of bombs, shells and anti-tank mines.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire.....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Fear Buses May End Service For Lack of Riders

Dwindling Patronage Presents Problem of Serious Nature

Employee co-operation must be forthcoming quickly if bus service to and from EOP is to be maintained by the public carriers, who are alarmed concerning the lack of patronage despite the restrictions of tire and gasoline rationing, it was announced by **W. E. Canniff**, manager of operations.

EOP workers now travel daily to and from work from more than 300 communities and curtailment of bus service would be a hardship on many of them. Such curtailment will be forced unless there is a pick-up in the number of riders, the bus operators told Mr. Canniff in a meeting last week.

Employees who now use bus transportation should attempt to get other riders and those using private cars for long trips should switch to buses where they are available, was the advice given by Mr. Canniff.

The situation arose with the necessity for car riders to double up as much as possible to meet the requirements of the tire rationing boards. This doubling-up apparently has been more than successful; it has been carried to an extreme in many cases where car owners took passengers from the buses so they might continue to drive their own cars.

Mr. Canniff pointed out that the various county rationing boards have the authority to refuse to issue a supplemental gasoline book if, in the opinion of the boards, adequate bus service is available. This authority may be called upon if necessary to keep the buses operating for the benefit of those who must depend on them.

The situation is being given careful study and everything possible to maintain bus service will be done.

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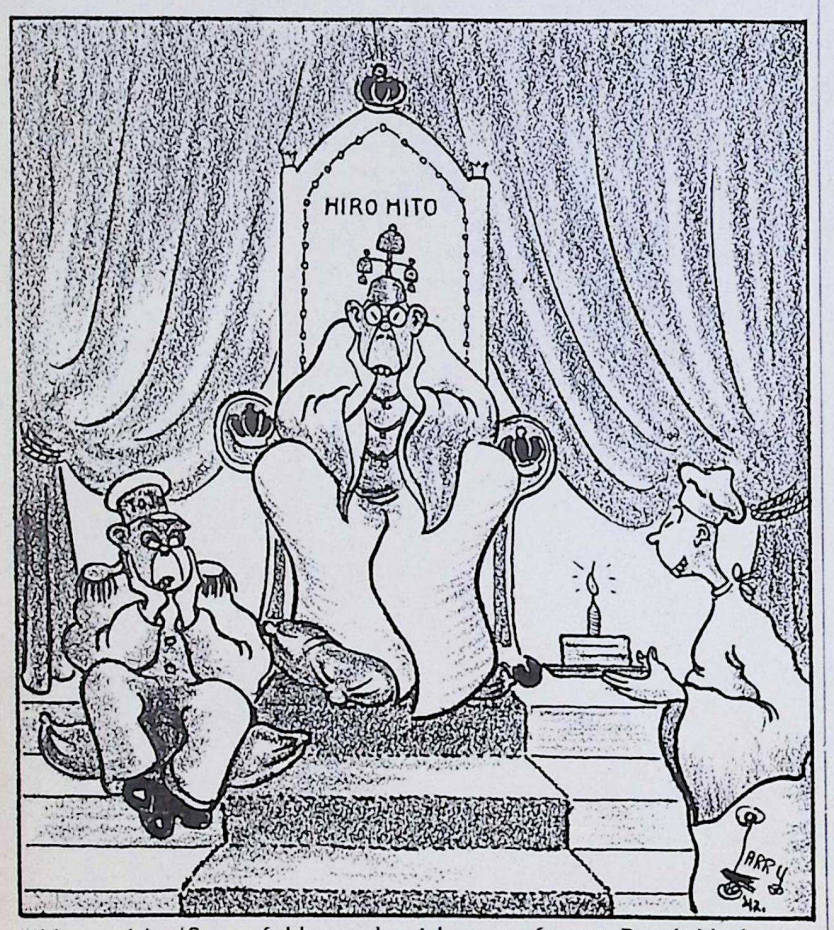
The Japanese Are Tough

A RADIO ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE JOSEPH C. GREW
Former United States Ambassador to Japan

First of all, I should like to say how deeply we have been moved, my associates and myself who have just returned on the exchange ship *Gripsholm*, by the many greetings of friends and the great volume of messages of welcome which have come to us from all over the country. The welcome given us has warmed our hearts, and it is one that we can never forget, nor can we ever forget the really inexpressable joy of coming home after the difficult months and moments through which we have passed in Japan and Japanese-occupied territory. It may be impossible to answer all those messages individually. Please let me express now to all who hear me our most grateful thanks for them.

Release From Torture

Never before has my native land looked to me so beautiful. Never before has a home-coming meant so much. I think you will realize a little of what it meant to us when I tell you of those last 7 days at anchor off Yokohama before our evacuation vessel finally sailed from Japanese waters. We were awaiting the completion of the negotiations for our exchange, not knowing whether those negotiations would be successful and whether, if they were unsuccessful, we might not all be returned to our imprisonment in Japan. Among us were many Americans—missionaries, teachers, newspaper correspondents, businessmen—who had spent the preceding 6 months in solitary confinement in small, bitterly cold prison cells, inadequently clothed and inadequately fed, and at times subjected to the most cruel and barbaric tortures. I will not go into the nature of those tortures, which were many, except to mention an incident on the *Gripsholm* when three elderly Americans, one of them over 70 years old, gave me a demonstration of the water-cure which had repeatedly been inflicted upon them. We went up to the bow of the ship early in the morning, where a friend posed as the subject of the torture. He was tied up with his knees drawn up to his chin, his neck being attached to his knees, and his hands securely bound behind him so that the cords in the actual torture had penetrated deep under the skin. He was then rolled over with his face up and water was poured into his nose and mouth. It was a realistic performance, but only from the oral description of those men could I visualize what the actual torture must have been. Six large buckets of water were used by the Japanese police, so that the subject lost consciousness and then was brought back to consciousness merely to have the same thing repeated. One of those elderly missionaries was given the water-cure six separate times in order to make him divulge information which he was supposed to have acquired as an alleged spy. Nearly all of the American missionaries, teachers, newspaper correspondents, and businessman were regarded as potential spies. The stupidity of those Japanese police was only surpassed by their utter cruelty. That same American told me that once while he was lying tied on the floor a Japanese had ground his boot sole into his face and then had brutally kicked him, smashing a rib. When he was finally untied, he could barely stand, and he said he feared that a rib had been broken. One of the Japanese police asked where the broken rib was and began to feel his body. As the Japanese came to the broken bone he said, "Is that the place?" and when the man answered "Yes" the policeman hauled off with his fist and hit that broken rib as hard as he could. In another case a well-known American had been seriously maimed as a result of the gangrene which was caused by the ill treatment that he received in his prison cell. I had known him in years gone by, and seldom have I had so great a shock as when I saw him on the ship, a mere shadow of his former self. There were many, many other cases.



"Honorable 'Son of Heaven' wishes to forget Pearl Harbor—it becomes bad pain in the neck!"

The Real Story

I had heard indirectly of the horrible atrocities perpetrated in the rape of Nanking and of the fearful things done in Hong Kong when soldiers who had been taken as prisoners of war were bayoneted to death. But on shipboard we had direct evidence, for the dying shrieks of those soldiers were heard by a woman, a fellow passenger of ours, who herself told me the terrible story. This was no second-hand evidence but the reports of reliable first-hand witnesses and, in the case of the torture, the first-hand evidence of those who had suffered the tortures themselves.

Do you wonder that during those 7 days of waiting in the harbor of Yokohama several of those people told me that if the negotiations for our exchange failed they would commit suicide rather than return to their imprisonment in Japan?

And then came one of the greatest of all moments. I awoke at 1 a. m. on June 25 sensing that something was happening. I looked out of the porthole and saw a piece of wood slowly moving past in the water. Another piece of wood moved faster. We were at last under way, slowly accelerating until the ship was finally speeding at full steam, away from Yokohama, away from Japan, pointing homeward. Ah, what a moment that was, even though we had 18,000 miles to cover and 70 days in all before we should pass the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor and repeat to ourselves, with tears pouring down many a face.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land?"

I shall have something to say tonight about the Japanese military machine which brought on this war and against which we are fighting today. But before turning to that subject there is something else which I cannot leave unsaid. I have lived for 10 years in Japan. I have had many friends in Japan, some of whom I admired, respected, and loved. They are not the people who brought on this war. As patriots they will fight for their Emperor and country, to the last ditch if necessary, but they did not want this war, and it was not they who began it. Even during our imprisonment in Tokyo many of those friends used to contrive to send us gifts, in spite of the usual obstruction of the police who wished to cut us off completely from the outside world. They were not the usual gifts of flowers but gifts of food, sometimes a piece of meat, which was the most precious gift they could confer, because they themselves could seldom get meat. For 10 years I have broken bread in their houses and they in mine. They were personally loyal to me to the end.

This Is the Issue

But there is the other side to the picture, the ugly side of cruelty, brutality, and utter bestiality, the ruthlessness and rapaciousness of the Japanese military machine which brought on this war. That Japanese military machine and military caste and military system must be utterly crushed, their credit and predominance must be utterly broken, for the future safely and welfare of the United States and of the United Nations and for the future safety and welfare of civilization and humanity. Let us put it in a nutshell: There is not sufficient room in the area of the Pacific Ocean for a peaceful America, for any of the peace-loving United Nations, and a swashbuckling Japan.

I shall come back to that subject, but first it may interest you to know something about the last hours in Tokyo preceding the dastardly attack on Pearl Harbor. That story is of important interest.

Late in the evening of December 7 I received a telegram from our Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, containing a message from the President which I was to communicate to the Emperor at the earliest possible moment. I immediately asked for an appointment with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Togo, around midnight, and drove at once to the Minister's official residence and requested an audience with the Emperor in order to present the President's message. Mr. Togo said that he would present my request to the Throne, and I left him at about 12:30 a. m. This must have been only a few hours—Japan time—prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Declaration of War

At 7 a. m. on the morning of December 8 I was awakened by a telephone call from the Foreign Minister's secretary, who asked me to come to the Minister's residence as soon as possible. He said that he had been trying to telephone to me ever since 5 a. m. but had been unable to get connection. I hurriedly dressed and arrived at the official residence at about 7:30. Mr. Togo entered the room grim and formal and handed to me the reply to the President's message to the Emperor, whom I was told he had seen at about 3 a. m., presumably just after the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor. At the same time he handed me a long memorandum ending with the statement: "The Japanese Government regrets to have to notify hereby the American Government that in view of the attitude of the American Government it cannot but consider that it is impossible to reach an agreement through further negotiations." I asked the Minister if he had presented to the Emperor my request for an audience. The Minister merely replied that he had no intention of standing between myself and the Throne. He then made a little speech thanking me for my efforts to preserve peace and, as usual, came downstairs to see me off at the door. He said nothing whatever about the outbreak of war between our countries, and I returned to the Embassy in entire ignorance that developments more serious than the breaking off of the conversations had occurred. It was not until at least an hour or more later that a press bulletin was released announcing the attack on Hawaii and the outbreak of war between Japan and the United States and Great Britain. When the bulletin was handed to me I could hardly believe that the news was true. However, it was soon confirmed from other sources, and later in the morning an official of the Foreign Office brought to my secretary the official note declaring war. Almost immediately afterward the Embassy's gates were closed and locked by the police, and from that moment we were regarded and treated as prisoners. A group of Japanese radio experts then immediately came and went through all our houses with a fine-toothed comb, taking away all short-wave radio sets so that thereafter we should have no contact with the outside world save through the Japanese newspapers which were regularly delivered to us.

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THE BURNING PIT

By Scorchy

Most of the individuals who make up the EOP family can go about their daily stint with some measure of satisfaction in having turned in a good week's work every week and really having made some appreciable contribution to the winning of the war. The mere routine fact that they got paid for it is beside the point as far as this epistle is concerned; it still can be said that they gave everything they had and tried to do their best. In unhappy contrast to this respectacle group, we regrettably have amongst us many who do not seem to be fired with any sense of patriotism or any desire to put their shoulder to the wheel—and keep it there.

Folks, I refer to that ignominious but always squawking individual more unpopularly known as the *absentee*. He is the present day personification of "the little man who wasn't there." The fertility of his brain demonstrated by the variety of excuses for not having been at work yesterday gives rise to the thought that these non-working "workers" might really amount to something if their well-rested mental equipment could be exercised a little more than their muscles.

Another phase of this problem should be of considerable interest to the medical profession. It has always been puzzling to this observer as to just how a man can be in rugged health on Thursday night, completely incapacitated and bed-ridden all day Friday, but through some biologic mesmerism completely regain his health, and report to work robust and ruddy on Saturday morning.

Your reporter hesitates to cast any stigma on the pseudo-patriotism of these *intermittently emaciated* victims by suggesting that Friday is the day after payday, but now that the idea is out in the open, you can draw your own conclusions. Similarly peculiar, is the current fact that there is a decided dearth of red corpuscles on Mondays. It would also be grossly unfair to intimate that these Monday sufferers had not worn themselves to complete exhaustion by helping with the chores around the farm on Sunday, but here again let your imagination roam into the fields of the more pleasant but, nevertheless devastating, pastimes that are open to the "drugstore cowboy" who in these war times seems to have demonstrated that he has more money than brains.

Your correspondent hesitates to "view with alarm," "look with concern," or "ominously warn" the body politic, but it is difficult to resist the temptation of suggesting an Army-Navy "A" flag to be ceremoniously pinned to the rear of each absentee on the morning that he returns from his rest cure. It seems also appropriate that his fellow-workers take up a collection as congratulatory appreciation of his self-denial in cutting short his certainly deserved respite from his physical efforts, which, in altogether too many cases, have never remotely approached the point of exertion, not to mention exhaustion.

An added convenience for these erstwhile chanters of "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" should be the provision in drugstores, taverns and filling stations of pads of standardized doctor's certificates which each "Prodigal of the Rest Cure" could fill out for himself and thus maintain the same degree of integrity as his attendance record indicates.

I warn you—the worm will turn.

☆ ☆ ☆ What's a Gallon of Gas? ☆ ☆ ☆

Yanks' Letters From Overseas Describe Life

Friends and Kin Also Write in Behalf of Men

Thanks from EOP Yanks from all over the world continue to flood *The Bomb-Shell* office. Whether it's North, South, East or West, or the mysterious c/o Postmaster New York City, N. Y., or San Francisco, Cal., *The Bomb-Shell* goes through and hundreds of former EOP employees, now serving in the armed forces, keep up-to-date with the news just as they did when they punched the old time clock at 3:30 p. m. and called it a day.

From "somewhere in the tropics a long and interesting letter was received from **Pvt. Albert Jacovec**, ex-Group 1 man, who is stationed there with another former EOP employee, **Pvt. Edward Dalian.** About receiving *The Bomb-Shell*, Pvt. Jacovec wrote: "Finally received a copy of *The Bomb-Shell*, the August issue, but I can't explain to you how happy it made me. I received it after coming off guard. It just takes a soldier's spirit from his shoe tops and brings it up there where it belongs." Pvt. Jacovec wants his former co-workers to keep 'em rolling and says hello to **Bob Kelly, Jim Hibber, Jersey Klegman, "Speed" Whreli, Dick Cuningham and Bob Bryant.**

"I'm in the wilds of Australia," wrote **Pvt. Bruno J. Duma,** "where books, magazines and papers are scarce and I sure was tickled to death when I received *The Bomb-Shell.* I want to thank the staff for it and their trouble in sending it to me."

With a "Greetings from England" card and a letter, **Pvt. Harry E. Kimmel** said, "We are usually a couple of jumps ahead of the U. S. mail. However, it always catches up with us and, though it's a bit late, we really are thrilled when we get news from back home. Received the July and August issues of *The Bomb-Shell* over here, which is like receiving a personal letter from all the boys in the plant, especially my fellow workers in Group 64 and 66A. Am sending thanks and sincere greetings to all."

OSC Glenn G. Wheeler wrote that on November 17 he would be transferred to the Ordnance Department, Officers' Candidate School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. As an EOP employee he worked under **Charles Herbig** and **Pat Patterson** and did operations accounting in the Tin Shop. "It was a pleasure to have been associated with EOP, and I will always remember my employment there. I have found army life to my liking and have met and worked with a grand group of fellows. I would appreciate hearing from any of the fellows there, in the Tin Shop, especially **Jess Thomas.**"

Happy memories of EOP also filled the letter from **Pvt. William O. Howen,** Camp Livingston, La. He said: "I am writing you to thank you for sending me *The Bomb-Shell.* I really appreciate it. I wish to say that there isn't a finer place to work than EOP and that I never worked for any finer fellows than **Edy Burns** and **John Lower.** I don't believe there is a better group to work with than the boys and girls in Group 5. The army is swell. We have good food and fine clothing."

James E. Koerner, F/C at Great Lakes, Ill., said that his copy of *The Bomb-Shell* went the rounds and the fellows were much interested in the work the girls and men are doing at EOP. In fact, he went on to say, two copies were delivered to his company because **Burton Peet,** formerly of Group 3, is one of his buddies.

Real army spirit was revealed in the letter of **Pvt. Robert E. Guess,** who is stationed at Traymore Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla. He wrote: "I wonder if *The Bomb-Shell* can be sent to a guy who misses the old gang in Buildings 10 and 13? But I wouldn't trade places with **Joseph E. Salmon** if I could! Boy, is this the life! Living in hotels, swimming, when in Joliet I'd be freezing, and, the most important thing, we're being trained to do a job where we can help get this fracas over with. If any of the old gang in Buildings 10 and 13 have time, I would like to hear from them."

Pvt. L. L. Ruphard is constantly on the move. He spent five months in school at Keesler Field, Mississippi, one month at Baltimore, Md., one month at Pendleton Field, Oregon, and now at his present station, Camp Stockton, California. "Still the large manila envelopes carrying *The Bomb-Shell* always catch up with me." From Key Field, Meridian, Miss., **Lt. J. D. Youd** said, "I have found *The Bomb-Shell* a source of interest and enjoyment ever since the first copy and look forward to receiving it every other week. I enjoy searching through its pages for names of men I knew while I was there. The pictures and explanations of the various manufacturing processes strike a familiar note. Thanks for sending the paper."

"It certainly was a favorable surprise to receive *The Bomb-Shell.* Please extend my greetings to **Sergeant Murphy** and the rest of the Guard force," from **LeRoy Gunderson,** Camp Carson, Colorado; "Received two copies of *The Bomb-Shell* and am always glad to hear from home," from **Joseph J. Cassetto,** Camp Luna, New Mexico; "I've been getting *The Bomb-Shell* for some time. I worked for **Bill Dooley** at Group 61. One of the best guys I ever worked for," from **Pvt. William Ducey,** Camp Forrest, Tennessee; "Thanks for sending me *The Bomb-Shell.* Could you put my address in the paper so that the old gang could write to me?" from **Herman A. Lundstrom.** F 1/c U. S. N. R., Navy 8155, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

Letters and cards with "thanks for *The Bomb-Shell*" and "please send future copies to my new address" were received from: **Ralph E. Adams,** RT 3/c, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. George Rockett,** Tyndall Field, Florida; **Pvt. Gene M. Newton** (who would like to hear from men in the Fire Department), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; **Cpl. Roy D. Colby,** Camp Hood, Texas; **Pvt. Ernest F. Hoenes,** Fort Lewis, Washington; **Pvt. Edward L. Kurth,** Brownsville, Texas; **Cpl. W. G. Grohne,** Fort Sill, Oklahoma; **Pvt. Timothy O'Donnell,** Camp Grant, Illinois; Candidate **James H. Edwards,** State College, Miss.; **Pvt. Frank J. Rifel,** Rapid City, S. Dak.; **Pvt. Stephen J. Rusina,** Columbia, S. C.; **Pvt. Donald J. Breen,** Camp Haan, California; A/C **Joseph J. Peters,** Nashville, Tenn.; **H. D. Roles,** HA 1/c General Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.; **Pvt. James P. Hudson,** Camp Wallace, Texas; **Pvt. Harley E. LeVasseur,** Camp Maxey, Texas, and **Pvt. Earl Gene Potter,** Camp Roberts, California.

Letters and cards received from friends and relatives of former employees in the armed forces included: **Esther Koen,** Group 8, who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Aldo Zinonni,** Camp Robinson, Arkansas; **Mrs. Melvin S. Oard,** who wrote in behalf of her brother-in-law, **Pvt. Edward L. Oard,** Camp Adair, Oregon; **Myron D. Cobb,** who wrote in behalf of his brother, **Pvt. Cyrus Cobb,** Fort Riley, Kansas; **Mrs. A. S. Brown,** who wrote in behalf of her son, **Russell S. Brown,** Fort Sill, Oklahoma; **Mrs. Paul J. Roy,** who wrote in behalf of her husband, **Sgt. Paul J. Roy,** c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

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EOP Honor Roll

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Charles R. Babich
George A. Ballock
Leroy D. Baker
Morris Banks
John W. Barr
Edward Bishop
Wayne M. Bloxam
Bryant S. Brown
Russell Brown
John L. Christensen
Cyrus Cobb
Everett C. Colwell
George H. Conley
Charles Crain
Harry Crubaugh
Ronald P. Cryrier
Burdette A. Flatt
John L. Fowler
Edward J. Gaiden
Joseph M. Gaiden
Jerry Gerich
Thomas Gineris
George T. Gray
William E. Green
Robert E. Guess
Leroy Gunderson
Paul Harmon
Robert L. Hartley
Robert L. Hasemeyer
Lorene Heckman
William Hicks
Charles R. Hodney
Loren G. Horrie
Frank J. Jackinowski
Leonard Jessen
John E. Joyce
John Koch
Joseph A. Kochly
Arthur H. Krause
Howard J. Kroening
Theodore R. Kweiser
Norman E. Long
George B. Lyons
Edward J. Majicina
Paul N. Malm
Charles J. Maly, Jr.
Clifford L. Marlett
John J. McKay
Walter G. Moorhead
Morse M. Mounce
Paul Murphy
George F. Nelson
Robert O. Nelson
Timothy J. O'Donnell
Richard J. Parks
Robert Lee Partridge
Edward T. Pesner
Stephen Prinko
Jack Probisky
Adam E. Przenieslo
Everett O. Quayle
Victor Rascher
Billy P. Reed
Joseph A. Reedy
William F. Reilly
Joseph E. Riegel
John V. Roberts
Daniel Ruettiger
Rudolph Sackman
Robert Selfridge
August J. Simonich
Harold N. Snider
Frank V. Soule
Harry E. Swanson
Francis Tobin
Delbert G. Tolle
Paul A. Trepanier
Donald J. Walsh
William M. Watson
Royce P. Young
Aldo Zinonni

OFFICERS' QUARTERS at Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field were fired by Japanese bombs. —*U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo*

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

GROUP 64's loss and the Army's gain is **Henry "Hank" Hyde.**

Anyone interested in motorcycle riding lessons, contact **"Pee Wee" Luther Prince.** You get wings with your diploma.

Fred Morris has started training for the 1943 baseball season.

Group 65

Even though one reads or hears little about Goup 65, it is still an important cog in the wheel for victory at EOP.

Chief duty-giver is Supervisor **Joe Studyvin.** He assigned the window washing job to **"Frenchy" Guenette,** who was recently released from the hospital. **"Deke" Adams** fires the stove so as to keep the boys warm. **Leo "Cookie" Shea,** who is nursing a broken hand, reads temperatures in the Igloos; he can't explain the high degrees, especially the Igloo in which the boys are working (might be the fault of **Maurice Nichols**).

Group 66

Loyal Olsen, chief inspector in 66, has been devoting hours and hours to studies known as Army Curriculum Preparatory Studies the last few days.

Dale Smith recently passed out cigars. Reason, the arrival of an eight-pound fourteen-ounce daughter whom he calls **Evelyn Jane.**

Johnny Zopf, former checker at Group 63, sends greetings from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station where he enlisted two weeks ago. Says Johnny, "The routine is tough, but I'm enjoying it."

John E. Giacoletto, Bill Clark and **"Lucky" Jimmy Wensh** have left 66 in answer to the call to the colors. The remaining boys presented a cash purse to the departing boys.

Group 66A

Joe Ellison, better known as "Kentucky Joe," rear admiral of the last hitch, has been seeing Big Bertha, or Big Bersa, as he would say, at one of Joliet's favorite night spots.

Because of his recent bowling scores, **Wendell Overacker,** material checker deluxe, is beginning to think he should be a protege of **Ned Day.** Wendell is ready to take on all comers.

Harry Anderson would be the exact image of Uncle Sam if he would grow a beard and don the proper attire.

Octave J. Cartier, genial clerk, is quite proud of his grandson who was aboard the WASP during her recent forays in the Solomon Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Cartier celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary November 24.

Little Art Skorupa, inspector, can no longer be called Junior G-Man of 66A. He recently entered the fold of Sanderson and Porter.

St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart is indeed a very happy man. His wife is now a full-pledged government inspector.

Just about the busiest man in the area is **Emil Becker,** custodian.

Flash Gordon, the jolly guard, celebrated his birthday November 22.

Verneille Holder has a two-weeks leave of absence and is visiting her sister in El Paso, Texas.

The **Ford Teeters** and **Nelson Tippett** are spending the Thanksgiving holiday in Columbus, Ohio.

Chief Chemist **H. E. Hafele,** assistant chief **Ray Hybarger, John Snyder, Charles Clifford** and **Ronald Beck** were among those from the laboratory who visited the National Chemical Exposition at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago last week.

Marcia Mitchell is anticipating a visit from **Corp. James Mitchell,** who gets several days furlough when he moves from Camp Roberts in California to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Little **Ronald Becker,** the Alexander Beckers' new arrival, kept mamma and papa up all night last Monday. Ronald was suffering from that well-known baby ailment, colic.

War Department Wins 3 Games from Officers

In a special match rolled on the Recreation Alleys Armistice Day, the War Department defeated the Officers in three games. **Kenneth Bull** led the winners with a 521 series, while high series for the Officers was **Lt. C. E. Beilharz** with 422. The scores were as follows:

War Department			
Olson	110	133	155
Koch	153	113	155
Bawler	146	180	129
Bull	182	190	149
Nemanich	107	130	130

Officers			
Bohannon	135	130	89
Grant	120	137	131
Bach	154	139	107
Beilharz	127	128	167
Tunstall	120	141	112

In the second match of the evening the Inspection Department turned on the heat to defeat Payroll three games, for a total of 2512 pins. Colby of the Payrollers rolled 503.

Inspectors			
Lutkus	169	191	142
Walsh	170	141	180
Troupe	144	142	163
Spiers	191	142	179
Caananon	151	243	164

Payroll			
Jackman	148	192	115
Berg	171	153	117
Colby	193	166	144
Prince	122	122	107
Mooney	119	151	161

In the final match of the evening the Auditing Department under the leadership of **Bill Oldani** defeated the Auditing Department three games. High series for the winners was shot by **James Smid** with 459, while **Jim Hart** had a 511 series for the losers.

Auditing			
Platz	114	144	127
Oldani	139	140	145
Smid	138	145	178
Sauer	197	103	147
Murphy	164	190	167

Safety			
Crowther	130	139	123
Hart	182	156	173
Hamson	132	210	168
McMillan	96	121	128
Scure	114	103	127

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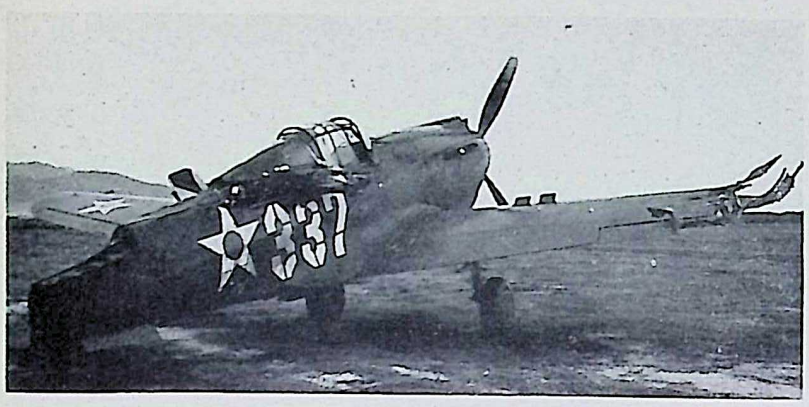


WRECKED P-40 is shown here after it was machine gunned on the ground at Bellows Field, Hawaii, December 7, 1941.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Somebody went and dood it. Your capable correspondent, **Mae Belle Anderson**, decided that she would not be able to continue the work, so here I am. If you guys and gals will bear with me for awhile, I'll try to make this column interesting, without personal slams or ridicule — the same honest American practice my predecessor used.

Those who know **John Fairfield** of **C. R. Reilly's** department regret his leaving the plant. The effective date is December 5.

A whole flock of smiles was noticeable in the Administration Area November 18 when **Maurice Doyle**, formerly of the Mailing Room, came visiting all decked out in the new "soon-going-to-sea-suit," and an admiral could never display more admiration for his uniform than did this bundle of dimples.

Someone displayed intelligence when he or she changed the time clock and rack. Now someone won't be saving shoe leather by walking all over another person's feet at night.

Since I met three girls from the groups in Chicago, **Betty Palmer** of Group 6, **Julia Crozan** and **Ann Grabarcik** of Group 7, I must admit that I had more fun than a monkey on 20 feet of grapevine. If these represent the girls in the groups, all I can say is the girls in the Administration Area are missing a lot of fun by not knowing them.

It's about time that someone handed a bouquet to **Jerry Chaney** of the Kankakee Motor Coach for getting the office crew to work on time since it started operating last March. Santa Claus should be advised to make a special stop at his house this year.

Jackie Dailey made a gallant one-woman stand last week in her own defense.

If you heard a lot of sighs and wolf calls around this building last Friday, it wasn't Miss Victory. It was none other than **Jim Koerner**, formerly with **F. J. Aster**, down for a short furlough and was he ever decked out in a navy uniform. It's no wonder that song, "I've got Gobs of Love for the Navy" is such a success.

Marie Sanders, Multilith Room, left November 21 for Chicago and plans to go later to sunny San Francisco (Pass the Umbrella), Calif.

Mrs. Minnie Kemery is the new addition to **J. C. Schmeh's** Department of Multilith.

Jerry Drechsel, Expediting Department, took her smiling face to Washington, D. C., to work for Uncle Sam. She left November 21.

Katherine Glynn let her love for the Irish get the best of her and went South Bend way to see a good Irish scrap when Notre Dame took Northwestern.

A. E. Kinson returned to work after a week's absence on the sick list. He certainly missed a workout on the Mileage Rationing Board.

Moonlight and roses are what **June Schick** found at Charleston, S. C., when she went to visit her brother at the Citadel School. That fur coat and fur hat she bought were *too* warmly received.

Rosemary Kane has a very stiff third finger on her left hand—caused by a diamond placed there on her birthday.

The Industrial bowling team of the Administration Area (all men) beat the Santa Fe team of Joliet three games last week. That handsome gentleman from the Bond Department grabbed high score for the EOP keglers.

Wayne Sebby of the Mailing Room took a well-earned vacation. He also received notice that Uncle Sam wants to see if he is eligible for this man's Army.

Greetings.—That is what Uncle Sam's mailman brought to **Elmer Pratto** from Uncle Sam himself. He was scheduled to answer December 4.

Two to leave EOP last week were **Mrs. Ruth Naylor** of Wilmington, whose hubby has been transferred to Houston, Tex., and **Beverly Hester.**

Ed F. Kionka, control technician of Engineering Department's Heating Division, who entered the service of the Navy as aviation machinist's mate at Great Lakes, has completed his training and is ready for sea duty.

Sgt. William R. Herbst, aviation cadet, was injured while in flight the week of November 9. He landed, but is in the hospital. Write him and cheer him on to recovery. Call 4206 for his address.

Robert Esbensen, Architectural Engineering Department, who entered the Navy as an ensign, has been promoted to captain of an Amphibian Force and is now assigned to Norfolk, Va.

Edward F. Washburn was awarded second prize in the EOP poster competition. His son, **Edward, Jr.**, former half-back at Wabash College, enlisted in the air corp.

Lee "Lucky" Davis is the driver on the station wagon assigned to the new inter-group bus service. **Joe Luzbelak** and **Ralph Turner** had occasion to use the service to Group 4—**but they had to walk back!**

H. Walker, ventilating engineer, is helping his children solve their home work. He has the department work the problems during lunch time so the students can have the right answers when he gets home.

Walter "Tiny" Peterson, heating engineer, is an expert on pipe coils such as box coils and trombone coils for heating. **Walter "Buck" Dale**, Superintendent of Pipe Shop, goes in to see "Tiny" for a daily lecture.

The romance between **Eleanor Goss**, Engineering Department, and **Bill Sullivan** of Kankakee Ordnance Works is reaching the critical stage. They are doing all they can for inter-plant relations.

Robert Holmes, Mechanical Engineering Department head, is going to have difficulty getting to the plant from Channahon because of gas and tire rationing.

Al Scheer could lend him the bicycle that threw Al a short time ago, seeing that he is afraid of its wildness. Bob could tame the "critter."

Art O'Neil, Heating Department inspector, has left to take a position with the Sanitary District of Stickney, Ill., as operating engineer. Art left a lot of good friends at EOP as he was very popular.

Don Morsch, formerly of Mechanical Engineering Department, and later from Group 61, a member of the Joliet High School concert band, has enlisted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Force.

I. E. "Tex" Jackson, Engineering Department, has a son who is in "boot" camp at San Diego, Calif. **Tex Junior** assures his Dad that now the war will be over quickly.

To see the large flocks of ducks and geese at Kemery Lake above the dam is a rare treat to all. One car stopped each morning to see them come in. **J. C. Quade**, engineer, opened the windows to hear the calls. They were clear and sharp until **Audie "Curley" Allison** looked back and saw **O. K. Madsen** blowing an artificial duck call. Yes, J. C. has been hunting for 30 years and knows all the animal sounds.

Herb Burch bought a new car and now gets to work on time. He has been graduated from eating plain chocolate sodas—he now has whipped cream added.

In the engineering office they work to the sound of beautiful music. **Max Wolfson** whistles symphonics; **Harry "Lovey" Macrae** whistles popular works, and **Joe Luzelak** does the dancing.

The way **Don Roberts** enjoys the fine countryside on the way here and home is by promptly going to sleep.

Jerry Wall, former head of electrical engineers, had a splendid party at his home in Joliet November 21. His guests were all from EOP. **Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewison, George Rummel, Dorothy Rubins, V. Lieth** and **E. C. Cortright.** They won't tell what games they played, but all admit they had a wonderful time.

Fred "Pop" Poplansky is going on moonlight hay rack rides this week. At the parties he dances the "Krakowiak," a Polish dance.

Mike Chuck is going to be promoted in the Engineering Clerical Department. He is "breaking" in now as a stenographer.

Robert "Wobbles" McKeon is an expert on popcorn. He was sampling his usual quota Sunday when he met some friends. *Aw, you guessed it*—He had to buy some more.

"Happy Zephelrs" George, Doris Skinner, Evelyn Tolf, Frances Gourley and **Mary Passeni** have a desk lunch every day — **Helen Grutka** also "kibitzes."

Leroy Anderson has unearthed a large vocabulary of misunderstood words. He has glamorized the language used in the Engineering Department.

Plant Protection

An apology is due **Hank Schelling** for the unjust accusation that he is seeing a lot of a young woman at the Hospital. It was really his son about whom they were talking about. At least that is Mr. Schelling's story!

A welcome to the Plant Protection Department is extended to **D. B. Sime.**

When hams piled up so high you couldn't see **Russell Watt**, it was felt certain there would be at least one spare ham sandwich—but no such luck.

Anyone interested in seeing a morgue should visit Mr. Watt's office after the big bowling matches — no one will even talk about their bowling scores!

Anyone interested in seeing the latest jitterburg dance should take a lesson from **Paul Tamillo.** Girls, he's really "Hep."

Wanted: A small step-ladder or stool so that **Charles McKay** will be able to reach his file.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Fuze Group 4

Lydia Kirkendahl has been ill for two weeks and her friends hope she will soon be back to work.

Barbara Vilt is recovering in St. Joseph's Hospital from an appendectomy.

Ann McFarland, superintendent of women's change houses, is back to work after a six-weeks' illness. Ann is looking grand, and her friends certainly welcome her back.

Wanted: An alarm clock for **Kathryn Flatt.** The wee hours of the morning are no time to catch a bus.

Mabel Overstake, forelady, is taking a short vacation. She plans to visit relatives and friends out in the wide open spaces.

Chemical Laboratory

"The Fulminate Five" A-1 basketball team from the Fuze and Booster Chemical Laboratory issues an open challenge for games with other teams from the Elwood Ordnance Area, from Joliet, or vicinity. They are particularly anxious to arrange games with Joliet teams, or to join a Joliet league.

Games may be arranged with **Charles Bridwell**, Fuze and Booster Chemical Lab. Phone 4167, or Joliet Phone 2-3093.

Fuze Group 5

Milt Stein's theme song is "Five by Five."

Delores Wrunk has an awful yearning for the State of Nevada —or is it the State?

Mrs. Harold Johnson has just returned from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where she enjoyed a brief visit with her husband, **Pvt. Harold Johnson.**

Booster Group 6

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Elizabeth Button, Christine Franklin** and **Thora Stoner.**

Paul Harris, ass't foreman in receiving room, said "I do" on Thanksgiving Day. The bride is **Lucille Boersma**, of Chicago.

Congratulations to **Eddie Schultz**, of 6-4, who was married November 14th in St. Charles, Mo.

A postal card from **"Tex" Simpson** says she's having a wonderful time in her home State of Texas.

Ann Pasternak and **Vincent Dolosin** have announced their engagement.

Emma Bloom of Group 6 wants to thank the honest person who found her purse and turned it over to the woman conductor on the East Gate area bus.

Co-workers wish a speedy recovery for **Gertrude Freeman**, who is confined to Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet.

A certain **Betty Johnson** is now wearing a lovely engagement ring. Boy friend joined the Air Corp.

EXTRA! The "Speed Demons" from Group 6 beat "Truka's Gems" Group 7 in a bowling match Tuesday afternoon.

Artillery Primer Group 8

Remember the Fable of the girl, the eggs, the baby chicks she counted, etc., but she spilled the milk or somethin'? Well,—ask **George Elum** about geese.

Al Mondrella has a little deer. He shot it in Wisconsin. It's not from the Fuze and Booster area.

It is reported that the Three Blind Mice are **not** blind, 'cause they sure pick a pretty girl's desk to nest in. It's a scream, really!

Lila Williams, Bldg. 8-8, is journeying to St. Louis, November 28th to visit her boy friend. It is suspected that wedding bells will ring.

Group 8 has started a reducing school. Nine girls started an 18-day diet. The entrance fee is $1.00. The girl losing the most weight receiving first prize of $5.00, and the runner-up receiving second prize of $4.00. The schedule, according to latest reports, has been called off because of Thanksgiving week.

Eddie Foley believes that alarm clocks just don't ring loudly enough.

Detonator Group 9

Group 9 girls certainly are enjoying their new change house into which they recently moved.

The girls of Group 9 were invited over to **Nellie Cairns'** house to pick the bones of her Thanksgiving turkey.

Luella Williams' friends wish her a speedy recovery from her illness, and hope she will soon be back to work.

Bessie Bumgarner said she couldn't duck quick enough—sooo —the black eye.

Wilma Heminover's new theme song is "Praise The Lord and Pass The Ammunition."

It is reported here that **W. Zukowski** has *enlisted in the Navy* and is expected to leave soon.

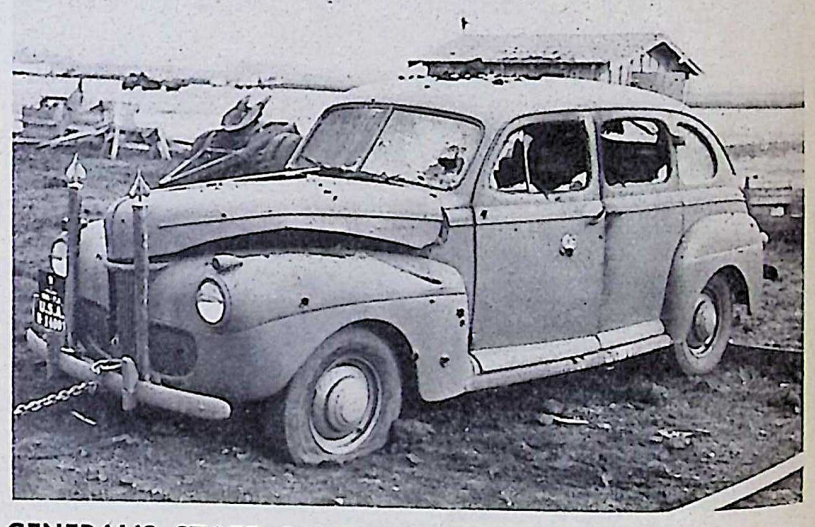
First Baby in Residence Area

I'm the Whaley's first baby and the residence Area's first baby. My name is **John William**, and I arrived at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet on November 14 at 5:30 P. M. I weighed five pounds, eight and three-fourth ounces, and I have blonde hair, and blue eyes.

Mother is fine and Daddy survived too.

My Mother wants me to thank all the EOP friends who called at the hospital. The flowers were pretty, too. I'd like to thank you for the lovely gifts and good wishes you brought me. I think Johnny Walker, Uncle Tommy, and Uncle George are **my best** Press Agents. A baby as small as I am is lucky to have so many nice clothes, toys, blankets and accessories.

I'm here now, come and let me say hello to you.



GENERAL'S STAFF CAR is shown as it appeared after the Wheeler Field bombing of December 7, 1941.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

☆ ☆ ☆ **What's a Pound of Meat?** ☆ ☆ ☆

Bomb Loaders Of 3-A to Give Dance Dec. 12

Raffles, Bingo and Door Prizes Also Will Be Featured

December is the month for all EOP employees to keep their shoes and spirits in good dancing condition. Added to the list of merriment is The Bomb Loaders' Frolic given by Group 3-A at the Recreation Building Saturday, December 12, from 9 until 1 o'clock.

Colby Erikson, Group 3-A and member of the Employees' Activities Committee, says that the frolic will have more than meets the dancing foot. There will be such goings-on as raffles, bingo, door prizes and cider plus the doughnuts. Don't plan the Sunday dinners in advance because, if you have a small piece of change and a big piece of luck, you might walk off with one of the turkeys which will be raffled.

Eight committees are hard at work to make the frolic a real Group 3-A success. Heads of the committees are: Tickets, **Jim Snedden**; entertainment, **Jim Hendershott**; transportation, **Bob Walsh**; decorations, **"Red" Buell**; advertising, **Amy Losby**; bingo and raffle, **Jack Carrol**; prizes, **Bob McEvoy**, and refreshments, **Ethel McCann.** Music for the dancers will be played by the EOP orchestra. Tickets are 50 cents each and can be purchased at the Recreation Building.

A week's respite is granted for all heel blisters to heal and then the fun starts all over again at the beautiful Snow Dance which will be given by the Recreation Department December 19.

War Bond Ownership Certificates Available

The Controller's Department has purchased a supply of War Bond ownership record certificates and they will be distributed to EOP employees by the Timekeeping Department. An owner can enter each bond as purchased in the record and will show date of purchase, number, maturity date and maturity value, which will be of help in case any bonds are lost.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Capt. Thomas Murphy and **Capt. William Maskel** have entrained for Burlington, Ia., to attend the Instructor Training School for Plant Guards. The purpose of this school, in part, is to train key plant officers in order that they may assist in the training of all plant guards in their respective plants. They expect to be gone for a week.

There has been considerable confusion around the Guard House of late, mostly because of change in titles. The supervising sergeants are now titled captains, and the sergeants are lieutenants. It will take some time to become adjusted to the new titles, in fact there have been reprimands already. For all outsiders there will be no excuse, as the captain and lieutenant bars are prominently displayed.

Guard Headquarters has received word that former **Sgt. Johnny Burke** is now stationed at Camp Claibourne, La. He may visit here soon.

Word has been received from former **Guard Michael "Mickey" Gorman,** who is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, at a MP training school. Mickey is anxious to receive *The Bomb-Shell*, and it is hoped this one reaches him.

Former Guard House timekeeper **Larry McCann** is now stationed with the 130th Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sympathy is extended to the following guards who lost members of their families during the past week: **Vernia Boatright, Charles Horn, Ray Butler** and **Joseph Hall.**

Groups 8-9

Wilbert Curl is anticipating a two-weeks vacation trip in Michigan.

Harry Ross is a happy gentleman, as he plans to move to Joliet within the next ten days.

Corp. Philip Oberg now sells his eggs with the following label: "Eat at your own risk." This is the result of that terrible catastrophe out West last week.

Corp. Cecil Johnson, Group 3-A, is experimenting with facial creams since he was marred up last week. The boys wonder who is paying the luxury tax.

Corp. Eugene Ryan enjoyed his first Big Nine football game watching Indiana triumph over Purdue, 20 to 0. Gene had choice seats at the Ross-Ade Stadium, through the courtesy of his cousin. They were on the one-yard line.

Group 60, Front Gate

Harlan Arens and **George Sweeney** at the main gate have vowed to make their shoes last till Uncle Sam fits them out in his latest. From last reports it can truthfully be said both boys are really on their feet. Donations are being accepted.

James Touhey, who drives nightly into Chicago, was forced to stop at his favorite restaurant one night last week because of the fog. Things were seen in a different light, he claims, when he emerged.

Lest it be forgotten, the dramatic talents exhibited by **Earl Ayers** on his recent visit to Joliet should be mentioned.

Murray Livingston has been seen smoking cigars lately. Speculation has arisen as to how many shoats were sold.

Frank Spesia has fully recovered from his shopping ordeal.

Corp. Joe Kelly, Group 60, has been seen at a certain place on Cass Street. The boys wonder what the attraction is.

Donald "Killer" Kane, guard of Personnel fame, expects to cure his colds one of these days by secluding himself in the photographer's developing room and turning on the steam, just like a Turkish bath.

Words from Women Guards

Twenty-one women guards have been added to the department. They are sincerely welcomed and it is hoped they will be happy in their new work.

Birthday congratulations are extended to **Helen Dillon, Villa Eggleston** and **Lieut. Eveanna Castle.**

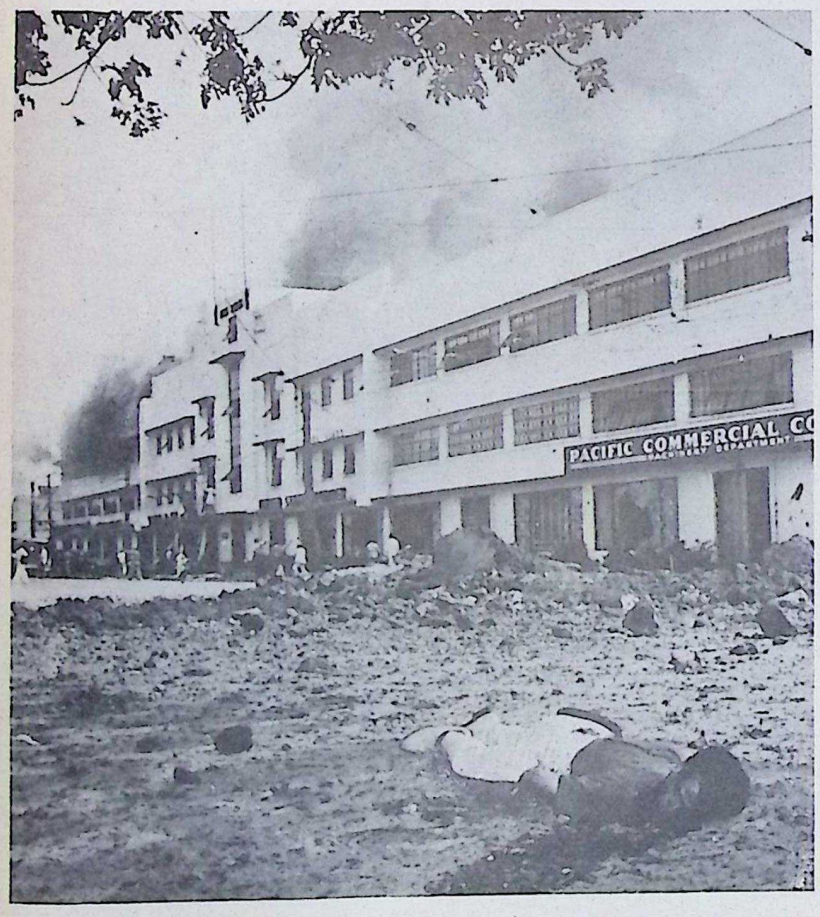
Zelma Kinard, Mary Bennewitz, Mayona Nelson and **Pauline Morrow** have been transferred into Headquarters as drivers.

Corp. Billie Taft has been appointed secretary to **Capt. Gladys Armstrong.**

Mrs. Mabel Graham left the department because of ill health.

Laughter and tears mingled last November 19, when the policewomen entertained at a tea in honor of **Corp. Rachel Morehead.** Mrs. Morehead has returned to her home.

MACHINE GUN NEST, made from bomb crater and motors from destroyed planes at Hickam Field, Hawaii, shown here, was used in defense against the Japs. *—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*



A DIRECT HIT when the Japs first dropped their eggs on the port area of Manila, December 24, resulted in this fire at the Myers Building. *—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

The office of Group 3A has been pleased to receive letters from several of the boys who have left this Group for the armed forces. **Edward Peterson** writes from Miami, Florida, that army life is swell. **Charles Hubert** writes from Washington, **Joe Postula** from California, **George Turner** from Texas, **Eugene Johnson** from Colorado, **John Rossi** from Georgia, and **Frank Waters** from Texas. All say they received *"The Bomb-Shell"* and enjoy reading it. All are always glad to hear from and interested to know how the boys are doing in the armed forces.

Dean Harrison, well-known Moskovie duck hunter, had some unusual sport during this season. After an early cup of coffee, he rowed downstream and across the river where he had sighted what he thought to be a flock of mallards. With great stealth he crept up on the unsuspecting prey and let fly with both barrels. Followed an interlude over which is drawn a curtain because of censorship. Dean is now studying a catalog to learn the difference between mallards and decoys.

The boys from 16A would like to know if **A. C. Jones** knows any other song besides "I got spurs that jingle." A little variety would help a lot.

Emory Akeman is assured of an endowment now that he has purchased the controlling interest in the Oyster Cracker Farm.

Inspector **Jack Carroll** has been telling newlywed **Robert Manning** how to cook chili. "Cook the beans first, Bob. And if you can't get red beans, use peas." Some cook.

Julius Nawcot is taking a lot of kidding about being a violin player. When asked why he gave it up, he replied, "Did you ever see a violinist without any hair."

Due to the regulation forbidding the use of hairpins on the line, **Flossie Marshall** suggests that clothes-pins be substituted.

The office force benefitted when the girls in 20-A had a pot-luck dinner last week. Plates of good things to eat were sent over to the men in the office.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

The Transportation Department in general is looking forward to the next "Fellowship Meeting" to be held December 3. **Supt. E. J. Egan** is assistant chairman of the affair and promises that it will be the best meeting ever held.

Ernie Raunser went hunting last week, as did many others, but it seems that Ernie either forgot to load his gun or the birds gave him the *bird*. The final score, two sore feet, a sore back and, of course, no birds.

It was a surprise the other day to meet an old pal, **"Wiggles" Waldvogel,** walking through the farm. He is in the Marines, stationed in Idaho. Says he gets every copy of *The-Bomb-Shell* and really enjoys reading it.

The office force spent a grand evening at **Andy Walter's** home playing cards and partaking of some wonderful food and, of course, other refreshments. It was discovered that Andy plays best on his own grounds, the result being that every one but he admitted losing a little change.

Alberta Delaney spent last week-end in Rockford.

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Clyde Hunter is an inquisitive sort of a guy. He's always trying to *find out*.

The benedicts have a new member in **John Fassio.** Well, he can't be blamed. What with gas rationing and everything, that was the only solution for those long trips to Odell. The gang sends congratulations.

The most recent additions to Uncle Sam's armed forces from the Machine Shop are **Tom Koenig** and **Tony Schlais.** Those still here wish the boys the best of luck and hope they give 'em h——!

One of the younger members of the Machine Shop, **Assistant Draftsman Hank Schelling, Jr.,** has received his questionnaire. Hank insists it's the Navy for him. By the way, the boys want to know where he got that hat, perhaps he shouldn't wear any.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

Merle A. Eberhart has forsaken his duties at the Radio Shop for a week and is enjoying a vacation.

When it comes to sharpshooters, **R. A. Brown** isn't bad. Two pheasants got in his way, it seems, but not for long. He killed the two birds with one stone (er, bullet is meant) and that's what you call saving ammunition.

Percy Miller is the owner of a new spaniel which he calls "Joly" because it comes from Joliet. He should have called it "Carpenter" because he took it to his home in Carpentersville and because it does little odd jobs.

Electrical Epitomes
By Ray Curtis

Members of the Line Department are wondering why **Ernest Johnston,** genial warehouseman, never buys any doughnuts for his family.

Si Peterson, vim and vigor boy, has taken unto himself a blonde wife and a vast improvement in his work is expected.

E. McKay, substation operator, announced that he will be "walking down the aisle" soon.

Pipe Shop
By Mary Wynne

It was noticed that **Ray Kral** is losing weight lately. If anyone knows the reason, he should divulge it. Liquid diets are wonderful things, *some* think. Anyone who does not value his life should ask Ray what *he* thinks.

Bill Sexton is driving in the area at a greatly reduced rate of speed. A phone call makes a lot of difference!

A new addition to the Pipe Shop is **Mary Wynne,** who takes the honor as being the first girl employed here. The boys have it figured that she might hit 95 pounds in weight.

Laundry Letters
By Bernadine Meister and "Dickie" Lieb

A welcome goes to **Robert R. Webber,** who recently joined the family at the Laundry.

Julia Ursettie is seen around home quite a bit since she missed the first telephone call from her husband, who is in the Navy.

Julia Fance sends her thanks to all those who expressed their sympathy when her father died.

The Laundry is now displaying a service flag with one star. **George Griffith** left November 12 for the armed forces.

Administrative

Welcomes are extended to **Jo Ann Comerford, Leona Hagen** and **Ethel Barman,** new additions to the Utilities Department. A farewell goes to **Leontine Loodeen,** who has returned to her home in Escanaba, Mich., and to **Nancy Sherwood,** who has joined her family in Arizona.

William T. Dunsmuir, 58 years old, New Lenox, an employee of the Utilities Department, died November 24 as the result of a heart attack suffered at his work at Forsythe Farm.

Roy Benson is moving from River Forest to one of the new Government houses in Wilmington about December 5.

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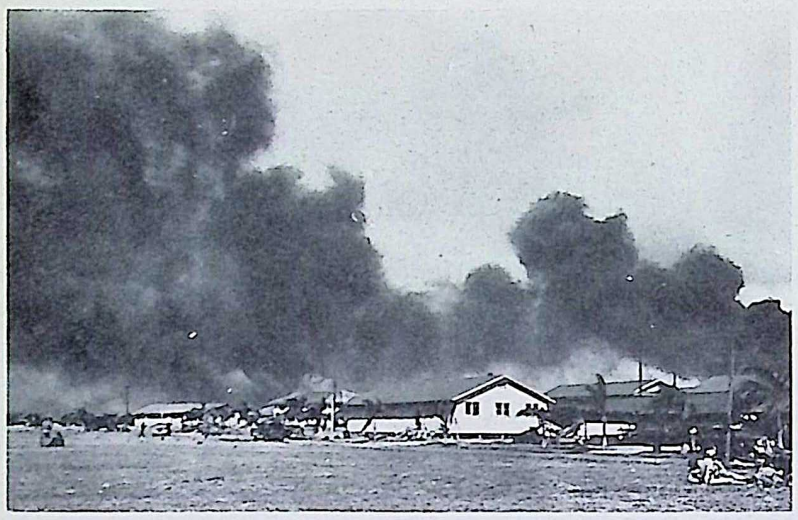
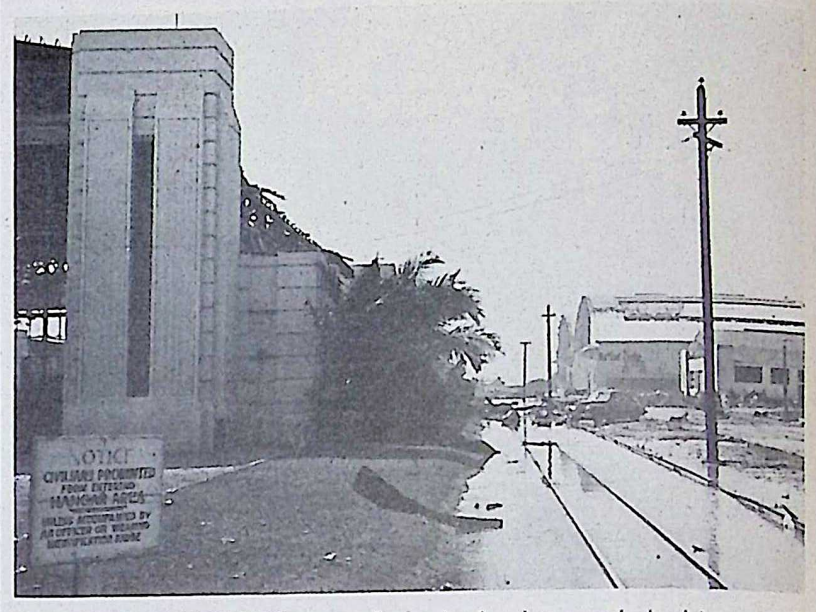


WRECKAGE OF BARRACKS, as seen from the Parade Grounds off Hangar Avenue, Pearl Harbor, appeared like this after the Jap bombing. *—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*



LARGEST HANGARS, seen here in background, looking south down Hangar Avenue, were razed by fires from Jap bombs. *—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

For some unknown reason "Smokie" the Fox" was losing weight, and all were losing a lot of sleep over the pet. The mystery was solved when **Joe Vacarro** was seen taking the fox's meals to her (in his mouth).

Chief R. W. Mortenson's hunting trip was a great success—The safari wound up in the Wilmington meat market.

A barber shop quartette has been formed by **James Dickson, Ed Koren, Bill Bolton and Fred Habing.** Freddie holds the towel that people are always throwing in.

Tom Singer of the Paint Shop was found to be a lover of sweet music. The poet is now trying to whip up a pun about Singer and his yodelers.

The Department gives out high praise to **Fireman Louis Hildebrand** for his fine work in the sugar and coffee line.

The last edition of *The Bomb-Shell* mentioned that **Charles Crain, Len Jessen** and **Harry Crubaugh,** former firemen, took over Camp Grant. This terrific trio, augmented by **Bob Everhart,** now holds sway at Camp Siebert, Gadsden, Ala. The boys write that it is true what they say about Dixie, and promise to report about the Chinese situation when, as and if they get there.

Chief Mortenson was showing **Chief M. C. Baughman** his pencil display the other day. These two experienced collectors un-earthed a beautiful red and white specimen that added wonders to the appearance of the chief's office.

Well, here's one way to get many of the boys' names in the column—The following men are going to bother **R. T. Bassett** to sign their "C" card gasoline application for them: **George Rogina, Ed Dickens, Frank Pavlich, George Bexson, Don Trimmer, Howard Arnold, Bud Ochs, Mike Olson, Bill Hayes, Frank Hayes, Matt Froncek, Otto Engstrom** and **Bill Day.**

Here's another way. The following men are lots better looking than **Stu Moloney: Bill Day, Bob Tures, John McGee, Archie James, Walt Murphy, Hopper Combs, Tate Ehman, Roy Wright, Joe Drazy, "Bunny" Marek, Ermand Marco, Frank Ryan, George Learned, Jim Kerwin, Charlie Thompson, Herman Guyot, Max Reick, Jake Schuck,** "Smokie the Fox" and **Bob Connelly's** dog "Patsy."

Or still another way—The members listed here have asked for a raise at least 32 times: **Pat O'Donnell, Al Newman, Al Rediger, Lon Noland, George Hayes** and **Frank DuPuis.**

Now everyone is mentioned except **Al Schomas, Don Trainor, Bert Benson, Lloyd Rector, Ralph Batty, Laddy Lazar** and the gentlemen whose names are withheld for the next issue.

Last week the engagement of "Smokie" to Teddy Red-Top," recently imported from the wilds of Southern Illinois, was announced. Under the expert tutelage of **Capt. Frank Nolan,** this affair has rolled along until the two lovers are ready for the fatal step. Captain Nolan has agreed to officiate at the ceremonies, and linger on during the honeymoon. Cards of announcement will be sent out. The bridesmaids will include the four assistant fire chiefs, **Walter Lueder, Clifford Weiss, Charles Davis** and **Bill Riechert.**

Mr. Davis, **Virgil Hidlebaugh, Wayne Barber** and **Tom Billadeau** have collaborated on a 30 page booklet titled "Care of the Dog-House—and How to Escape It."

Some of the boys at Station 2 would like to know why the police stopped **Charles Jiskra** on U. S. 66. Was it for having his lights on bright, or because Charles was hurrying to get home, is the question. The rest of the boys at Station 2 are wondering if **Alvin Rediger** has found his boots yet.

A perfect dream shift would be for the following men to be grouped together at one station house, 24 hours a day for the duration, listed according to rank:

Chief—Clifford Weiss.
Chief Clerk—Tom Billadeau.
Lieutenant—Ernest Rasdall.
First Engineer—Charles Jiskra.
Assistant Engineer — Lon Noland.
First Nozzle Man—Alvin Rediger.
Assistant Nozzle Man — Robert Connelly.
First Hook-up Man—John Meyers.
Assistant Hook-up Man—Walter Hilgert.
First Axe Man—Frank Scoma.
Assistant Axe Man — Edward Carter.
Wrecking Crew: Pat Rodgers, Pop Hayes, Norm Lubes, Ralph Rausch, Jake Schuck, Tizzy Lish, The Three Stooges and Dracula.

Fire Inspection

Otto Mietz spent his vacation most delightfully, painting his house. . . . Have you tried that kind of chewing gum that **Frank Clark** carries? . . . **Steve Jarvis** has finally got that new home he was talking about for so long a time—now he works one shift at the plant and the other shift beautifying his new mansion.

"**Crash**" **Connelly,** Chicago's best football picker, claimed a foul when one of the teams he bet on failed to play (it was a West Coast affair and he thinks the fourth interceptor command was behind the whole thing). Now everybody says he's of *welch* blood. Still he did all right on the other games, he didn't lose as much as last week (because he bet less, the smarty).

That puzzled man, **Robert Debolt,** is still trying to figure out what they mean by saying he's the type of fellow that chases people up trees.

Gas rationing really has **Harold Guderjan** down, for he's "barreling" over 150 miles per day. . . . **Frank George** is back on the job after spending some weeks in the hospital; now he's going on a strict diet. . . . **Kenneth Curry** of Curry & Hart, Ltd., did all right on the football games last week. That's what comes of *not* believing the experts in the newspapers.

William Davis is still trying to convince the rest of the department that he knows the difference between bowling and billiards. So far the department is skeptical. . . . **James Small** bet on Illinois against Great Lakes—now he wishes he hadn't. . . . **Jeemy Dillree** no longer bets on football games since Notre Dame didn't do right by him a couple of weeks ago (serves him right—he never went to N. D.).

A new successor is being suggested for **Rudolph Valentino's** movie role in the person of **Frank "Beau Brummel" Scoma.** His only rival is **Frank "Hemingway" Nolan.**

Personnel

DARA PREW

Correspondent

Striving to get the most effective pictures of the entries from the Elwood Ordnance Plant for the title of "Miss Victory" for the Chicago area, **Loren Ross** was well concealed behind a heavy satin curtain on the Aragon stage when one of the band members, namely **Harry Kool,** swept the drape away. There was Mr. Ross standing on a wooden crate so that he could get in the most advantageous position while **Robert Wilhelmi** mounted guard over the supplies. The apparent calm with which he descended from his lofty pedestal was belied by the rosy flush which started upward from his coat collar and didn't stop until it reached the roots of his hair. P. S.: He got the pictures!

Investigator **Francis Gonce** started his return trip to Kentucky last Saturday. After a short visit with his family, Mr. Gonce will enter the armed forces. "Lambchop" Gonce, as he was known in the Personnel Building, was still wearing his hat "on the corner" of his head and teasing everyone he met when last seen. Good luck is wished for a gentleman from the South.

Trust **Kathryn Smith** to find the unusual. Missing the man "who comes around on Thursday with the long slips of green paper," she made telephone calls over a good portion of the area trying to find out when and how she could catch up with her check. Finally at the end of the day, the hot tip came. The timekeeper was in the Guard House. A good-looking guard ushered her into the building and then left her. Finding herself alone in the aisles between the lockers, she hurriedly made her exit through the nearest door.

Fred Cadwallader has been troubled with a persistent cold which affects his speaking voice. In fact, he can hardly squeak. Stubbornly refusing to give in to his ailment, he was trying to talk when someone advised him to save his voice. " 'Tain't worth saving," was his cryptic comment.

Many have heard about persons falling out of bed or trees, but when a grown woman like **Peg Collins** falls out of church it's time that an investigation is started. Peg insists that the step was only three or four inches high and that she merely tripped. She's done a lot of suffering for that one little *mis-step.*

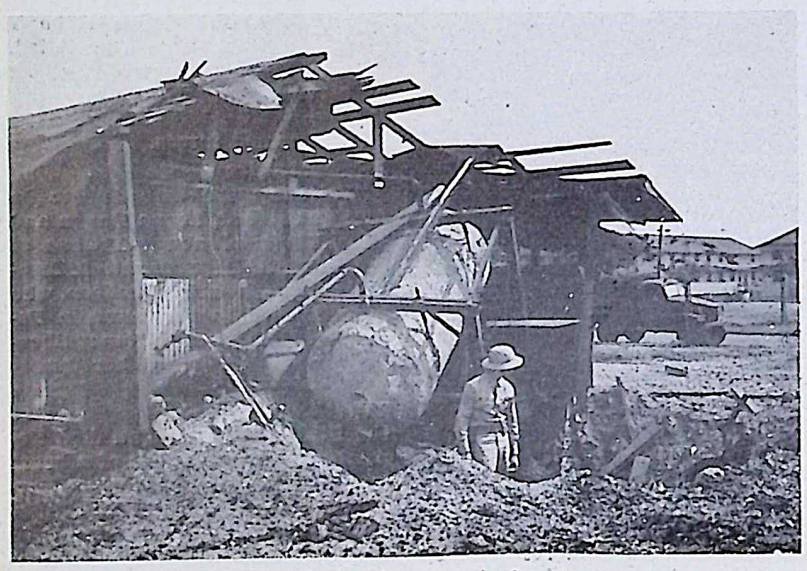
It was in one of the Kankakee stores that the elevator stuck just about half way between the ceiling and the floor. Who were the three perched up there but **Marcella Burnham, Jean Hershey** and **Selma Brown.** Even this would not have been so remarkable if the attendant hadn't sought to free them from their temporary prison. He brought a small stool and placed it with one leg almost dangling over the shaft. Between the boy on the floor and the girls above him the position was finally righted and the escape began. Bravest of the trio, Marcella timidly began the ascent. As her feet barely touched the stool it fell into kindling wood. Selma and Jean retreated far back into the corner and waited until the fuse was replaced. Well, what if people in the store did laugh? They felt like monkeys in a cage anyway.

Then there was **Marge Bittles** who doubled for the cleaning girl on her day off, but **Leona Hagen** was jealous and now they take turns in "tidying up."

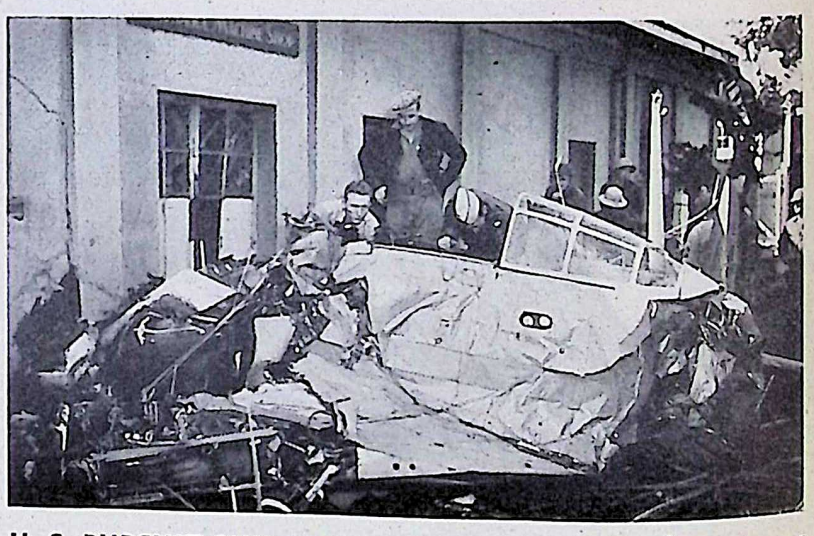
For weeks the force in the Fingerprint and Photograph Department has been working on a new simplified form of classification for the thousands of fingerprint cards. Small index cards had been filed alphabetically in one large drawer at the top of one file. During the humid weather this and the other drawers began to swell. To relieve the difficulty in opening it, the carpenters were called. Everyone gave a sigh of relief at the sight of the men when they came to plane off the sides; the days of pulling and tugging at those files were to be ended. Soon that sigh was changed to a gasp of horror. The complete drawer on which they had been laboring, no longer complete, lay on its side on the floor and cards were scattered all about. The re-alphabetizing has begun, and the file drawers don't stick.

Florence Dunterman is threatening to hang out a sign for cooking with a specialty of Thanksgiving dinners. She started out preparing the holiday dinner for her immediate family and ended with about ten guests. What's more, they all want to come back again.

From one of the letters addressed to "Carmel Sneed" in the Personnel Department "c/o Sanderman and Proctor," it is learned that this is the "Elmwood Orderly Plant."



BOMB DAMAGE to the Army airfield is shown here after the December 7 attack on Hawaii by the Japs. *—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*



U. S. PURSUIT SHIP looked like this after the Jap bombing of Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7, 1941. *—U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo*

☆ ☆ ☆ **What's a Cup of Coffee?** ☆ ☆ ☆

WRECKED PLANE in hangar at Hickam Field, Hawaii, is pictured after it was bombed December 7, 1941.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

If you all remember, this column in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* contained numerous articles which were boasts from expert hunters as to what they were all going to do to the wild game, etc., but for this issue there was not a single one who was willing to report the results of his hunting expeditions. Too bad, but if someone has something to offer, he should speak now or forever hold his peace.

Nor, has anyone heard of **Supt. H. D. Dougherty** eating any of the pheasants he went after.

On a recent hunting trip, **Asst. Supt. W. G. Reed** walked so many miles he and his companions had to carry one of the dogs back to the car. The dog was older than Mr. Reed, 'tis certain.

Wayne Munyon, fleet - footed progress clerk, is now spending a two-week leave on a business trip through the northwestern states.

Gordon Schaeffer is buying Bermuda onions for his boss. The boys in Building 10 are curious as to the results.

Joe Hohn seems to be getting adjusted to married life. He is now working the "graveyard shift."

The marriage of **Joseph Ballantine**, Building 16, and **Charlotte Wielock**, Fuse and Booster area, was announced for November 22. Although Jay is a current favorite of Uncle Sam's selective service, the boys sincerely hope he will enjoy a genuine and thorough taste of wedded bliss.

Oddities

Corp. Edward Oetter was seen shining the brass on **Guard John Feeney's** Sam Brown belt. **Woody Koerner** was observed working for his "father."

Some time ago, **John Boucher**, Building 4, noticed that **Jack Homel**, his assistant, seemed very pensive and somewhat melancholy as he surveyed his domain. On being questioned as to the cause of his grief, he wiped his eyes on the cuff of his coveralls and said, "It must be something like homesickness, because every time I look into Bay 2 and see Jonesy and the other inmates, I feel like I'm back on the old job again."

Ray Whalen, Building 10, is passing out cigars. He said, "It's a boy."

Robert Bolte has been appointed foreman of Building 3 to succeed **William "Tiny" Kautz**, who left for the armed forces. The gang sends good luck wishes.

Hats are doffed to **Lee Doyle** and **Charles Brewer**, two grand old gentlemen from Channahon. Rain or shine, they are always on the job.

The workers in Building 3 are wondering if **Herman Winkler** is going to get married before Uncle Sam gets him first.

Guess some of what was said before has to be taken back. Results of two hunting expeditions just came in—**Leo Wagner** did quite well, so he says. He got the limit, but some of the boys say that some farmer's tame ducks might be missing. **Ed Doyle** said he also had very good luck. Ed always has been known to get what he goes after.

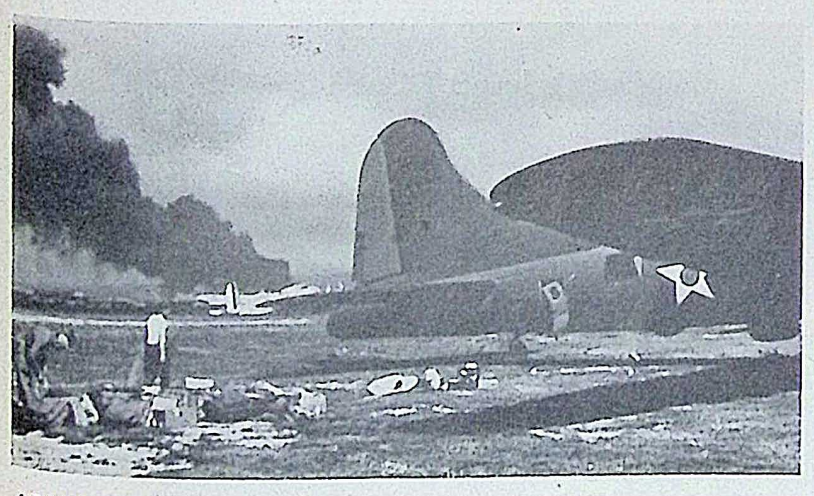
A member of the Safety Department said, "Monkey business is a business which has no business in any business; particularly in the Ordnance business."

Roy C. Sosnoski, who formerly worked in Building 16, is now studying to be a flying cadet at Kelly Field, Texas.

William Maschner is studying to be an aerial gunner, with a rating of staff sergeant. Bill spent some time in the Army before working here, which should assure him quick success.

Raymond Rivard was scheduled to leave for the armed forces December 3. Ray was the first employee to come to Group 3. He has worked as secretary to the superintendent since his arrival here in July, 1941, having worked for both Mr. Dougherty and **J. J. Fitzpatrick**, who is now at Group 3-A.

Other employees who have left for the armed forces, and for whom the best of luck is wished are: **Lawrence Oakley, Donald Johnson, Daniel Radakovich, Francis Arnold, Jerry Jaskowiak, Ralph Kapchinske** and **Erwin Suntken.** Apologies are offered to those whose names are omitted.



ARMY PLANES are shown at bomber airfield after bombing of Hickam Field, Hawaii, December 7, 1941.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

William H. Peterson, assistant chief inspector, attended a committee meeting at Milwaukee, Wis., November 19 and 20. Mr. Peterson was very quiet when inquiries were made regarding the trip. Remember the old saying, "still water runs deep?"

Carl Anker will now be in a position to make the second installment toward the purchase of furniture for that new little home intended for his future bride, **Eloise O'Quinn**, Little Rock, Ark. Being an Ohio alumnus, he naturally placed his bets on that particular team and his assets were increased $5.50. Of course Ohio was playing an exceptionally good team, Michigan, and Carl was concerned during the entire game. The majority of Carl's friends have left the rank of bachelors and he, too, is seriously thinking of joining the benedicts.

Lois Martin was the recipient of a beautiful compact containing a miniature watch from her fiance who is a lieutenant in the armed service at Panama.

Linnetta Parry spent Thanksgiving with her family in Champaign, Ill.

Jerry Shirtino certainly gave his conception of "Kiss the Girls Good-bye" a good demonstration when he was transferred to a Sanderson & Porter department. using a few Army inspection girls as his victims. They didn't seem to object either.

Helen Boula is the envy of the Inspection Department. It isn't every girl who can find a man who will buy an orchid these days—*or a man!*

Causes for wonder . . . What **Edward Nemanich** said to make **Lois Martin** blush the other day—if **Mrs. Stanley L. Eisler** knows how many candy bars her hubby eats on the sly—why **Mrs. Clara Brennon** was blushing so the other morning — why **Catherine "Tommy" Tomlianovich** was stranded in Peoria — why **Betty Ross** is wearing her heart on her sweater—about the patch **Delores (Penny) Dagon** wore on her face for a week (she says she was struck with a ping pong ball) — why **Linnetta Parry** was hitch-hiking last week —why **Kermit Long** looks sad?

The pleasing personalities of **Ernestine Thompson** and **Rosemary Haley**, who are no longer here, are missed. Ernestine had as her guests for dinner November 24 **Ethel Dirker**, Miss Boula and **Bernice Shroba.** The girls report their hostess an excellent cook and a lovely housekeeper. Ethel and Helen stayed for the night and incidentally Ethel received a 7 a. m. telephone call from Texas. They say she was quite elated and got to the telephone in one second flat.

Most have read Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," but few have been informed of a greater romance which is progressing very nicely. Recently **Roy Scherer** was seen getting into a Cadillac with a beautiful brunette. The following day he was unable to locate his identification pass and contributed the loss to his inability to think clearly. He couldn't recall whether he had left it home in another suit of clothing or just what had happened. He was doing considerable worrying when the mail arrived and enclosed in a perfumed envelope was Roy's pass. It was not until then that he actually relaxed.

A class of 37 girl inspectors completed a training course in Ordnance inspection of shells, anti-tank mines and bombs November 27. The class was conducted by **Kermit Long**, assistant chief inspector, operations, Division 1. **Ann Jansky**, formerly of Group 5 and a member of this class, is quite an artist, according to Mr. Long, who said that she drew an excellent sketch of a bomb on the blackboard.

UNEXPLODED BOMB, 12 by 43 inches, which fell from Jap plane brought down by fire from U. S. guns on Oahu, is shown here.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Thanks go to **Robert Irwin**, inspector, who made good his promise. He originally planed a duck dinner for a group of friends. However, weather conditions prevented him from obtaining the duck (he's a hunter by the way). During the pheasant season he shot, yes *shot* several pheasants. His contribution provided delicious sandwiches for the major portion of the Ordnance Inspection Office and a few special friends in certain other offices. For the information of a certain "doubting Thomas," the pheasant had buck-shot in it, as one of the girls almost lost a tooth.

Lt. M. G. Brandon, chief, Stores and Transportation, and **Capt. J. S. Gates**, Kankakee Ordnance Works, planned an early Sunday morning hunting trip during the pheasant season. So that they could get away before sun-up, Lieutenant Brandon invited Captain Gates to spend the night with him at the Guest House. He knew that **Lt. Dale A. Yeoman** was dating his Irish lassie from the West Side of Joliet and would arrive home in the "*wee*" hours, so was very generous in offering Captain Gates the use of Lieutenant Yeoman's bed. The boys set the alarm for 4 a. m. Lieutenant Yeoman arrived home around 3 a. m. and discovered his bed occupied by the captain. Being a gentleman he did not arouse the occupant, but sat up the remainder of the night. (*Idleness is the devil's workshop*). The boys did not awaken at 4 a. m. as the alarm failed to ring, not because it wasn't set, but due to certain developments that occurred later. The boys also being gentlemen made no accusations despite the fact they were several hours late on their trip thereby inconveniencing the group, who were awaiting with their hunting dogs, at Wilmington.

An honor roll, bearing 42 names, graces the wall of the Ordnance Inspection Office. The list comprises former employees of the Ordnance Inspection Department who have entered the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Corps, and last, but not least, **Lorene Heckman** and **Edna L. Guernsey**, who have joined the WAACS.

William A. Van Houten, Gage Laboratory, is mighty proud of his Pontiac. He claims most of his evenings are spent keeping it in condition. He does not frequent The Hitching Post in Joliet, he states, as some of his co-workers report. However, he usually dines at the Eden Restaurant where he insists the food is excellent, also the *service!*

On Friday morning, November 20, 5:15 to be exact, a 7 pound, 9 ounce baby girl made her debut into the world. Her proud parents are **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schuba.** Mr. Schuba is an inspector in Group 3.

Katherine Etchison became Mrs. **Joseph Baron** November 19 and surprised all of her co-workers at Group 7. She says that she didn't decide to take the step until she was on the way home from work the night before.

The Ordnance Inspectors at Group 7 seem to be restless with all the recent comings and goings. Both **Martha Stipanovich** and **Naomi Eddings** have left, much to **W. J. Proudley's** chagrin. Now **Millie Stutz**, office gal, is contemplating a transfer to Group 5. On the other hand, the services of **Ray Lucas** have been obtained at last until the Army calls.

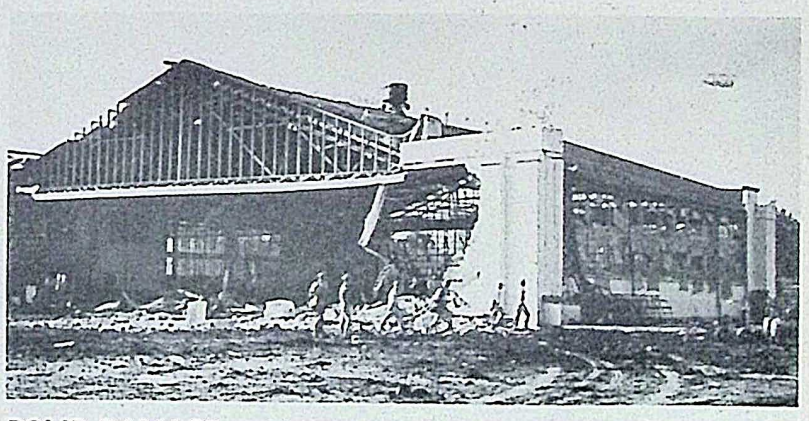
Bob Harbison has been transferred to the Chemical Laboratory.

Co-operation Given Recreation Agencies

The Recreation Department is co-operating with agencies which are operating in the communities where many EOP employees live and hopes soon to have programs of leisure time activities going in some central spot in these communities.

In Wilmington, employees are urged to visit the new Center just opened by USO. It is set up for your use. You will find games, library, writing facilities, kitchen, shower baths. **Anne Lindsay** is in charge of girls' and women's work and **Harry Mantle** in charge of men's work. Every Monday the Wilmington gymnasium is open for your use. A special dinner will be given for men in the Methodist Church December 8. The speaker will be **Franklin H. Brown**, who for 18 years was athletic director in Japan.

Girls! If you are not in one of the calisthenics classes yet, be sure to get in as soon as possible. Two classes are held each Friday; one at 4:15 and one at 5:30. This gives you plenty of time to participate in other activities in the Recreation Hall before 8 o'clock.



BOMB DAMAGE to Hangar No. 3 at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, is shown after attack by Jap planes December 7, 1941.
—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

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SUICIDE SQUADRON is the title bestowed upon these 15 Army flyers, only one of whom, Ensign G. H. Gay, fourth from left in front row, is alive after they destroyed three Jap plane carriers at Midway.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

For a real motoring thrill, it is suggested that you take a ride in **Kenneth "Curly" Hodgson's** cast iron vibrator. Due to an oversized wheel and tire the passengers shake and roll about as if they were on an ocean liner.

Charlie Haines has finally made the grade. It seems he tried in vain to find a place to live in Wilmington, but was unsuccessful until just the other day. Quite a wait, 18 long months.

Louie Klinger has moved to Braidwood, across the street from **Harold "Owl" Jackson**, and you can be sure things will start to pop around Braidwood.

Sympathy is extended to **Vince Farrell**, whose father died recently.

Joe Connors is going steady again. Some one called Joe, "Tommy Manville," and Joe took after the fellow with a club.

Anton "Moose" Miller and **Dominic "Bingo" Magnani** told **Otto Koch** that the draft didn't get them, but tire and gas rationing did. They say "Moose" was one of the best tinsmiths ever to handle a pair of tin snips. Otto is in the dog house again. It seems he went pheasant hunting and didn't get home until 8 p. m., which made his wife angry, as Otto had promised to take her to the show at 7 p. m.

Help! Help! **Glenn Bohn** shot the back window out of **Wee Willie Zauratsky's** car and Willie is suing in a local court for the damages.

John Johnson is reported to be a path hunter and spends most of his time hunting paths, so briars, weeds and mud won't trouble him while hunting.

Kenny Sandvall has a sign in his window reading "free moving pictures tonight." Kenny was very embarrassed to find the projector bulb had blown out.

Bill Malone was bragging to **Jersey Klegman** about his over and under gun. The reason, says Jersey, is when hunting pheasants, Bill either shoots over or under the birds.

It is reported that **Gene Hunt** is selling the same chances over and over again for an old broken down turkey that was raffled off last year.

Sam Hoffman is supposed to have received an ultimatum from **Bill Kirvan** that he should work *or else*. Sam can't figure out the *or else* part of it.

Bill Stanley and a friend celebrated his induction into the Army by a weekend in Chicago and topped it off with the Notre Dame-Northwestern game at South Bend. Bill said he had a corkin' good time.

All the boys are congratulating **Chuck Pierce** and thanking him for the Corona-Coronas (50 cent cigars), that he passed out last week in honor of his new daughter.

James Boggetto expects to answer Uncle Sam's call any day now.

Andy Grandpre's new nickname is "Put." The reason, **Harold Sonday** explains, is everything Andy does stays *put*.

Bill O'Connor, they say, is just crazy about *sour milk* and will go out of his way to get some.

Cy Neverman and **Lawrence Crawford** are in a hot race to see who can develop the biggest second front.

Jimmy Paul's lunch is big enough to supply most of Group 2.

Leonard Frieling and **Tom Reichert** will soon be passing out the cigars. Both hope the additions will be boys.

When **Bob Rutherford** started to work here a few months ago it was thought he was working during his summer vacation and would return to school in September. It was learned Bob was a little older than was thought and he had been graduated from high school. He walked the middle aisle recently, so even if he does look like a school boy he is a married man.

Meet the Kankakee Terror! He is none other than **Art Preston**, who claims he eats rock candy and can lick his weight in postage stamps.

Bob Murphy is leaving for the Army about December 7 and the best wishes of all of Murphy's Boys will go with him.

Ed Egan, foreman of Building 12, walked up to one of his new men the other day noticing his shoes and asked the man if they were not too big for him. The man answered, "Oh, no, you see, my job is to push the boxes down the conveyor and I must have good traction." When asked his name the man answered, **James "Whirlaway" Adams.**

Don Carlson has been showing up with that tattle tale gray—nite club complexion. Don was told if he kept company with **Bob McGuire** and didn't stop making so many trips to the Nurses Home he would get to look like that.

It comes out—**Ed Keenan** did not buy his wife a rolling pin and also that he did burn the two that were given her as presents. Ed said if his wife should ever go to work on his head with one, he wouldn't be able to get his new hat on.

If **Bob Schmitz** asks his wife to believe the story about a business trip, he should remember that it is an old story and doesn't always work.

A hearty welcome is extended to **Stu Marlette** who has rejoined the forces of Group 2. Congratulations on his recent marriage are also sent.

Fred Mogel's pet peve is to answer the phone at Building 4, only to have someone greet him with, is **Bill Galbraith** there?

Emil Knutson of Building 12 would like to sell a small table radio. Just after he purchased this new set a week ago, **George Williams** offered to sell him a kerosene radio. This set is quite the thing. Just think, a radio which will play music and give heat at the same time. On the more expensive sets a person can use ethyl gasolene in place of kerosene and get foreign stations. Emil wants to get one of these, but he must sell his other radio first.

William "Cat" Bell is still waiting for the game promised him by Jersey Klegman. "Cat" said that all of these hunters have the same story, namely, "Gee you should have seen the beautiful bird and he was this big, but as luck would have it he was out of gun range."

Group 1

JACK BARRY

Correspondent

Now that the girls are all fitted out with new service shoes, there is curiosity to know who is the real Cinderella of the loading lines. At the moment, there are **Regina Phillips** and **Evelyn Knowles**, each of whom wears size 3½, and finds them too large.

There've been a lot of voluntary contributors to this column who wished to tell about their wonderful prowess in duck and pheasant shooting. Shucks, that's common in these parts. If one of the lads ever brought this reporter a portion of one of these birds, that *would* be news.

It's been said, too, that **Helen Melosevich** is the best cook in the group, but suppose this reporter will never know for sure.

WOUNDED at Pearl Harbor, Ernest Freeman was discharged from the 122nd Field Artillery and is now an explosives operator in Group 3, still carrying on with the war program. He said there is lots of water in the Pacific and there was that much blood at Pearl Harbor.

George Kennedy won his bets from all comers. Yes, you've guessed it; it's a boy.

It's said that **Roy Gabriel**, maintenance man, is going to send back to Florida for a lot of alligators for his friends in the group at Christmas-tide.

Among the latest contingent to leave for the armed forces are **Byrl Matheny**, who has taken up a military career at Scott Field; **Arthur Anderson**, who left for the Army December 1, and **Roy W. Noye**, who left for temporary duty at Fort Sheridan November 26. Roy passed an examination which qualified him for training as an ordnance cadet and one of these days he will be out there where he can see and appreciate the quality of ammunition passed out here. . . . Praise the Lord . . .

Donald Hayes, mechanic, has gone to the Army with best wishes and **Tex Fast**, conductor, has gone to Moberley, Mo., on a delayed honeymoon, but he is coming back.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS

Correspondent

The Ordnance Department regrets to announce the departure from the folds of **Dottie and Ollie Olson**. . . . Yep, they are hieing themselves to the East . . . back to Brooklyn. . . . They'll sure be missed around here.

Bernece Carlson fought the old demon "flu" for a few days and is now back on the job again.

Lt. Carl Beilharz now answers to "Uncle" . . . he sure took that job of becoming an avuncular seriously.

Wonder how the Divisional Inspection office gets along without **Gerry Ward's** cookies.

Anne Kakara, **Lee Sopher** and **Jo Kush** took in the performance of "Porgy and Bess" last week . . . from all reports a good time was had.

Ray Sayers of the Executive Office had quite a time the other morning when the gals had him drawing names for the Christmas grab bag. . . . It's a good thing he's a tall guy.

Ray Marquardt and **Claire Shola** have that look in their eyes.

Marie Maren of Mail and Record is sure burning up the mail these days, ever since **Jimmy Veatch** has joined the Army . . . by the way, he's down Florida way—as is **Norm Long**. . . . One hears that the only bathing beauties on the beach now are of the male species.

The juke box in the Recreation Building sure gets a play these noons . . . you can get yourself a jam session most any time . . . sure helps to pep things up.

Aubrey Brockhouse and his pal, **Don Hubbard**, are pretty foxy at that game of ping pong. . . . 'Course, don't ask them to bet on it.

Ruby Mosteller, the nice gal from Tennessee, formerly of Personnel, has decided to make a full time job of housekeeping.

Wonder why **Marion Yeager** has mentioned the idea of taking up knitting???

Betty Jane Jensen was all prepared for the rainy season . . . raincoat and all, looked like she was enjoying her walk, too.

Seems funny not to see **Bob Kennedy** and **Betty Wilhelmi** struttin' down the hall these days. . . . Bob is due to join the Army soon.

Gert Lindemann has joined her husband . . . he's stationed at the Navy Base at Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Through the trap door . . . or . . . who threw that rope? . . . **Jim Pavel** of Stores and Transportation should be called "Smilin' Jim" . . . his secretary, **Charlotte Matheny**, sure looks spic and span all the time. . . . She should give out a book of rules for that well-groomed look. . . . Wonder if **Beverly Bell** is still in the groove with the Du Pont Boy?? . . . haven't heard lately. . . . **Marge Kangley's** favorite song is *not* "Beautiful Dreamer." . . . **Dick Dean** does not think blondes are preferable to brunettes . . . in fact, he likes the titian haired damsels. . . . **Carl Anker**, the decorating demon, will write a book soon . . . yep, the title—something like "Why I Like Small Girls" . . . or words to that effect. . . . Get **Frank Floryan** from Richards Farm to expound his ambitions . . . they are really good. . . . **John Phelan, Jr.**, has moved into the offices formerly occupied by the Divisional Inspectors.

Have you ever noticed **Marjorie Glover's smile???** . . . She's the cute little girl in Auditing. . . . Noticed **Betty Wallace** and **Ethel Dirker** having a *tete-a-tete in* Safety and Security?? . . . Probably about Christmas shopping—that's what seems to be bothering everyone lately?? . . . That and Income Tax, oh well????? . . . **Edna Eaton** of Personnel has returned after a session with a cold. . . . Does anyone know what happened to the motorcycle that **Ann Melovic** used to ride??

Mary Lou Schwartz has a terrible time keeping up with her sister, **Gerry Stephens**. . . . Bowling is the game and it's quite a rivalry . . . if anyone is interested . . . the gang bowls on Wednesday nights at Jahneke's. . . . 'Course some people have another name for it . . . if you don't believe it ask **Claire Donoghue's** father??????

Walter Murphy has joined the Navy and expects to leave shortly.

THE EMPLOYEES' ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

of the

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

extends to all employees of Elwood Ordnance Plant an invitation to attend a

Snow Dance

Saturday, December 19, in the Recreation Hall. The EOP Band will provide the music for dancing from 9:00 P. M. until 1:00 A. M. Admission—55c per person, tax included. Your family and friends are invited.

☆ ☆ ☆ **What's a Lump of Sugar?** ☆ ☆ ☆

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

The boys at Group 27 understand that **Ben Sloan** is trying to get a patent on a windshield wiper. The only drawback is that it caused Ben to go barefoot one day last week—it takes two shoe laces to keep the invention together.

Group 27 went one better . . . they ran a Mr. Victory contest. **Jay Hancock** defeated **"Lefty" McGraw** for the title. Mr. McGraw missed victory by one vote.

Ray Gate is getting his car overhauled by an expert mechanic and will be ready (the car) to run next spring.

At North Inert **LaVern Lyons** discarded his brown cap and replaced it with a bright yellow hunting cap matched with snow white gloves and is all set for winter weather.

Chester A. Abell calls **Ross A. Miller** grandpa and in the presence of Mr. Shaw, too.

E. F. Moore is welcomed as a new employee at Inert Storage.

Inert Storage men speak through the question of the week.

Question: How did you spend the Thanksgiving Holiday?

Mr. Ashworth: Enjoyed a full course dinner with relatives.

Mr. Cloyd: Our family did not celebrate it until the week-end with a fine dinner.

Mr. Zagor: Went hunting in the morning and home to dinner. In the afternoon I went to a theatre and in the evening to Chicago to enjoy a hockey game.

Mr. Baudino: I took my family to Chicago to enjoy dinner with my sister.

Mr. Spooner: I went to my home in Indiana for the first time in seven years.

The boys at North enjoyed a smoke on **Ray Hess** who was married November 6 to **Joyce Ferguson** at Kohoka, Mo.

John Wald cannot wait until each foreman belongs to the safety committee.

Safety rails have been installed at South Inert and safety posters have been placed in the buildings.

Thomas Dillon likes the new arrangement where he receives his wage check every week.

Fred Ford's mother is recovering from an illness.

Individual uniforms of corduroy in many colors can be ordered from the tailor, **Andrew Cherrie**. . . . It is not obligatory to wear them or any other at Inert, but the boys like this little number.

The Basketball team at Group 27 is at a standstill, having played no league games. Reports are that the War Bond raffle will come soon . . . some wish it were sooner.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Sam Mount and his girl friend have taken gas rationing seriously. It is reported that they bought a horse in partnership. The big question that bothers Sam is, which end does he own? After all, he wants to keep up his end of the transaction.

James Finnegan of Group 61 has a pair of hip boots for sale. The reason may be that Building 6 has been shut down for repairs.

Mrs. John Smith is extended many thanks for seeing to it that her husband returns Inspection Department pencils.

Little **Donelle Koenning** suggests that **Jim Glade** trade in the conventional *Rock-a-bye Baby* tune for *Hallelujah* in singing **Junior** to sleep. Her dad is nominated as the No. 1 Hunter of the Inspection Department.

Because **Norma Castle**, Group 8, spent Thanksgiving in Virginia, it is certain there must be a soldier attraction.

Phyllis Filetti is walking on air since she received the last letter from that certain someone in Colorado.

Did you notice the smiling face of **Florence Anton** while her soldier husband was home on a furlough?

Congratulations are sent to **Bud Picknell**, Group 6, who has joined the armed forces as first lieutenant.

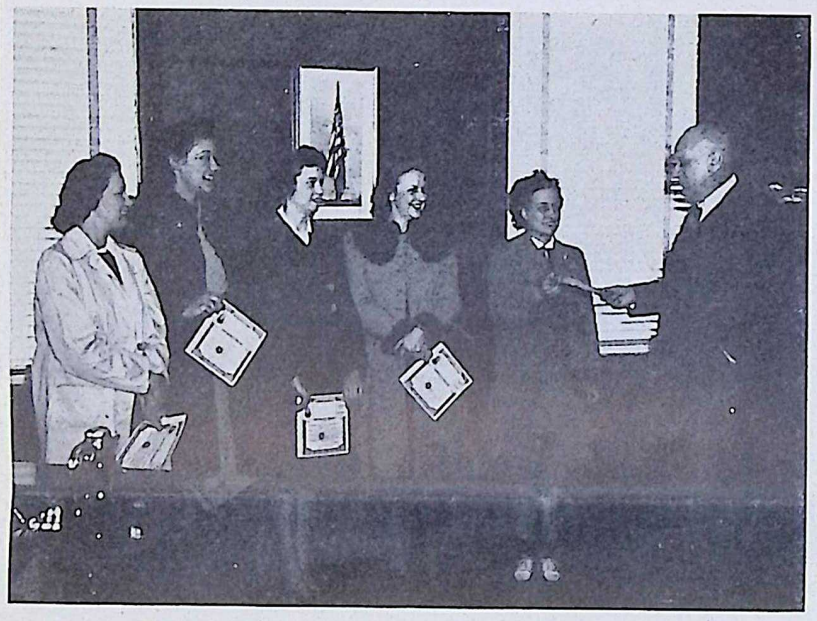
Several of the girls from Group 9 spent the week-end in Chicago. The party included **Anita DuPuis, Lucille Boudreau, Velma Grills, Maxine Burris, Jeannette Cahan, Stephanie Bielac, Betty Meents, Marge McGuire** and **Jaunita Schulze.** They enjoyed, among other things, a lovely evening at the Aragon, where Betty and Marge showed the boys of the windy city the new "Detonator Hop."

Elmer Henning mentioned a very unusual experience he had some time ago. He said that while running to catch a bus he lost his uniform which he was wearing at the time. "Well," he said, borrowing a cigarette, "truth is stranger than fiction."

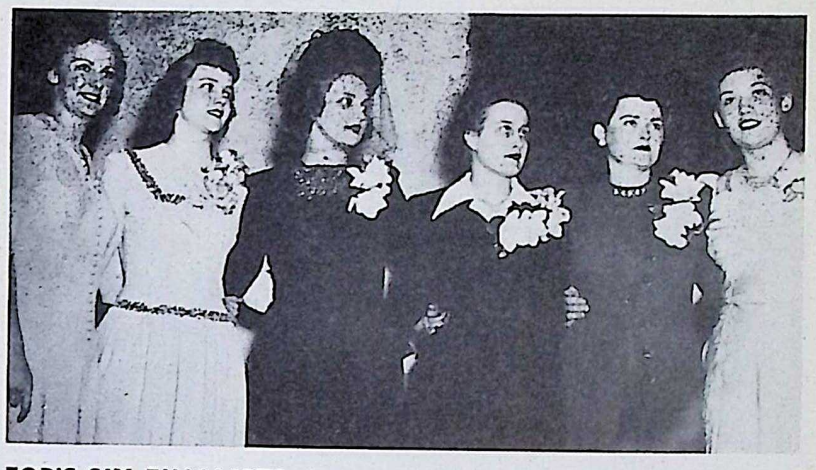
It would appear that **Herman Ascher** has decided that his present assignment is not so bad after all. As an inducement to trade jobs **Art Kidd** offered him a highly polished red apple (which it was rumored had been meant for another purpose), but there was no deal.

Arthur Kidd, Group 3, as a musician is rapidly becoming quite proficient on the "Eucalyptus." **Godfrey Herscher** after listening to some of his numbers said, "Words fail me, fantastic and unearthly, Lord help us."

Ira Pearson's nephew was inducted into the Army several days ago—Ira accompanied him to Chicago but hadn't returned when this was written. His friends hope he likes Africa.



WAR BONDS were presented to EOP's finalists by W. E. Canniff, manager, operations and engineering, November 30. Shown, left to right, are Maxine Enger, Erva Willford, Betty Jensen, Mary Danser, Betty Foster and Mr. Canniff. Dorothy Connors, out of town at the time, received her bond later.



EOP'S SIX FINALISTS the night of the "Miss Victory" ball are shown here, left to right: Mary Danser, Group 1; Betty Jensen, Group 1; Maxine Enger, Group 4; Betty Foster, Group 4; Dorothy Connors, Group 6; and Erva Willford, Utilities.

NARROWED TO THREE, Mary Hoffman (51), Western Electric, was finally chosen "Miss Victory"; Betty Foster (62), EOP; Margaret Helen Reed (86), Ammunition Container Corp., and John A. Malloy, executive editor of the Chicago Herald-American, who announced the winner and presented the bond, are also shown.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

"Cannonball" Sarti, alias **Joe Sarti**, reports to be having extreme difficulty with the FBI. As yet there seems to be some question as to whether Joe really was born.

Gene Telleson of the Timekeeping staff left for the Army November 14. He is now temporarily stationed at the Quantico Marine Base where he will study to be a Link—Trainor instructor.

Barney Beoletto, ace kettle operator at Building 4, traveled to Toluca during the Thanksgiving holidays—Barney reports his little "Bambinos" all welcomed dad home.

Harry Willis, foreman at Building 4, had a very successful hunting season. He claims to have bagged several rabbits and one white pheasant. Some say it was a white leghorn.

Charlie "Small Eye" Usewich attended the wedding of his niece, **Stella Mallanoski.** It was a Polish wedding with all the trimmings; ask Chadlie what is meant by trimmings.

Albert "Dink" Mattern's 11-months-old youngster is destined to be an aviator. Already he insists on eating air-mail stamps.

Mrs. Mary Plese is recovering from a major operation.

It would be nice if . . . everyone could pick football winners like **Marvin Friedmann** . . . **Larry Lahrman** went one week without an argument . . . Thanksgiving came every week . . . a secretary were available to **John Smith** . . . a desk, he could call his own, were owned by **Larry Holz** . . . **Harold Rouff** could shoot something besides hedge balls . . . an explanation were given by **William Brown** of a report to the superintendent's office he had the time as 14:25 p. m. . . . a car dealer would sell **Hans Koenning** a windshield wiper for the right hand side of his automobile . . . **Clyde Stahley** learned that badges are made to be worn at work and not in theatres . . . the Timekeeping Department appreciated having helpful neighbors . . . it were possible for **James Glade** to be half as serious about paying off as he is when making a wager . . . **Alfred Pope** and **Donald Baldwin** could get their game with less difficulty.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

George Vercimak, who left the Material Warehouse some time ago to enter the armed service, came back home last week to attend funeral services for his mother. He paid a visit to the Warehouse Saturday and his former co-workers were all pleased to see George in his Army uniform and looking so well. They extend to George their deepest sympathy and hope he will see them again on a happier mission. George is in the Field Artillery stationed at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and is very thankful for receiving *The Bomb-Shell* regularly. He said he gets a lot of pleasure reading about his former place of employment.

Harvey Ingersoll, former Government material checker, has been transferred to the Fuze and Booster Area. He is now a bus dispatcher.

George Durin, former Government material checker, has left the service and the boys wish George good luck and hope he won't forget to let them know how he is going along.

Dave Seine, John Higgins and **Leslie Ross,** former Government material checkers, have all been transferred to other positions in the Area and their fellow workers wish them good luck in their new positions.

Material Checker **Stephen Felix** has been imitating the trained seal act so often his hands and feet are gradually turning into fins and he is growing a thin coat of fine fur. The only way to hold Felix in a normal conversation is to keep throwing peanuts and fish to him.

Your correspondent is back in harness again after a vacation and the staff of *The Bomb-Shell* extends a sincere welcome home.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

James Hatz, Group 3, who was injured November 13, is doing nicely.

Since November 6, **Ralph Sexton,** guard, has been doing a good job of bringing group workers to the Hospital for their physical examination. He really keeps them coming in and the laboratory girls are kept stepping around very fast.

Part of the statistical department was moved to the Hospital November 16. **L. M. Ross** has succeeded **C. V. Johnson,** who left for Springfield. **Mary Elizabeth Philbin** also was transferred from the Safety Department in the Administration Building and is working for Mr. Ross.

Margaret Gergovich seems to be improving her bowling score and beat **Dorothy Schoop** in a recent game with a score of 120, although she has to admit that her first game of 46 wasn't anything to write home about.

Nurse Dorothy Kenny is exceedingly happy these days, as her brother, **Lt. James J. Kenny, Jr.,** bombardier, made a cross country flight from Midland, Tex., to Portland. This was his first visit home in eleven months.

You can see **Elizabeth Russell** weeping these days, as she is about to part with her old "chevvy," which has been dear to her for many, many years. The time the brakes failed and she went through the front gate one winter day is one vivid memory of the car.

The Hospital will be rich in birthdays December 4. Three nurses will participate in sharing the special event. Each one has a definitely separate personality. On the day shift you will find blonde, blue-eyed **Marie Ulrich** taking care of the patients. The direct opposite of her is black-haired and dark-eyed **Bertha Perush,** who helps with the physical examinations which are given to group workers. While on the 11:30 to 7:30 shift you will see red-haired, blue-eyed **Nellie Lozio.** A specially built paddle to stand the strain of three salutes will be needed.

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GASOLINE SEEKERS crowded the Administration Building for days as rationing drew near. Receptionist Wanda Hudak and Corp. Clare Cosgrove are shown in the foreground.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

The first year of the war is over. The position of the American woman has changed so drastically that it is difficult to realize that 12 whole months have passed. There were all types of readjustments. Some of them were awful and everything seemed all mixed up at once. But that year is over now. You can't forget Pearl Harbor. You can't forget the horror and terror, too, that clutched our hearts the day the news reached America. You can't forget **President Roosevelt's** declaration of war speech. You can't forget things like that. But sometimes when you are browsing through your mental diary, surprisingly enough, it's odd bits of uncorrelated information that pop into your mind and they lead to a whole chain of unrecorded history. Ten years from now when you look back, maybe these will be some of the things that you will remember.

From Across the Seas

Beautiful stories of courage and humor have reached us about the women on the other side. The bravery of the English women under the seemingly endless bombings and the stoicism of the Russian and Chinese women. Perhaps you will remember the one about **Winston Churchill's** trip to a London slum after a particularly heavy bombing. He saw an old woman and asked her how she survived the bombing. She answered, "I didn't mind it so much, sir. It sort of takes your mind off the war!" Then there was the American visit of the Russian sniper whose difficult name we shortened to **Ludmilla.** Everyone wondered about her reaction to sniping on the wholesale plan. She answered simply, "I'm very glad I killed them." There are the beautiful stories of **Madame Chiang Kai-Shek,** whose work is faithfully carried on with little or no publicity. You can't forget the faces of our own nurses smiling at us from the newsreel as they try to make an old tent look like home in the wilds of Bataan.

On the Home Front

Will you remember the fun and the jokes that were poked at the WAACS and the WAVES? And how the quiet dignity and intelligence of **Director Oveta Culp Hobby** of the WAACS and **Lt. Commander Mildred H. McAfee** of the WAVES let the fun run its uncertain course and wound up winning the respect of everyone. Then you remember **Alice Pichon,** EOP's first employee who left for the WAACS and **Louise Thomson,** a nurse, who left to be an ensign in the Navy. You won't forget sugar rationing, "Praise the Lord, and Pass the Ammunition" and your first war bond, priorities, the time you said good-bye and a flat tire with ten minutes to make the graveyard shift. And that first V-letter.

Right Here

You won't forget the first day you worked at EOP. The first time you saw black powder. Your first pay check as a munitions worker. The look on your foreman's face when you tried to tell him you couldn't turn out a good-looking bomb with a shiny nose. You'll remember the bigness of EOP and the bus rides inside the area. The time you were fingerprinted and got the first look at your badge picture. The woman guards in their blue uniforms. The first women timekeepers. The first day the Ordnance girls wore their uniforms. How everybody agreed on "what pretty girls they are" when pictures of the Group 1 girls were in *The Bomb-Shell.*

You will probably remember that **Helen Shimek** was the very first girl employed for EOP and that **Lola Early** was the next . . . that **Grace Henderson,** Group 4, and **Mary Stuart,** Group 8, did war work during the last war . . . that **Erva Willford** was the first girl employed in the Machine Shop . . . **Betty Foster** and "Miss Victory" . . . the personality of **Ann McFarland,** supervisor of the women's change houses . . . sandwiches, sandwiches, sandwiches.

Of course, this is just the last paragraph of Chapter 1.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

The department is continuously losing young men to join the armed forces, and although bidding adieus is regretted, the staff is honored to think they are going to be the ones to conquer for peace and liberty.

Dick Eben has reported that he is to be at Shepherd Field, Texas, as a member of the Air Corps. How nice for him to get his wish to become one of Uncle Sam's flying boys. He will appreciate any letters which are sent to him. **Dick Naughton** left to become a soldier.

Fred Mastin must be campaigning for votes on some future election as he was seen to be patting the chin of a tiny baby right in the middle of a busy intersection of Joliet. It will probably mean at least three votes anyway, whatever the office.

During the past few weeks efforts have been more successful in getting **Ewald Becker** to give forth with a hearty laugh. It is good to hear.

Did you ever see anyone take work so seriously as **Lucille Brown,** and she sets a very good example which seems to be taking effect. She is going to preside over the problems of Groups 6 and 7 during the absence of her associate, **Myrtle Cooper,** who is planning a visit to her brother who is in the Air Corps in Texas.

Mrs. Leatha Williams is now a member of the Planning Department and is very jubilant about the fact that her son is on furlough from the Army.

There seems to be a few obstacles in the way of a chance meeting at work for **Argyle Dalziel** and **Rowena Roberts,** since he is assigned to night duty. There should be some kind of a solution that could be offered.

Elva Thomas has been subjected to numerous remarks from her assistant, **William Dronsfield,** but they are all in fun and he can deliver them properly, and that is the kind of fun that helps war production increase more rapidly. It is just the humorous happenings that add to the joys of their department.

Mrs. Helen Cutler suffered from an attack of influenza, but is back again and everyone's happy.

There certainly was a great deal of excitement the day that **Dorothy Maxwell** misplaced her badge and couldn't get into work. After **Wallace Bensen** came to her rescue, and the company's squad car located her at one of the far acres of the reservation, it was still thought that further aid would have to be sent to bring them to work.

Frances Mores insists in competing with **Mae Norem** during their Friday luncheons. It will be an exciting and surprising outcome for both.

Group 1 Scores Big Hit With Harvest Dance

Specialty Acts, Hot Music, Decorations Entertain Large Crowd

Group 1 still maintains the social pace set at its first annual picnic held at Lockport last summer. On Saturday night, November 21, the group put on its Harvest Dance at the Recreation Building and all who came to take part in the festivities agreed that it was a worthwhile affair in every way. About 1,000 employees with their wives and sweethearts attended and left with a feeling of appreciation to those whose earnest efforts contributed to the success of the party.

The hall was decorated by employees in a truly professional manner. The backdrop behind the orchestra was adorned with two large and brilliantly colored cornucopiae, surrounded by autumn leaves in silver and at intervals around the walls were other Horns of Plenty, illuminated by hidden lights and pouring forth the fruits of the vine and field. In addition, the walls and ceiling were festooned with colored ribbons.

Under the direction of **John Condie,** general factotum who also designed the decorations, a corps of assistants, including **Frank Syssens,** former commercial artist, **Tony Fermin,** student artist, **John Mackender** of the Electrical Department, **Kenneth Chandler** of the Carpenter Shop, **George Long** of the Safety Department, **Tom Shay,** expeditor, who put over the ticket sales, **Mrs. Louis Morrison** and **Beverley Garing** of the plant recreational committee, the immense hall was transformed into a palace of beauty. Everyone had a grand time and through the thoughtfulness of **Joseph E. Salmon,** superintendent of Group 1, the decorations will be allowed to remain for a time so that others might enjoy them.

Mac Willis and his Doctors of Rhythm provided the music, but hot. During intermission several specialty numbers were presented by group talent. **Fidele Testa** sang "White Christmas" as only he can do it and for an encore rendered the new hit, "My Devotion." **Shirley Stafford** gave a splendid take-off of the "Dark Town Strutters Ball" and afterwards some plain and fancy tap dancing. Under the expert leadership of Miss Garing, there was group singing which started off with the National Anthem and wound up with "God Bless America." **George Gibson,** assistant superintendent, acted as master of ceremonies and performed like a veteran.

At one time during the dancing **Wanda Merritt** and her boy friend from Florida stopped the show and enthralled the crowd with a truly splendiferous Conga. It was breath-taking and no less. There was applejack for all and for those not caring to dance there were card games, shuffle-board, ping pong, and bowling. It must have been a heart-breaker for **Mr. Salmon** to miss the party, but the press of business held him elsewhere. However, his house was well represented by the presence of **Mrs. Salmon** and daughter, **Paula.**

Patrons and patronesses included **W. E. Canniff, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cole, Edward J. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy** and **Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Dougherty.**

Barry's Son at Pearl Harbor

Capt. Jack Barry and his wife, **Betty,** were at Pearl Harbor on the day the Japs struck. He's in the regular Army with a famous division which was decorated with the Croix De Guerre in World War I. His station is at Schofield Barracks but he got action and is waiting with the rest for the Japs to come back. Captain Barry is the son of **Jack Barry,** Group 1 correspondent for *The Bomb-Shell,* who served in France during World War I.

"Clipper Jack" and "Jungle Jim"

Imagine the surprise on the night of one of the Fellowship Meetings to walk into his office and find **E. K. "Jungle Jim Cortright** preparatory to going over to the party at the Mess Hall, being shorn of his iron gray locks by none other than **E. J. "Clipper Jack" Egan,** sometimes known as the "Chattanooga Clipper. Nevtrtheless, "Clipper Jack" did a good job and now "Jungle Jim" can postpone that fateful trip to the barber for another three months.

12 Basketball Teams To Start Play Here

Twelve teams will start play in the EOP Basketball League December 7. The full schedule will be drawn and sent to each manager. Games will be played Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Gymnasium at 4 p. m. The schedule for the first two weeks follows:

Monday, Dec. 7—
Group 1 vs. Army Officers.
Group 3 vs. Fuse and Boosters Lab.

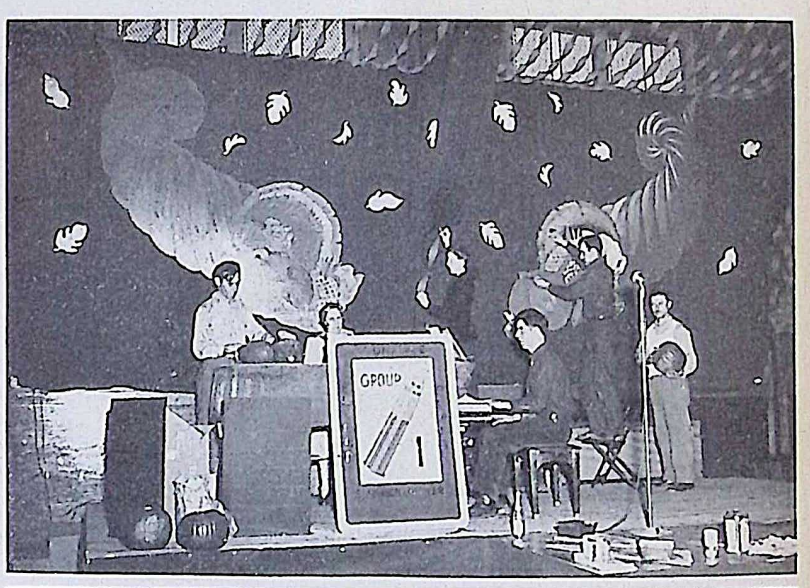
Wednesday, Dec. 9—
Group 3-A vs. Fire Guards.
Group 70 vs. Police Guards.

Thursday, Dec. 10—
Group 62 vs. Bus Drivers.
Group 61 vs. Inspectors.

Monday, Dec. 14—
Group 70 vs. Inspectors.
Group 62 vs. Group 61.

Wednesday, Dec. 16—
Group 3 vs. Police Guards.
Group 3-A vs. Group 61.

Thursday, Dec. 17—
Group 1 vs. Fuse & Booster Lab.
Officers vs. Fire Guards.



HARVEST DANCE figures of Group 1 are shown here. The decorating committee, left to right, includes John Condie, Lois Morrison, Shirley Stafford (also pictured dancing), Anton Fermin, Frank Syssens and Fidele Testa, who also is shown singing with Mac Willis and his orchestra. Beverley Garing was absent.

☆ ☆ ☆ **What's a Spare Tire?** ☆ ☆ ☆

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

December 7

Margaret Arnold, Group 4; **Edith Barrone**, Group 7; **Carl Bartlett**, Inspection; **Glen Behringer**, Group 3; **Russell Benson**, Group 7; **Parker Billups**, Inert Storage; **August Canto**, Group 2; **Margaret Drake**, Group 9; **Clement Elden**, Safety; **Aline Franklin**, Group 9; **Kathryn Gabel**, Group 7; **Beulah Hemling**, Group 6; **Mamie Koerber**, Group 9; **William Kosick**, Utilities; **Theresa Kump**, Group 6; **Theodore Kweiser**, Group 2; **Carl La Monte**, Utilities; **Betty Meents**, Group 9; **Donald Peay**, General Operations; **Carles Reeves**, Guards; **Catherine Ruffatti**, Group 9; **Kenneth Sabol**, Group 4; **Peter Sadler**, Group 7; **Ethel Spuehler**, Group 5; **Robert Suddick**, Group 3A; **Ottar Swenson**, Utilities; **Robert Terzick**, Group 1; **Joseph Tomasino**, Group 1; **John Williams**, Utilities; **Frank Yasulaitis**, Group 3.

December 8

George Arsenau, Sr., Group 8; **Nina Bracken**, Group 6; **Annie Brignall**, Group 5; **Josephine Charlier**, Group 5; **William Clark**, Group 66; **Robert Cleghorn**, Utilities; **Mike Dubetz**, Group 1; **Esther Emanuelson**, Group 9; **Leona Fischer**, Group 6; **Clifford Geiss**, Group 1; **Irene Harrop**, Group 5; **Stanley Jean**, Group 2; **Theodore Kendzora**, Group 7; **John Lawson**, Group 4; **John Lawson**, Group 66; **Bob Lewis**, Group 1; **George Lockwood**, Group 3A; **Nora McCarthy**, Group 5; **Frieda McKeon**, Group 6; **Caroline Morgan**, Group 5; **Adam Morrison**, Group 3A; **Emil Odchodnicky**, Ordnance; **Richard Orndorff**, High Explosives; **Burl Richardson**, Inert Storage; **Michael Ryan**, Utilities; **Richard Ryan**, Group 2; **Emma Shea**, Ordnance; **Richard Shelley**, Ordnance; **Lucille Small**, Group 8; **Evan Smith**, Group 7; **Wilbur Testa**, Group 1; **Geraldine Todd**, Group 7; **Mable Ward**, Group 1; **Valeria Zupancic**, Group 9.

December 9

Walter Benedict, Group 7; **John Bowers**, Utilities; **Frank Bravato**, Ordnance; **Ledean Cheatham**, Group 9; **Rex Cress**, Group 3; **Herman Dandurand**, Group 61; **Thelma Fortin**, Group 7; **Alice Fosdick**, Group 1; **R. G. Fredrickson**, Guards; **Mary Giancomini**, Group 4; **Mable Harris**, Group 7; **Mabel Hibbs**, Ordnance; **Tracy Horrie**, Utilities; **Henry Jaryembski**, High Explosives; **Glenn Johnson**, Utilities; **William Keating**, Guards; **Richard Kohler**, High Explosives; **Luella Lipschutz**, Women Guards; **Raymond Long**, Group 1; **Harry Minkus**, Utilities; **Marshall Oling**, Utilities; **Cedo Parine**, Group 1; **Geraldine Sizamore**, Group 4; **Don Spiller**, Utilities; **Lee Stevenson**, Group 1; **Claude Willows**, Utilities.

December 10

Laurence Anderson, Utilities; **Walter Beaudoin**, High Explosives; **Leo Budde, Jr.**, Group 3; **Harry Chayer**, Utilities; **Vern Cole**, Group 4; **Frank Coyle**, Utilities; **Frances Estes**, Group 4; **Katherine Filetti**, Group 9; **Allen Goldsmith**, Group 9; **William Graham**, Guards; **Eugene Hedrick**, Auditing Dept.; **James Henderson**, Utilities; **William Jones**, Watchmen; **Mary Lewis**, Group 9; **Lottie Maloney**, Ordnance; **Kenneth McClain**, Ordnance; **Ernest Mortenson**, Group 7; **Russell Olson**, Guards; **Ralph Payne**, Group 1; **Gale Pickett**, Group 68; **Margaret Price**, Group 4; **Perry Rusher**, Group 2; **Alban Scheuber, Jr.**, General Offices; **Dorothy Smiley**, Group 9; **Shirley Van Duyne**, Accounting.

December 11

Charles Balch, Group 7; **Virginia Benters**, Ordnance; **Wayne Biehl**, Group 1; **David Billsland**, Group 3A; **Ruth Bleau**, Group 7; **James Boyd**, Utilities; **Charles Bray**, Group 2; **Elsie Bundy**, Group 6; **Michael Cuttill**, Group 3; **Lile Eldridge**, Group 4; **Clyde Farman**, Group 1; **John Feeney**, Group 2; **Walker Findlay**, Group 3A; **Mavis Francis**, Payroll Dept.; **Daniel Franklin**, Utilities; **Marjorie Glover**, Ordnance; **Loretta Harpin**, Group 6; **Charles Havener**, Group 5; **Esther Ludwig**, Group 4; **Kenneth Mann**, Group 1; **Harriet Nadelhoffer**, Ordnance; **Frank Netherton**, Guards; **Richard Oft**, Group 3; **Verne Parry**, Ordnance; **Frank Senica**, Utilities; **Joseph Stofko**, Group 1; **Louise Thomson**, Hospital; **Raymond Trizna**, Group 1; **Diana Uremovic**, Group 4; **Virgil Vitzthum**, Group 1; **Bernadetta Whitsell**, Group 7.

December 12

Margaret Burden, Women Guards; **Carl Carlson**, Utilities; **Ruth Childsey**, Plant Protection; **John Comerford**, Accounting; **Paul Conrad**, Utilities; **Cyril Coonan**, Group 8; **John Farcus**, Group 3; **Thomas Folwell**, Accounting; **Edward Friedrich**, Group 1; **Dawson Fuller**, Utilities; **Alfred Graham**, Group 1; **Adolph Haberkorn**, Guards; **Melvin Hurwitz**, Ordnance; **Arthur Kelly**, Watchman; **Russell Keyes**, Utilities; **Thomas Kiley**, Guards; **Stanley Kukulski**, Utilities; **George Lauffer**, Group 1; **Charles Mann**, Inert Storage; **Thomas Martin**, Materials and Stores; **Verne McKimson**, Fire Department; **Laurence Patton**, Group 7; **Duane Pfister**, Group 2; **Neal Ransom**, Utilities; **Ralph Ritter**, Group 1; **Howard Rub**, Utilities; **Blanche Ryslink**, Group 6; **Ellis Schuyler**, Utilities; **Robert Seeman**, Group 1; **Phyllis Stinson**, Group 4; **Donald Trainor**, Fire Department; **Robert Weidling**, Group 3A; **George Wells**, Guards; **Thomas Wharrie**, Ordnance; **Brison Yoho**, Group 1.

December 13

Mildred Boles, Group 5; **Bernard Boos**, Group 3; **Leslie Brooker**, Inspection; **Daniel Carey**, Group 2; **William Cotter**, Utilities; **Clarence Crawford**, Group 3A; **Jessie Cuzick**, Group 1; **Howard Davey, Jr.**, Engineering; **Roy Duckworth**, Utilities; **Charles Elliott**, Utilities; **William Ely**, Utilities; **Angelo Fietto**, Group 8; **Thomas Frew**, Group 2; **John McGunnigal**, Utilities; **James Gerkin**, Guards; **Della Gorczynski**, Group 7; **John Haake**, Group 3A; **Mearl Harris**, Group 1; **Helen Hoye**, Group 5; **Russel Jones**, Group 3; **Stephen Joricic**, Group 61; **Benno Judge**, Utilities; **Stanley Maleski**, Group 2; **Mary Marlow**, Group 5; **Mendal Marshall**, Group 5; **Edward Moriarity**, Guards; **Raymond Murray**, Group 2; **Ellen Nahlbom**, Group 9; **James Nolan**, Inspection; **Jerome O'Connor**, High Explosives; **James Scheidt**, Group 3; **Helen Sefcik**, Group 4; **Nora Sweazy**, Group 6; **Jacob Van Duyne**, Utilities; **Clark Wilson**, General Offices.

December 14

Edward Agnich, Group 66; **Marie Anderson**, Group 9; **Robert Brown**, Plant Protection; **Walter Bruhn**, Group 1; **Fred Burgess**, Group 1; **Angelo Cusimano**, Group 1; **Joseph Dement**, Group 3; **Wallace Englehart**, Guards; **Samuel Eppstein**, Accounting; **Geraldine Ferguson**, Group 4; **Arthur Fritz**, Group 3; **John Gagliardo**, Group 3; **Joseph Johnson**, Utilities; **Lavern Kennedy**, Utilities; **Marjorie Ketterer**, Group 5; **Janet LaBorence**, Group 7; **Horace Larder**, Group 2; **Michael Nolan**, Group 7; **Axel Olin**, Utilities; **Marjorie Onsen**, Personnel; **Nazzarino Pozzi**, Utilities; **Frederick Reed, Sr.**, Utilities; **David Richards**, Utilities; **Lulu Rinehart**, Group 7; **James Reynolds**, Group 3; **Andrew Rodeghero**, Group 3; **Margaret Sinchak**, Group 5; **Robert Stanley**, Group 7; **Moses Taylor**, Group 4; **Jeannette Wallace**, Ordnance; **Elizabeth Wicks**, Group 5; **Stephanie Zaremba**, Group 4.

December 15

Hilda Baker, Group 4; **Arthur Brinkman**, Group 1; **George Bruning**, Group 2; **Thomas Chudy**, Group 3; **June Clapper**, Group 4; **Elwood Cook**, Group 3A; **Julia Corzan**, Group 7; **Leo Cromwell**, Group 1; **Matt Ecimovich**, Guards; **Frank Hafner**, Inert Storage; **William Hammond**, Group 1; **Milton Harris**, Group 3; **James Hynds**, Timekeeping; **Clinton Jones**, Materials and Stores; **Josephine Kush**, Ordnance; **John Kusinski**, Recreation; **Zeta McCarty**, Group 7; **Lorraine Miller**, Group 4; **Esther Murray**, Group 9; **Irene Nemeth**, Group 4; **Mary Nemeth**, Group 5; **Mary Nepote**, Group 4; **Helen Pasley**, Group 7; **Gustav Peterson**, General Offices; **Ralph Pratt, Jr.**, Group 8; **Robert Renoldi**, Timekeeping; **Louise Schulthels**, Group 9; **Werner Siefert**, Group 1; **Edward Smith**, Utilities; **Ida Sullivan**, Group 4; **Arthur Swinghamer**, Utilities; **Shelton Tucker**, Group 1; **John Welch**, Ordnance.

December 16

Ray Arle, Group 9; **Samuel Azzarelli**, Group 1; **Fred Cadwaller**, Labor Distribution; **Reeder Campbell**, Group 7; **Herman Chouinard**, Group 5; **Doris Cumpston**, Group 5; **Martin Drendel**, Group 7; **Gwendolyn Flessner**, Group 6; **Forrest Green**, Utilities; **Merl Hicks**, Guards; **Wayne Holeman**, Group 61; **Fred Huxtable**, Group 4; **Suzanne Janovsky**, Group 8; **Betty Bernadine Jehle**, Group 5; **Betty Johnston**, Group 8; **Julia Kirby**, Group 1; **Helen McGinnis**, Ordnance; **Rob-Margaret McGowan**, Ordnance; **Robert Moody**, Group 1; **Oakley Ront, Jr.**, Accounting; **Joseph Ruyle**, Guards; **Marian Stevenson**, Group 9; **Wayne Stuckey**, Group 4; **Lawrence Tyda**, Group 3; **Louis Voytko**, Group 1.

December 17

Ruby Armbrush, Group 4; **Louis Benedino**, Group 2; **Theresa Bolek**, Ordnance; **Antoinette Canto**, Group 8; **William Carr**, Group 1; **Charles Christy**, Group 3A; **Bette Comer**, Group 8; **Cecil Cushman**, Utilities; **Helen Dahn**, Group 9; **Stanley Elsler**, Ordnance; **Bernice Erickson**, Group 1; **Gowain Frick**, Group 1; **Ray Gale**, Utilities; **Joseph Gutierrez**, Utilities; **Stella Jackinowski**, Group 5; **Francis Kangley**, Group 1; **Albert Maierhoffer**, Group 2; **William Milby**, Group 2; **Helen Nelson**, Group 7; **Marian Nelson**, Group 9; **Bernard Nichols**, Utilities; **Lorrayne Ostrem**, General Offices; **Joseph Pesavento**, Group 1; **Gertrude Rogers**, Group 5; **Anamarie Schroeder**, Ordnance; **Roy Shull**, Group 1; **Harrison Smith**, Resident Partner; **Edna Spenard**, Group 6; **Anne Spreitzer**, Group 5; **Vernon Stevens**, Guards; **Norman White**, Accounting.

December 18

G. H. Beddingfield, Guards; **Kathleen Coash**, Group 9; **William F. Douville**, Ordnance; **Albert Dow**, Group 8; **Pauline Durham**, Group 7; **John E. Egan**, Utilities; **John Fey**, Inspection; **Peter Forsen**, Utilities; **T. L. Gianopoulos**, Group 7; **Gerald Hall**, Group 3A; **Loris Hart**, Guards; **Delores Hawotte**, Ordnance; **Chester Jessen**, Group 3A; **Raymond Junker**, Group 3; **Ollie Kelly**, Group 2; **Mildred Kreml**, Group 9; **Willis Lee**, Group 61; **Robert Legan**, Group 1; **Donald Manthey**, High Explosives; **Terrance McGovern**, Group 2; **Esther Moir**, Group 9; **Virginia Nowack**, Personnel; **Albert Pelletier, Jr.**, Group 3A; **Helen Pombert**, Group 8; **Herbert Robb**, Group 1; **Ralph Ruddy**, Guards; **John Russ**, Utilities; **Frank Saxon**, Utilities; **Emma Scott**, Group 4; **M. L. Starasinich**, Group 5; **Wesley Strader**, Group 4; **Anna Vernoy**, Group 9; **John Walker**, Group 8; **Vernon Worden**, Utilities.

December 19

Clifford Carls, Plant Protection; **Ruth Casselman**, Group 5; **Eva Coonan**, Group 5; **LaVerne Dite**, Group 5; **Edward Dufault**, Utilities; **Frank Fallmaier**, Group 3; **Robert Gehrke**, Timekeeping; **Francis Gray**, Guards; **Lawrence Gross**, Utilities; **Harriet Hanfeld**, Group 4; **Harold Holz**, Ordnance; **Frederick Howe**, Inspection; **Kenneth Jones**, Ordnance; **Ralph Keek**, Group 1; **Oscar Kelsey**, Group 2; **Ned Kneller**, Group 5; **James Leadingham**, Group 9; **Violet Louch**, Group 1; **Norman Morgan**, Maintenance; **Anita Spaulding**, Group 4; **George Steen**, Group 4; **Donna Belle Steinke**, Group 5; **Fred Sulsdorf**, Group 9; **Ervin Sutter**, Utilities; **Everett Thompson**, Group 3; **Herman Winkler**, Group 3.

December 20

Anna Balicek, Group 5; **Rose Bender**, Group 4; **Velda Clemens**, Group 9; **Myron Drazy**, Inert Storage; **Robert Inman**, Utilities; **Mary Kurey**, Group 5; **Della Larkins**, Group 9; **Helen Luellen**, Group 9; **William McCollum**, Inert Storage; **Louis Puncar**, Group 2; **Hirman Reddish**, Utilities; **Steve Spurlick**, Group 3A; **Clyde Stahly**, Utilities; **Leo Steffes**, Inert Storage; **Nevill Streuter**, Group 5; **Naomi Thrasher**, Group 5; **Mike Varndy**, Ordnance; **Corum Wilson**, Group 3A.

Officials Have Birthdays, Too

Joseph E. Salmon, superintendent of Group 1, observed his birthday anniversary December 4. **A. E. Frosch**, chief engineer, observed his December 2, and **E. A. Evans**, chief field engineer, celebrated his November 23. Another November birthday was that of **A. P. Balston**, superintendent of Inert Storage Department, on November 10. **Harrison Smith**, resident partner, Sanderson & Porter, will observe his December 17.

Early Pay Day Made Possible By Hard Work

Workers' Checks to Be Issued Wednesday Before Christmas

EOP workers received their pay checks on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, a day earlier than customary, as the result of almost superhuman efforts by the Controller's Department and the Payroll Department, according to **G. B. Pumphrey**, assistant controller.

Such a feat could not be done regularly, Mr. Pumphrey said, but it was done this time as a service to employees and will be done again for Christmas. Workers will receive their checks on the Wednesday before Christmas, but thereafter on Thursdays as usual.

Paymaster J. F. Dolan and his staff worked day and night to accomplish the task, even at the risk of making some errors because of the speed required. **John O'Connell** and his Timekeeping Department also did extra work to attain the goal, Mr. Pumphrey said.

This is why your mileage is rationed

EMPLOYEES' SERVICE FUND STATEMENT

Report as of November 24, 1942

RECEIPTS:		
July		
Baseball	$ 48.65	
August		
Baseball	68.38	
Miscellaneous	2.15	
September		
Baseball	7.09	
Carnival Receipts—net	725.91	
Bowling	23.00	
October		
Bowling	90.00	
Miscellaneous activities	14.05	
November		
Bowling	209.00	
Open House Party 10/10—net	83.61	
Halloween Dance 10/31—net	175.69	
		$1,447.53
EXPENSES:		
July		
July—Softball team, travel expense	$ 3.10	
Membership—Amateur Softball Assn.	10.00	
Sheet music for orchestra	16.64	
4 Rolls tickets	5.00	
August		
Travel expense baseball team	5.55	
Travel expense softball team	8.45	
Supplies, tickets, etc.	25.85	
September		
Travel expense baseball team	45.90	
Sheet music for orchestra	4.50	
Athletic equipment baseball, etc.	101.78	
Rental of baseball park—Morris	7.50	
Officials' fees	2.50	
Playing cards, score books, etc.	20.50	
October		
Rental of hall	5.00	
Softball trophies	4.85	
Coat checks	1.73	
Cleaning baseball suits	16.00	
Athletic and pool equipment	21.74	
November		
Membership National Recreation Association	5.00	
Coat checks	1.12	
Engraving of trophies	2.50	
Music and orchestrations	7.58	
Miscellaneous supplies	2.99	
Ping Pong balls	5.71	
4 sets bowling pins	54.88	
		$ 386.37
Balance—Cash on hand November 24		$1,061.16

The EOP Guide Post

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Rent—Room in private home at 25 S. Cagwin Avenue, Joliet. Near bus lines. Call Joliet 2-0932.

Lost—Woman's yellow gold wedding band on November 18. See **Frances Dransfeldt**, Badge No. 68922, Group 4. Reward.

For Rent—Modern sleeping room. Double bed. Board optional. No other roomers. On bus line. **A. B. Wells**, 1013 Richards Street, Joliet, upstairs, or telephone Joliet 2-7360.

Riders Wanted—From vicinity of East Washington Street or downtown Joliet. Accommodate 4 or 5 passengers. Steady 11:30 p. m. to 7:30 a. m. shift. Call **Edward Brennan**, Joliet 2-7090, or Line 3148.

For Hire—Eight piece Negro orchestra available for parties, dances and other activities. Reasonable price for EOP activities. Call **Mac Willis**, Joliet 2-4174.

For Sale—One set of Deitzgen drawing instruments. Call **William Biggs**, Group 61, Line 3254.

Riders Wanted—From vicinity of 111th Street and Vincennes Avenue, Chicago. Shift change every week. Call **L. E. Patton**, Guard House, Line 4156.

For Swap—Send list of anything you have to swap and advise what is wanted in exchange. Write **R. J. Steiskal**, Hawthorne Station, Chicago, or Government Inspection Office, Group 3.

Riders Wanted—From south side of Chicago or on Route 7-45. 1941 Plymouth. Call **Ralph Kurzband**, Midway 2484.

Ride Wanted—From Monee, Ill., to EOP on the 7:30 and 11:30 shifts. 7:30 shift started November 30. See **Verna Blair**, Group 3-A, Building 12.

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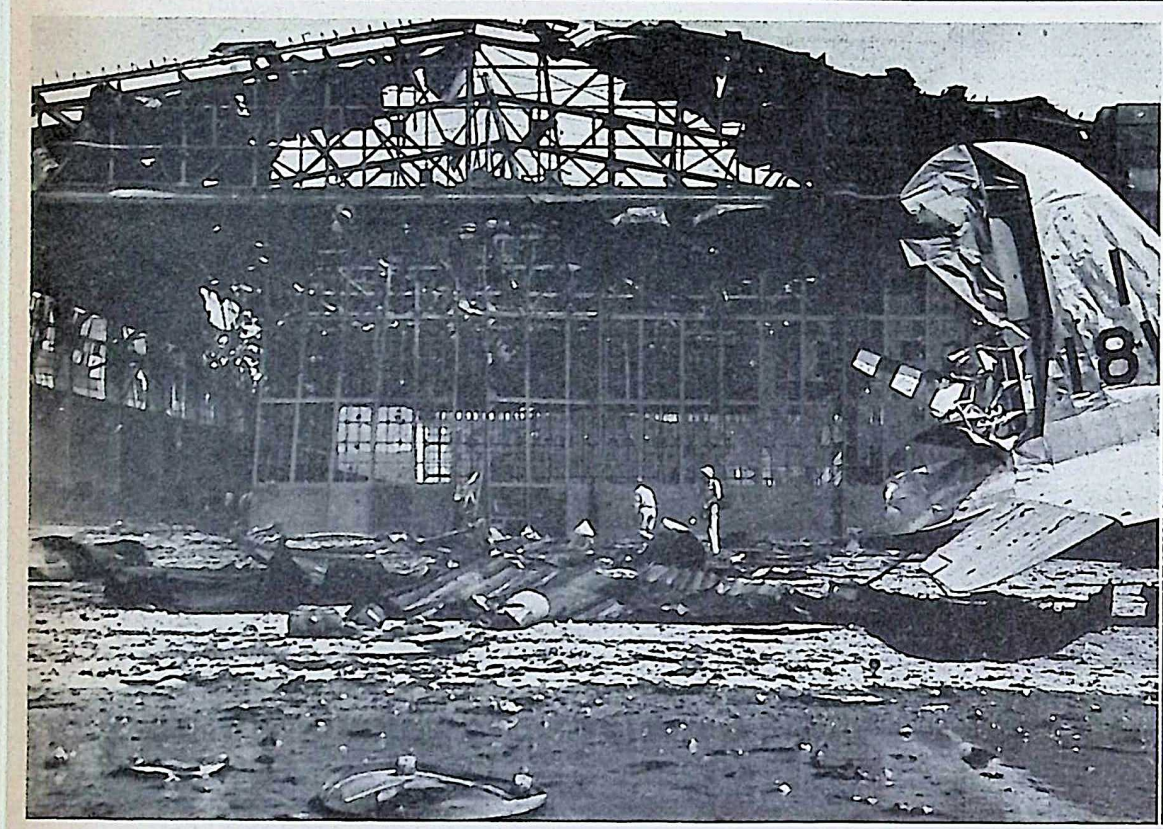

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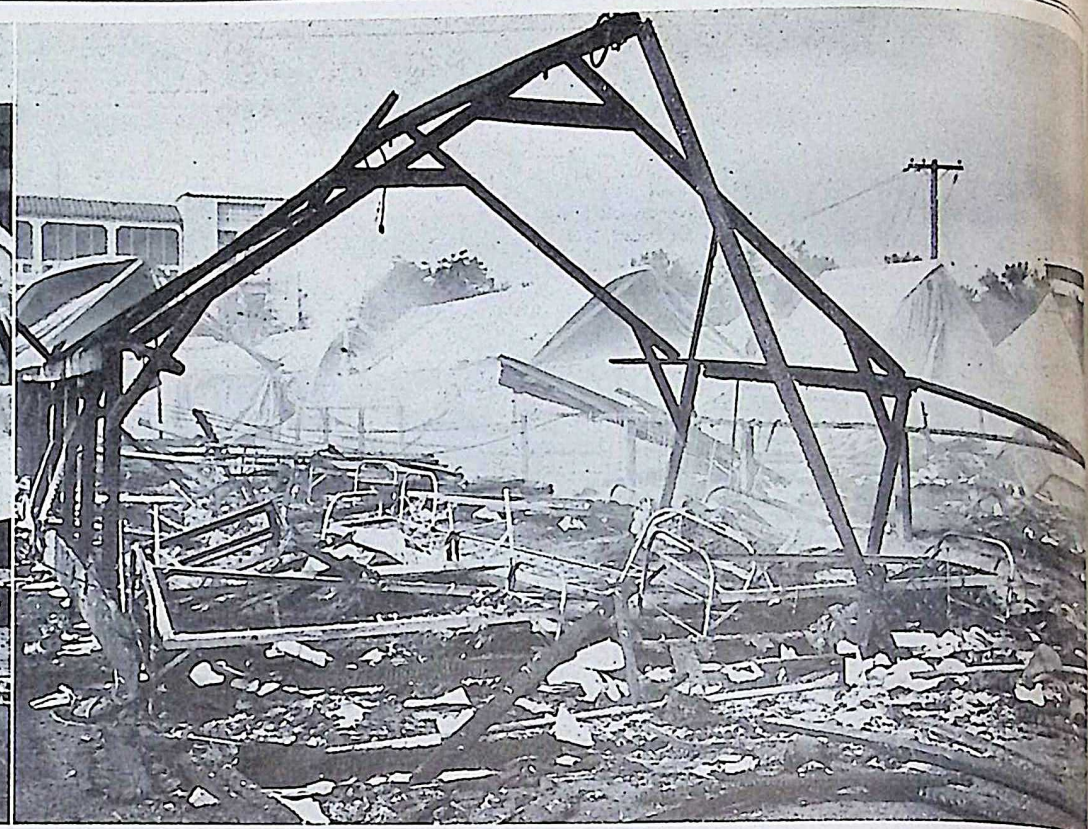

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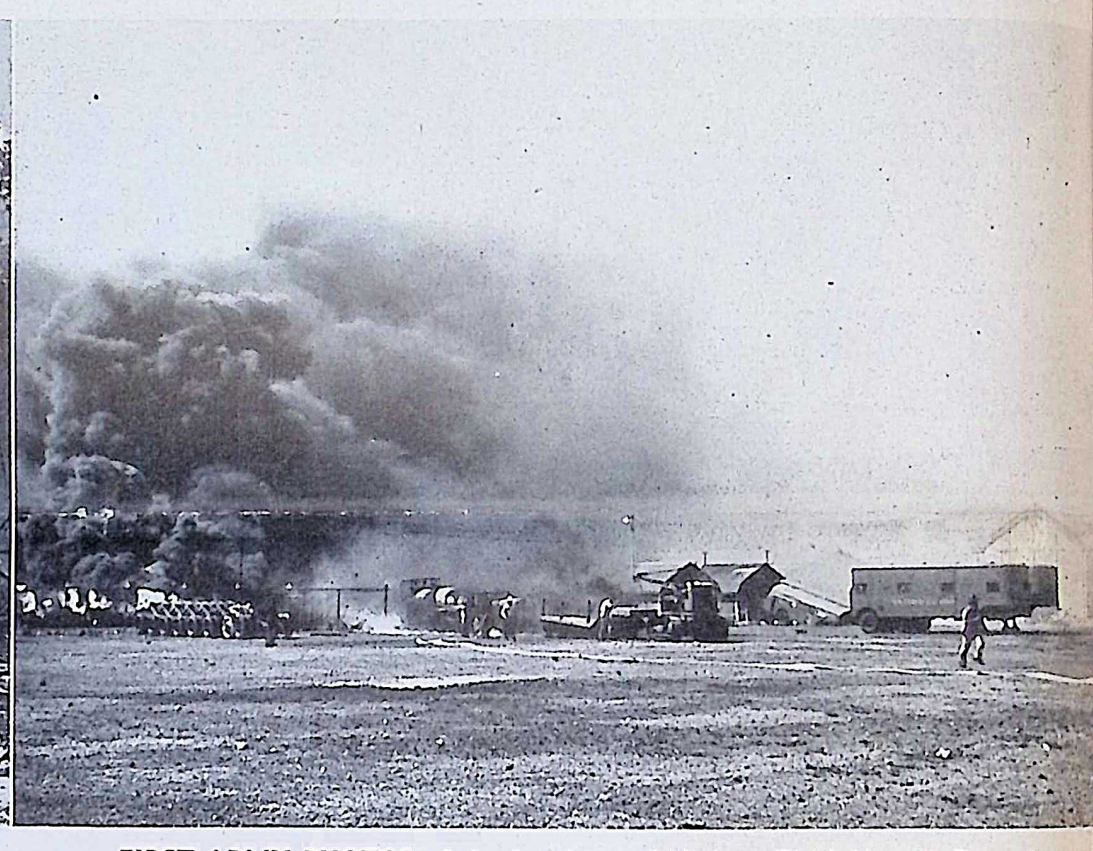

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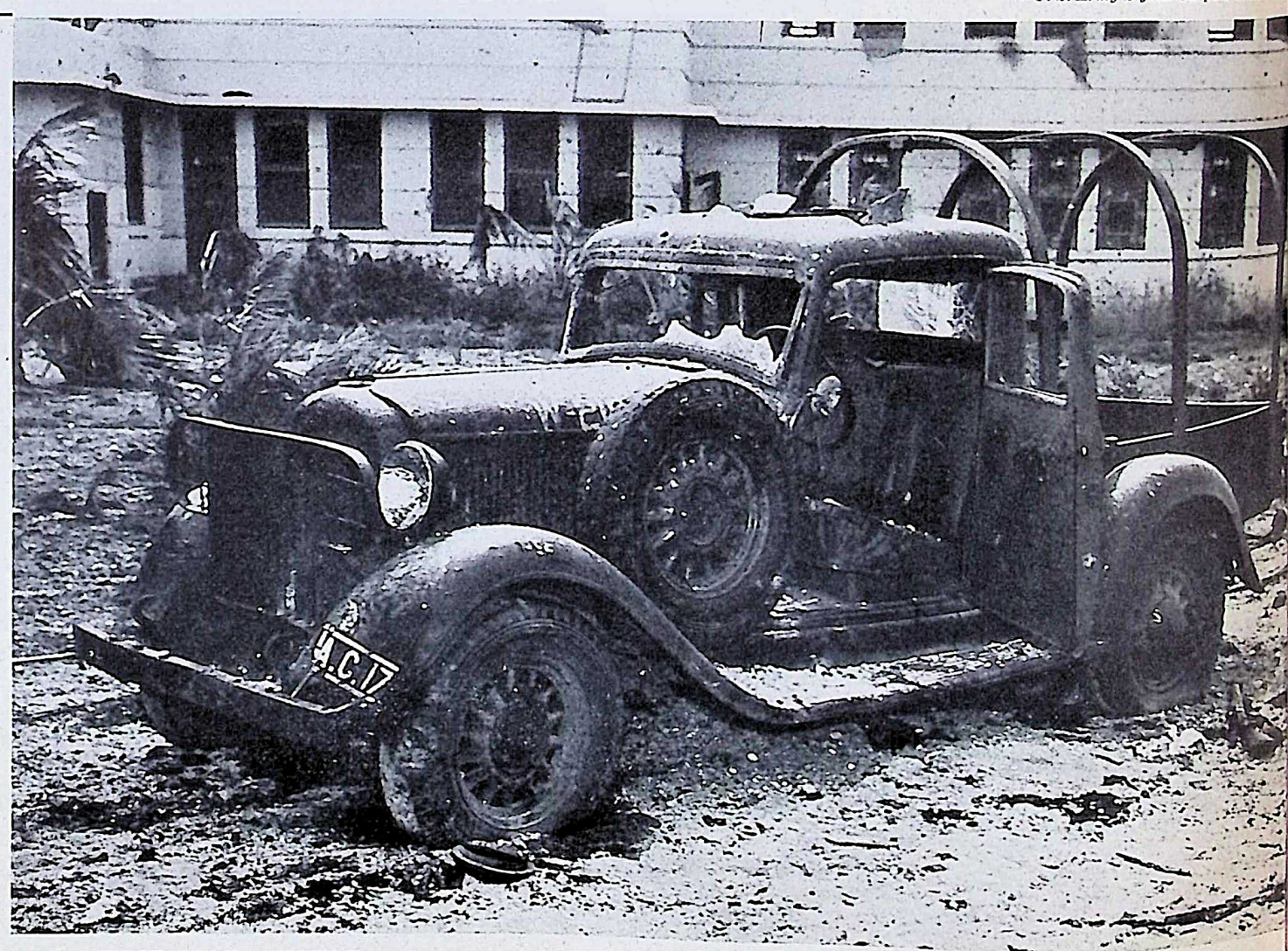

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Victory Tax Is Effective Jan. 1 On All Earnings

5 Per Cent to Be Deducted Weekly Beginning Jan. 7

The 5 per cent Victory Tax on wages and salaries earned in 1943 becomes effective January 1. It will be collected for the Government by employers deducting the proper amount from each check or the cash paid to their workers.

Deductions from the pay of EOP employees will be made on checks delivered January 7 and each weekly payday thereafter.

The Victory Tax is over and above income taxes and social security taxes. Income taxes due March 15, 1943, are on salaries and wages earned in 1942, but the Victory Tax applies to 1943 earnings. There is provision made for a credit or refund of part of the Victory Tax after the war is over. Credits or refunds are as follows: Single person or married person not living with husband or wife, 25 per cent of total amount previously deducted, or $500, whichever is less; married person or family head, 40 per cent or $1,000, whichever is less; for each dependent, 2 per cent or $100, whichever is less.

Taxpayers may annually take credit for certain expenditures, but since the first annual return will not be made by the taxpayers until March, 1944, there is no need to becloud the situation with an explanation of them now.

Chart Is Helpful

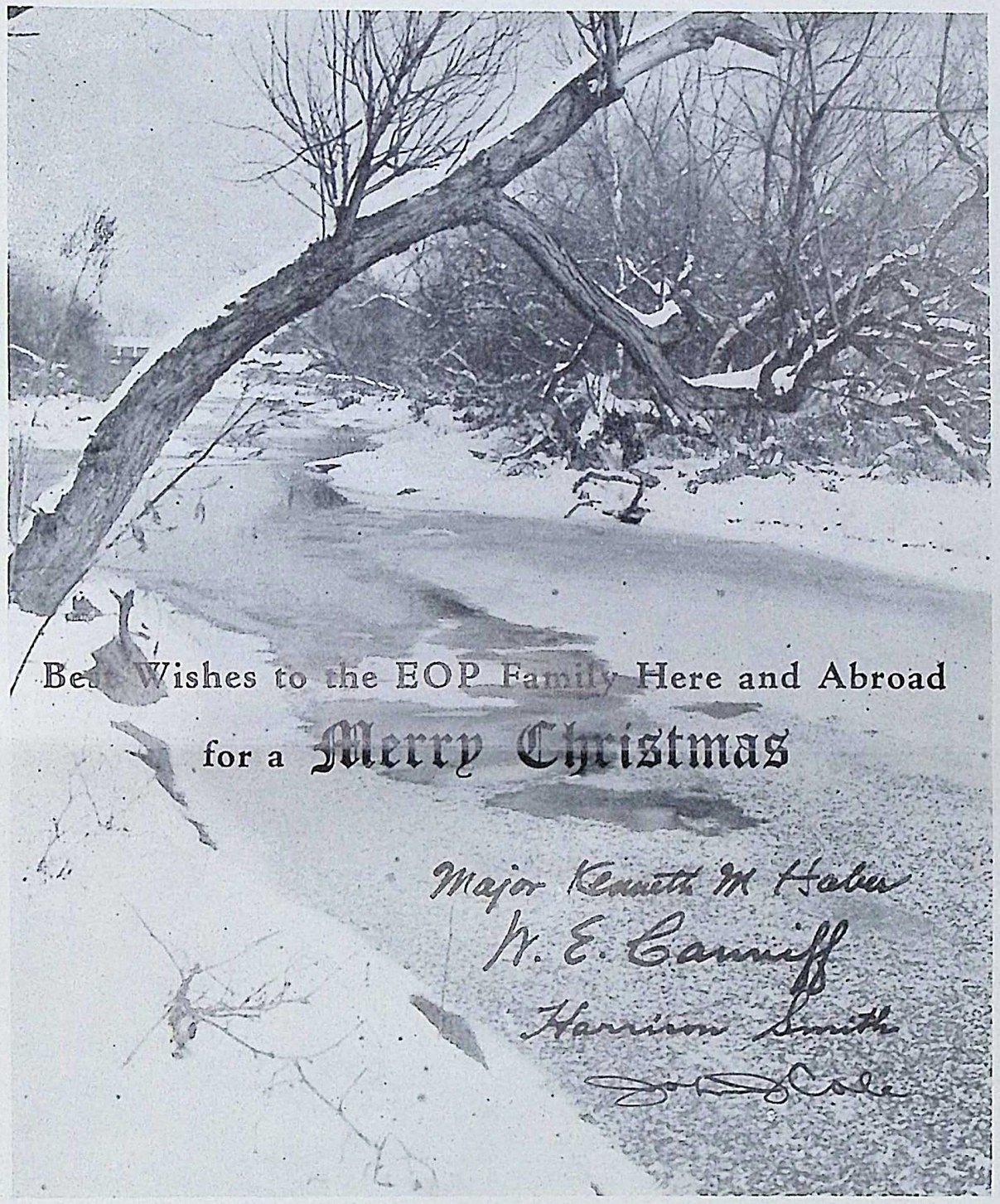
The following table, prepared by **Paymaster John F. Dolan**, shows what the weekly deduction will be, based on the 5 per cent tax on income above $12 a week.

Weekly Earnings	Tax Deduction
$ 12.01—$ 16.00	$0.10
16.01— 20.00	.30
20.01— 24.00	.50
24.01— 28.00	.70
28.01— 32.00	.90
32.01— 36.00	1.10
36.01— 40.00	1.30
40.01— 50.00	1.60
50.01— 60.00	2.10
60.01— 70.00	2.60
70.01— 80.00	3.10
80.01— 90.00	3.60
90.01— 100.00	4.10
100.01— 110.00	4.60
110.01— 120.00	5.10
120.01— 130.00	5.60
130.01— 140.00	6.10
140.01— 150.00	6.60
150.01— 160.00	7.10
160.01— 170.00	7.60
170.01— 180.00	8.10
180.01— 190.00	8.60
190.01— 200.00	9.10
200.01—	9.40 plus 5% of the excess over $200

Many persons are now figuring what the Victory Tax and the income tax will cost them and rearranging their budgets to take care of those costs. This is advisable since the income taxes due March 15 on earnings you have already received this year are from three to four times greater than the income taxes you paid this year. Many who paid no income taxes this year will have to pay March 15. It will pay any worker to investigate his situation early.

As a service to employees who may wish to set up their weekly budgets for next year on the basis of these additional taxes, tables of approximate tax costs will be published in the January issue of *The Bomb-Shell*.

Holiday Greetings from EOP Executives



PRAIRIE CREEK IN WINTER furnishes the background for the sincere Yuletide message to all EOP employees and their families and to all former employees in the Nation's armed forces here and abroad from Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, commanding officer; W. E. Canniff, manager, engineering and operations; Harrison Smith, resident partner of Sanderson & Porter, and John J. Cole, comptroller. —*Photo by Loren D. Ross*

Next Fellowship Meeting Jan. 7

The next EOP Fellowship Meeting will be held Thursday evening, January 7, it was announced by **A. E. Frosch** and **E. A. Evans**, co-chairmen of the general committee.

Members of the committee in charge of the meeting held December 17 were **E. J. Egan**, chairman; **E. V. Sperling**, steward; **W. P. Dronsfield, L. R. Reynolds, F. C. Schauland, W. D. Whaley, G. W. Gibson, E. L. Walkup** and **Capt. G. A. Grant.**

Safety Booklets Given to Workers

Copies of the war edition of *Watch*, a digest of safety features from the monthly publication of the same name of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, Boston, Mass., were distributed to all EOP employees.

The digest contains illustrated articles on home and highway safety precautions for individuals, families and property.

The booklets were distributed to all employees when they left the plant area by private car or bus after work.

Christmas Envelopes Available Here

Attractive envelopes, furnished by the Treasury Department, for those who wish to give War Bonds as Christmas presents, are at the Comptroller's Office in the Administration Building and may be obtained without charge by applying for them there.

A Message to All Workers at EOP

For the coming Yuletide I would like to give each one of you a personal salute and wish you A Merry Christmas. During the past year you have done a magnificent job in Ordnance production, transportation and maintenance. Even to persons accustomed to astronomical figures, the results are almost inconceivable. This has required hard work by everybody concerned. For our effort thus far, I am sure the entire Army, the Nation and the United Nations are grateful.

L. H. CAMPBELL, Jr.,
Major General, Chief of Ordnance.

New Telephone Directory Is Due January 1

The fourth edition of EOP's new buff-colored telephone directory will be ready for distribution about January 1, it was announced by **Supt. William A. Buck.**

Damage to U. S. Cars Assessed Against Drivers

Court of Inquiry Reports Findings; Charges Are Fixed

Investigation of traffic accidents involving Government-owned vehicles has been assumed by Sanderson & Porter as a part of the rearrangement of Ordnance Department divisions announced in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell*.

A court of inquiry is held by the Guard Department and its findings are reported to the management, who determines the person at fault and fixes the amount of damages to Government property to be assessed against the guilty person. In the event an employee quits after an assessment is made against him, the commanding officer will refer the case to the nearest United States district attorney because damage to Government property is involved.

Reports of accidents in which assessments are made because of careless driving will be reported in *The Bomb-Shell*.

Some of the more frequent causes of accidents which would be classified as careless driving are backing up when unable to see through a dirty rear window, bumping other cars when parking in a parking lot, sideswiping a parked car, ramming the rear end of a car because of driving too close and therefore unable to stop in time, backing up without looking, not observing the full meaning of stop signs and attempting to beat another car even after a partial stop.

Accidents Are Listed

Raymond F. Pratt, an EOP bus driver, rammed into the rear of a Bowman Dairy Company truck at 8:50 a. m., November 5, between the first aid and laboratory buildings in Group 4.

William Gram, Group 2, was assessed $33.75 following an accident at the intersection of 1 West Road and Group 60 Road at 4:45 p. m., November 23. Gram was driving a coupe which made too wide a swing at the intersection and sideswiped a Government-owned station wagon which had stopped for a stop sign.

An assessment of $12 was charged against **Grace L. Taff**, Policewomen's Division, after the Government-owned station wagon she was driving was backed into a parked car at Group 8 at 4 p. m., November 5.

Jack Knarr, Motor Pool driver, was assessed $5 after the Government-owned car he was parking at the pool received a dented fender when it hooked the fender of a parked pool car at 9 a. m., November 24.

Elmer Pratto, Group 60, was pushing his own car with a Government-owned car when the bumper jumped over and damaged the grill on the latter vehicle at 8:45 a. m., December 3. He was assessed $13.10.

The door of a Government-owned car was caught on the door of a garage while **Lawrence D. Jack**, Radio Department, was backing it out at 7 a. m., November 1, and he was assessed $10.

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The Japanese Are Tough

A RADIO ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE JOSEPH C. GREW
Former United States Ambassador to Japan

(Continued from last issue)

I had long known of Japan's preparations for war, and I kept my Government currently advised of the information which came to my knowledge on that subject.

And now, before closing, I should like to tell you something about the Japanese military machine against which we are fighting today. That machine has been trained and perfected through many years, for it has always had in view, even before the invasion of Manchuria in 1931, the prospect of eventually sweeping not only to the north against Russia but to the west and south in order to control what the Japanese have latterly termed "The Co-prosperity Sphere of Greater East Asia, including the South Seas." It need hardly be said that the phrase "Co-prosperity Sphere" denoted in fact the intention to exert Japanese control, politically, economically—absolutely—over all those far-flung territories.

In 1931 came their invasion of Manchuria. In 1937 came their invasion of China south of the wall, and while their army eventually floundered in China, due to the magnificent fighting spirit of Chiang Kai-shek, his courageous armies, and his determined people, nevertheless the warfare which then ensued proved a practical training for the Japanese soldiers and sailors, who tirlessly developed and perfected the tactics which they subsequently used in their landings and conquests to the south.

The idea should not for a moment be entertained that the failure of the Japanese forces in China has discouraged the Japanese people. It has instead served to steel them for still greater sacrifices and to prepare them better for the war to the death upon which they have finally embarked. As the realization came home to them of the need for greater and greater efforts, they accepted the inevitable war-footing reorganization of the country's life with characteristic calmness and determination.

The Offensive Spirit

Probably no other factor has contributed more heavily to the preliminary victories achieved by the Japanese in this war than the offensive spirit which permeates all of the armed forces of the Empire. This spirit, recognized by competent military men as the most vital intangible factor in achieving victory, has been nourished and perpetuated since the foundation of the modern Japanese army. The Japanese High Command has counted implicitly upon the advantages this would give them over less aggressive enemies. They have put great store in what they consider to be the white man's flabbiness. They look upon us Americans as constitutional weaklings, demanding our daily comforts and unwilling to make the sacrifices demanded for victory in a war against a military machine which has prepared and trained itself in Spartan simplicity and the hardness and toughness demanded by war. They attach great importance to the former disunity in the United States over the war issue, and they still count on an appreciable interval before an aroused nation can find itself and develop a fighting spirit of its own. By that time, they feel, Japan will be in complete control of all East Asia. When they struck they made no provision for failure; they left no road open for retreat. They struck with all the force and power at their command. And they will continue to fight in the same manner until they are utterly crushed.

We Must Go All Out

We shall crush that machine and caste and system in due course, but if we Americans think that, collectively and individually, we can continue to lead our normal lives, leaving the spirit of self-sacrifice to our soldiers and sailors, letting the intensification of our production program take care of itself, we shall unquestionably risk the danger of a stalemate in this war of ours with Japan. I say this in the light of my 10 years' experience in Japan, my knowledge of the power of the Japanese army and navy, and of the hardness and fighting spirit of the Japanese. I feel it my bounden duty to say this to my fellow countrymen. I know my own country even better than I know Japan, and I have not the slightest shadow of doubt of our eventual victory. But I do not wish to see the period of our blood, sweat, and tears *indefinitely and unnecessarily prolonged.* That period will be prolonged only if our people fail to realize the truth of what I have just said, that we are up against a powerful fighting machine, a people whose morale cannot and will not be broken even by successive defeats, who will certainly not be broken by economic hardships, a people who individually and collectively will gladly sacrifice their lives for their emperor and their nation, and who can be brought to earth only by physical defeat, by being ejected physically from the areas which they have temporarily conquered or by a progressive attrition of their naval power and merchant marine which will finally result in cutting off their homeland from all connection with and access to those outlying areas—by complete defeat in battle.

I need say no more. I have told you the truth as I see it from long experience and observation. I have come home with my associates in the Far East to join our war effort with yours, and I realize, perhaps better than anyone else, that nothing less than the exertion of our maximum capacities, individually and collectively, in a war of offense will bring our beloved country safely through these deep waters to the longed-for haven of a victorious peace.

We are fighting this war for the preservation of righteousness, law, and order, but above all the preservation of the freedoms which have been conferred upon us by the glorious heritage of our American citizenship, and for these same freedoms in other countries of the United Nations, and while we are fighting against the forces of evil, lawlessness, and disorder in the world we are primarily fighting to prevent the enslavement which actually threatens to be imposed upon us if we fail. I am convinced that this is not an overstatement. Surely ours is a cause worth sacrificing for and living for and dying for if necessary.

The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

The ordinarily high caliber of service rendered its great multitude of readers by this tall and slender aggregate of the agate line has fallen from its hitherto celestial heights. Now that you have read the confession, let's get on with all the reasons, be they for or against your noble scribe, whose heart beats hard and fast when your common weal is at stake.

The principal reason for my chagrin "as I look into your smiling faces" is that I failed to warn you of the pitfalls of this great word of the day—*rationing.* What with all the multifarious duties in satisfying the gluttinous appetites of the loading lines and keeping **Tommy (T. M.) Burns's** hordes gorged with small metallic chicken feed, it is not surprising that even the omniscient Scorchy should have had the wool pulled over his eyes just because of a word like *rationing* with which he had previously never been on speaking terms.

Not long ago that fine sense of responsibility to his public prompted your correspondent to confer with Mr. Webster as to just what this word *rationing* really meant. It so happened that the only dictionary available was a bit dog-eared when it came to *rationing,* but the next best readable space showed the word *rational.* It seemed only reasonable that *rational* ought to be a blood relative of *rationing* and this is what Mr. Webster ascribes to it:

> RATIONAL — *Having reason or understanding; reasoning; agreeable to reason; not absurd, preposterous, extravagant, foolish, fanciful or the like.*

Now I ask you folks, would any of you, in the face of such etymological research ever suspect that *rationing* would ever be more than a friendly caress by the solons of dear ole OPA?

Came the Questionnaires!

While benumbed by Mr. Webster's comforting definition of our wrong word, we innocently happened in to the **(R. T.) Bassett** Bedlam with a mild request for slightly more than 2,000 miles a month on our jalopy which would, in due honesty, probably suffer a complete constitutional collapse if it were horsewhipped into 2,000 miles a *year.* Imagine me unsuspectingly confronting this demon of the motionless wheel, thinking all the time of what Mr. Webster said about "having reason or understanding" and "not absurd" and all that kind of stuff.

I ask your sympathy at my embarrassment on being informed that the distance from my home to work was only 16.2 miles instead of the 19.7 miles I had so carefully contrived to include a roundabout route permitting a sly daily stopover at "Ye Olde Barbecue Shoppe" which, through some strange accident happens to purvey liquids with a frothy superstructure.

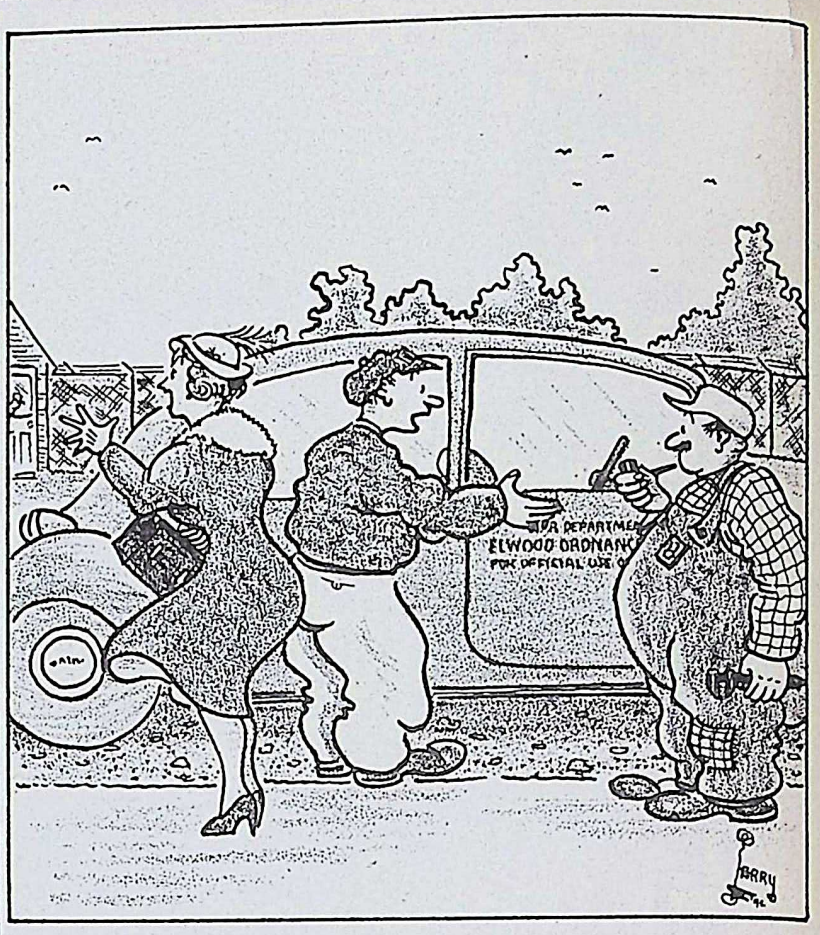
As if this perplexing revelation of my hitherto secret activities were not sufficiently disarming, **R. R. Kuntz,** one of the more active members of the "Rationing Rough Riders," suddenly popped up with the question "Who was that lady I seen you with last night?" In a mood of sparkling repartee, I retorted without a stutter, "That was no rider, that was my wife."

After that wisecrack, I picked myself up from the front lawn, scraped the mud off my trousers and started roaming back toward the plant to think things over.

The Fire Station produced no ideas; Group 70 was even less inspiring, but as the wheezing jalopy swung northward past **W. B. Manchester's** "Salon of the Soil," thoughts suddenly came to mind as to what would happen when the "Quota Quizzers" undertook their forthcoming assignments on such products of the good earth as coffee, milk, butter and the choicer cuts of meat.

It took no stretch of the imagination to envision a local gestapo which might look with much suspicion on a normal ruddy complexion on the ground that it resulted only from a normal-sized portion of roast beef, despite the fact that that same portion could well have been the inspiration of that famous trade slogan, "Nothing Takes the Place of Leather." Even more alarming is the prospect that anyone discovered actually wide awake might be accused of having exceeded his quota of coffee for that day.

It has been the consistent policy of this self-elected pulpit to give you the idea "in the rough" and let you add the spangles . . . I hope you will be *rational.*



"Seems to me there's something wrong with her back end!"

I have written . . . a poem!

DOOLITTLE
"What's in a Name"

'Twas the eighteenth of April in seventy-five,
When the British red-coats were due to arrive;
And a light in the steeple of old North Church,
Was to signal that patriots on the search
Were assured that the enemy soon would be
On the way to attack us by land or by sea;
So that Paul Revere could begin his great ride,
Which would carry alarm to the country-side;
So that farmers and minute-men all would be
Up in arms for the fight for our liberty.

But that famous day, now so far in the past,
Is a part of history buried at last
By the new and desperate struggle today,
When the British and we are standing at bay;
With the aid of the Russians and Chinese, too,
With the Frenchmen who *can* help to see us through;
And the moral assistance of other men,
Who are shackled today but will once again
Breathe the air of the free that will come to all,
Just as soon as the Japs and the Germans fall.

And the eighteenth of April in forty-two,
Found another good man with the will to do;
For our Jimmie Doolittle with his brave men
Went from Shangri La to a devil's den.
Though he didn't set forth with a horse like Paul,
Still he had what it took just to make a call;
And the call, as you know, was to Tokio,
Where he flew to deliver a crushing blow,
Which did *not* save the face of the yellow Japs,
But which *wiped every grin off* from all their maps.

—Jack Barry

The Spirit of Christmas

Why don't we listen and hear the cry
Of The Babe in His manger bed;
Why don't we see Him as Wise Men did,
Who came from far across the hills
To the star beck'ning high overhead.

The world has turned to plunder and hate,
To the things engendered by greed,
But that Baby's cry still comes to us
To think of love and compassion,
If we'd just take the time to heed.

To manhood He grew and labored
With His message for you and me;
To give peace unto all our brothers,
Do to others as we would have done:
To act on His Truth and be free.

There must be something big and fine
That each one of us now can do,
To bring the world back to sanity,
And have peace among nations of men
Instead of war and might of the few.

We can't do our part by wishing
Or waiting for someone to start,
For the star is still there shining,
Directing our thoughts up to Him
Who would put His Love in our heart.

The Spirit of Christmas still lives
With all of its blessing and thrill,
And The Babe of the manger still sends
To us His message that never will die:
Peace on earth to men of good will.

—Clifford Day
Time Office

Soldiers Write Intimately of Life in Service

Tell of Progress, Describe Views, Hopes and Aims

Intimate word pictures of life in the armed forces are painted in the letters received by *The Bomb-Shell* from soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guardsmen formerly employed at EOP.

Pvt. H. L. Knutson, Camp Pickett, Virginia, said he had been intending to write to Guard Headquarters where he was a radio operator, but just hadn't been able to carry out his intention.

"I have been in the armed forces for eight months," wrote Private Knutson, "and I have learned a lot. There is another employee of your plant here, **Sgt. John Stark,** who is in the same battalion. We were inducted at the same time and sent to Camp Grant. We have been through the same basic training together, so therefore have very much in common.

"It was interesting to see a picture of a fellow in your latest edition by the name of Wolcott. He also was sent to the same induction center, but from there I had not heard of him until I saw his picture today.

Desert Is Hot

"I have traveled practically through all the states since my induction and just finished spending four months out in the deserts of California on maneuvers, where the temperature was about 150 degrees every day until September 1 when it cooled off to about 120 degrees. It has been a wonderful experience and I feel fine.

"Right now I am a company clerk, taking the easier side of life physically, but not mentally. At present I am looking forward to a Christmas furlough and will visit the plant then if possible."

"I have been transferred from Maxwell Field, Alabama, Pre-Flight School," wrote **Cadet Robert P. Walsh,** a former field engineer here, "to Decatur, Ala., Primary School. Here we are receiving our primary flight training, learning how to fly PT-17s, which is pretty new to me as yet, as I have only five and a half hours. Please express my best wishes to everyone in the Field Engineering Department, to **Supt. James J. Murphy** of Group 2 and **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon** of Group 1."

Sgt. Paul McCormick, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, said all of his associates read his copy of *The Bomb-Shell.* He added he was making good in the Army, having moved up to a technical fourth grade sergeantcy, and that he was busy working on Army trucks.

Wants Girl's Picture

Staff Sgt. J. P. Kinsella, Camp Edwards, Mass., complimented *The Bomb-Shell,* but added that it would be "more perfect" if the picture of **Patricia "Pat" Carlos,** Personnel Department, were published. He sent greetings to **E. G. McAloon** and everyone in Group 6 Power House.

"I have been thinking of the old gang at EOP," wrote **Charles H. Yearick,** U.S. Naval Armory, Toledo, O., who has been in the Navy for three months. "I worked over in old Building 10 in Group 2, then later in Building 12. I sure miss being with the gang and would appreciate letters from anyone at EOP. I am in a cooks' and bakers' school."

Corp. Alvin E. Schroder, Fort Bliss, Texas, who sent best regards to Group 1, where he worked in Buildings 13 and 16, said he had just received his corporal's rating as a technical cook.

Another former Group 1 man, **Pvt. Zell L. Smith,** Fort Knox, Kentucky, said he understood that the girls had taken over Building 13. "I have received a letter or two from my old foreman in Bay 7, **Nathan Cohen,**" he continued, "but I guess he, too, is in the Army now. If there is anyone of a year ago still working in Building 13, tell them all hello, a darn good bunch of boys."

Banana Boat Soon

"I have seen several states since I have been in the Army," penned **Pvt. Otis F. Piper,** Camp Pickett, Virginia. "First I spent my basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Then I was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, and placed with the engineers. In July we went to California. We spent three months maneuvering in the Mojave Desert. The temperature actually got up to 150 degrees in the daytime, but it was rather cool at night. We are now in Camp Pickett, getting new equipment and likely will catch the banana boat very soon."

"Before joining the Navy as a third class petty officer (radio technician) October 3," said **Ralph Everett Adams,** Washington, D.C., "I was employed at EOP as a railroad switchman (Group 70 Roundhouse) and my immediate superior was **John E. Ryan,** trainmaster. After four months of intensive training at Great Lakes, I spent nine days of leave at my home in Joliet.

"I returned to Great Lakes and placed in the outgoing unit, where I remained until November 25. Then we left for the Bliss Electrical School in Washington, where we will be trained for the next three months in elementary radio theory and practical application and advanced mathematics. If we succeed in maintaining a high enough average, we will proceed to advanced radio schools.

"Everything here at Bliss is of the finest. Our quarters and food, the classrooms and laboratories, the instructors, grounds, all are conducive to study and advancement. The Navy has taken over the school, but the civilian instructors remain."

Proud Mother Writes

In a letter to **George F. Bent,** personnel director, **Pvt. Melvin E. Watters,** Camp Adair, Oregon, said he hoped "you will be glad to know one more of your boys is doing his part."

"I sure liked my work with you and did my best to show it," he continued. He sent greetings to Group 7 and especially to **Ione Calhoon,** Custer Park, Ill., his former forelady, from whom he would welcome a letter.

Mrs. Nyette Kellogg, Aroma Park, Ill., mother of **Wendell E. Kellogg,** one of the fallen "home front soldiers" of Group 2, wrote interestingly about another son, **Elmer Kellogg,** who was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked his ship, the destroyer Dunlap, but escaped unharmed. Mrs. Kellogg asked that her best wishes be sent to all in Group 2.

Writing in behalf of her brother, **Pvt. William Gillan,** Fort Crook, Nebraska, **Celia Gillan,** Minooka, Ill., said he had been receiving *The Bomb-Shell* for some time and enjoys it very much. "In fact," she wrote, "we subscribed for our town newspaper for him, but he has sent us word we could drop that as he does not care for it, but asked me if I would write and tell you he has been moved to a different address, so that he would continue receiving your paper."

Letters and cards were received from: **Pvt. Matthew Mueller,** Chicago, Ill.; **Pvt. Cyril Newman,** St. Augustine, Fla.; **Pvt. Herbert D. Bellot,** Fort Ord, California; **Pvt. Edward Bishop,** Lubbock, Tex.; **Sgt. Glenn D. Jordan,** Camp Blanding, Florida; **Joseph F. Ambrozich,** U. S. Coast Guard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; **Sgt. LaVerne H. Patterson,** Salt Lake City, Utah; **Pvt. A. E. Gresham,** Corpus Christie, Tex.; **Sgt. Rudolph R. Weise,** Camp Crowder, Mo.., and **E. T. Grendheim,** Joliet, Ill., who wrote in behalf of his brother, **Pvt. Richard W. Grendheim,** Camp Young, Indio, Cal.

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Donald J. Breen
Stanley C. Buck
Francis Burden
John T. Burns
Clarence A. Butcher
Fred W. Byers
Clarence J. Carlson
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Claude Chapman
Kenneth C. Christenson
Fred Columbo
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Robert F. Crobie
J. Crowe
Milton C. Cunningham
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Lyle F. Davison
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Merle O. Hilgert
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Jerome J. Jaskowiak
Kenneth S. Jenkins
Donald L. Johnson
Richard E. Jones
Edward R. Krall
Thomas B. Koenig
Ivan P. LaFond
Raymond J. LaMontagne
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Clifford Lord
Donald MacMillan
Hugh L. Mailloux
Wilburn H. Marcier
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Louis Mauro, Jr.
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Matthew Mueller
Conrad O. Nagle
Willard E. Nagle
Edward L. Oard
Albert J. Paganoni
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Lawrence K. Phillips
Orville F. Phillips
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James Recchione
Gilbert A. Reeves
John E. Reibert
Leslie D. Robertson
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Delbert R. Wilson
George K. Woodworth
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Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Festivities of the holiday season were formally begun for the members of the Personnel Department December 10, when about 40 employees and former employees gathered in a private dining room in the Louis Joliet Hotel for a Christmas party. After a delicious dinner, the group enjoyed dancing. The group as a whole will send cigarettes to all of the department's former employees who are now in the armed forces of the United States. Of course, this list includes only those whose addresses they were able to obtain.

While eating is being discussed, it is really only proper to play tattle tale about **Helen Bardi's** lunch that she brought not so long ago. Just as Helen was about to leave the house, her mother reminded her that her lunch was out in the kitchen. Helen raced out, snatched a paper bag off the cupboard and went racing out to catch her ride. Checking up on the good food that she had to look forward to (or maybe she planned a little sneak snack), she uttered an exclamation of protest. The bag was full of grapes. Now the office has the pass word of "Peel me a grape, Beulah."

Little **Rita "Rusty" Cushing** has had the last word. One Saturday morning she wore high heels to work and as no one of the force had ever seen her in such adult attire, there was considerable comment. At last she could stand it no longer, and in desperation threatened to "run up and down the halls in her bare feet if they don't stop." Not one more word was heard on the subject. The object of much teasing about her height, she only laments, "I was behind the door when the brains and looks were passed, and as if that weren't bad enough, I forgot to grow."

Gordon McQuiggin really had to have an anniversary celebration this year. After seven years of married life, this is the first time the date fell again on Thanksgiving. He spent the whole weekend in the North visiting his family.

While **Charlotte Doxsee** was searching for her erasure shield, **Marcella Burnham** made the remark that she never needed one. She immediately became the center of attention, and Lady Rumor states that she was erasing at the time.

Champion bowler at the Recreation Building, at least from the Personnel Department, is receptionist **Howard Hauze.** He has rolled two scores of 254 and 231 respectively.

Georgiana Flavin is the newest interpreter of the dance or terpsichorean enthusiast. On that first cold, should it be said bitterly cold, day when everyone who could pulled out red flannels, ear muffs and galoshes, Georgiana became the proud possessor of a muff. No eye witnesses can be found, but the dance she performed with that muff will be recorded in the annals of history.

Whether **Maurice Evans** will drive the lunchers out of the fingerprint room or draw more of them in for entertainment, is yet to be decided. For one whole noon he told and retold his experience in "cut-throat" pinochle. According to his description, that is a game which provides all the excitement for which one could hope. However, side-kick **Charles Barr** doesn't agree with him, as the game of hearts is his favorite. And the two vie for honors upon which is more interesting and which should be the favorite game. To date the decision is still a tie because a match has never been scheduled.

The long finger of shame is being pointed at **Marge Bittles** this week. She actually was subdued a trifle for one day, but the effect has worn off. It seems that a woman entered the Lemont bus and insisted upon standing directly in front of the only heater in the vehicle. Marge and other passengers gently hinted and then practically hurled suggestions as to where she would be more comfortable. But there the woman remained and complained about the heat. Exasperated, Marge reached in her purse for a handkerchief and there was temptation in the form of her badge. It was only the work of a second to unfasten the pin and thrust it into the coat directly before her. The woman moved and now Marge blushes when one mentions a pin.

Guard Frank "Mickey" Green has become the advice center of the building. You see, he must have read a book on the benefits of sleep because he's been heard commenting to different members of the force as to how much sleep each of them should have each night.

Delores Courtney, her room mate and radios when mixed well and baked in a moderate oven would not tend toward a readily digested cake. Delores has brought two different radios into their common room. She claims that all she has to do is leave the other girl alone with the radio for a little while and when she returns the machine won't work. Sounds like magic, but it's infallible.

The solution to the present problem for taking children to school will be solved by **Robert Wilhelmi** in a rather novel manner. When his children are old enough to attend school he's planning to buy a bus to take his "raft of kids" to school.

It was only a good imitation cigar but what it did to the morale of the girls who found it lying on their desk tops is another story. **William Leland,** government man, has taken a good deal of teasing about his perpetual cigar and a rather careless habit of leaving it in ash trays and then returning to retrieve it. Some of the girls have gone so far as to throw it in the waste basket. When he was able to procure a good facsimile, he rushed into the building with it. At stated intervals he left it lying conspicuously right on the desks of the most conscientious objectors. By the way, last week he wanted to know where **Guard Don Kane** got his cigar and even said someone must be generous.

There Are No Duds Among EOP Bombs

"There has never been a dud among the EOP bombs dropped on Nazi Europe," was the electrifying message brought back to this country from the commander of a Flying Fortress by a friend who talked with him when he inspected an American air base in England. The flyer said he had repeatedly carried EOP bombs in raids over Germany and Europe and they all went off. Obviously identities cannot be revealed, but the authority for the message is unimpeachable.

LOADING SHELLS from a bucket of TNT is the war job of Mrs. Ida Steward in Group 1 as work for women in the loading lines is extended.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Rabbit hunting is prohibited in the area and the boys are upholding the rules by not using valuable time to crawl under ramps and poke broom handles in culverts. Instead their interests have turned to basketball with the boys of Group 27 showing their colors. They played the Inspectors December 7 on the Recreation Building court. **Edward Spiezio** and **Thomas McHugh** were among those to do the scoring. The final point was made by McHugh by a free throw to win for Inert 15 to 14.

Winfield Arthur was the lucky one to win the War Bond raffled for the benefit of the team . . . they are planning on suits and equipment of the latest type.

Among those leaving for the Army are **William Kokal, Charles Connell, Arthur Williams** and **Edward Younger. Edward Sheridan** of Group 27 will leave next month to serve his Uncle Sam.

Jay Hancock displayed a mean scratch on the right side of his face . . . he claims—and some believe him—that he got it wielding a safety razor in the dark.

The sick list claimed **Charles Gorham** (winter cold) and **Darnell Howard** (winter complications).

New faces at North Inert are **Siegfried Hansen** and **Harold Smith.** Another new face is Tommy the Cat who finds a new home at North Inert Office for the winter months . . . he leaves behind his many friends at the clock house, but will return in the spring.

Duffy Barz had a fight punching the time clock around and wished it was the driver who brought him in late.

Inert Storage men speak through the question of the week.

Question: *What would you like to make your Christmas a Merry one?*

Ed Weakley: I would like Santa Claus to bring me a size 50 bathrobe.

Robert Beshoar: I wish I would find a bowling ball with a carrying case under the Christmas tree.

Clarence Sluiter: If in some way I could get a "C" book I would be very happy.

Andrew Tkachik: I want two steam engines—one for my little boy and one for myself.

Charles Mann: Santa Claus will do me a great favor by bringing me a book on how to play a better hand of poker.

Joseph Baudino: My Christmas would be merry if I would receive a pencil sharpener for the clock house.

Chester Holt: I'm giving instead of asking—staying home and giving that gasoline to the men in the fighting forces.

Joseph Jordan: I would like a new alarm clock with a big bell.

Peter Bollino: A waterboy as helper.

Fred Ford: I want so many things the list is too long to print.

George Newton: A new car with heater and radio.

Matt Reay: Five gallons of gasolene and a re-tread.

Ervin Ramsey: A street car line direct from the city of Chicago.

Thomas Dillon: A real loud pair of socks and a tie.

Jim Whitley: A pretty blue handkerchief and tie to match.

In addition to their Christmas requests, the boys would like above all Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA

Correspondent

Dirt from the Grease and Oil Division. . . . Living in Lexington is **Percy Boulware. . . . Larry Johnson** has purchased a race horse, time unknown. . . . To his home town visiting old acquaintances was **John McElvain. . . .** Sporting a new tractor is **Ed Agnich. . . .** A patriotic citizen is **John Auberry** who gave up a regular day shift in order to share the ride and use one car only. . . . The chief of this department, **Allen Mayes,** is superstitious. He believes that anyone planning on bringing fish sandwiches to work will not get there. He will tell you the reason.

If your car is hard to start just call **Ray Carlson,** expert technician.

Fellow workers welcome **Lester Tammen, William Kilbride, Jules Bunge, Carl Sala** and **Don Lommatsch** into the organization and wish them every success.

Accepted for active military service are **Donald Sharp, Raymond Hill, Dick Pearson** and **Elmer Edmond.**

Stewart Anderson wasn't able to get to Gibson City last week end. It may have been due to gas shortage.

Electric shop boys want to know why **Alan Heavens** likes his home so cool.

The cookies **Geraldine M. Ward** sent your correspondent were very much appreciated.

Robert Brais and **Irvin "Stoney" Shelby** say it is as difficult to make *The Bomb-Shell* as it is to get to the paymaster's desk on Thursday.

Mr. Anderson had the highest bowling score December 7. **James "Shooter" Sinkular** was second. They weren't participating in the Tribune All-Star League, only in the group league.

The Inspection Department has ordered more report paper since the return of **Ed Korevac.** Ed is noted for his ability to write outstanding reports.

Whit Miller has been unanimously appointed advertising manager for Group 61 "high power" nitrate. Not a complaint in a carload!

James Decker, in the near future, is going to tell more about his trip to Chicago.

When the old song, "Yes, We Have No Bananas," is heard, **Jim "Toney" McNulty** is recalled. Jim is putting his time in for the well known Uncle.

Letters were received from **Bob Allen** and **Bill Gillan,** now employed by Uncle Sam.

If in doubt, ask **Fred "Tiny" Kase** about the slenderizing characteristics of homemade sauerkraut juice. He brought his weight down to a little over the 200 mark.

A. E. Frosch and **P. L. Deylitz** are awaiting payment of a bowling debt owed them by **Connie Carlson** and **Joe Stark. Sam Mount** is teaching **Arnet Dressler** how to bowl.

Victor Fournier is the proud father of a baby girl named **Lindy Lou.** The child and father are getting along fine.

ATTRACTIVE is the word for Carol Marie Sonday, 3-year-old daughter of Harold Sonday, sub-foreman of pipefitters in Group 2.

Paul Burke isn't worried about food rationing He is taking vitamin pills. His pal, **Willie Biggs,** thinks that Paul will cause rationing of nourishment by buying so many balls of medicinal substance.

It would be nice if . . . the prescription of cough medicine used by **Charles Hinz** were known to the public . . . everyone knew that **"Tad Bob"** is **Nelson William's** nickname . . . wheels were on the top as well as on the bottom of **Ed Westmeyer's** car . . . girls didn't insist in having **Clifford Kidney** go shopping with them . . . more knew why **Tony "Simon" Ganz** sent the two new men to the Crusher Building — it may have been their size . . . tractor wheels were on the bottom of his car so **Walter Boughton** could get out of the ditch easier . . . the next day after his day off **Vince Madsen** would come to work . . . interested persons knew that **Don Coldwater** is aiding the scrap drive by bursting autos . . . **Clyde Townsend** had a bucket that was easily searched . . . the other electricians knew that their boss, **Frank Kachelhoffer,** has taken out insurance on his dollar watch since he can't carry it into the group . . . **Murrell Albright, Jr.,** were able to see stop signs and not the chief of police.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE

Correspondent

Bits of Gab Heard Along the Line:

"Oh yeah, I got a 'C' book but they tore half of it out."

"I haven't heard about my gas yet."

"*The Bomb-Shell* sure had some good pictures of the Pearl Harbor attack."

"I bought some War Bond chances from **Mary Kulpa** at the Group 3 dance, but she didn't sell me any winning numbers."

"Well, **Ray Rivard** has gone to the Army. We'll sure miss him."

"Who is that working in the office now? Oh, is that **John McCarthy?**"

"Why don't I get my copy of *The Bomb-Shell?*"

A fellow who speaks with good authority says that **Norbert McLuckie's** taste for caramels has vanished. In case any one wants to know the reason, **Leo Wagner** and **Eddie Copp** can furnish the information.

Frankie Underwood, a member of long standing in Group 3, has made better transportation connections by transferring to Group 1. His old pals in Building 3 miss him, but wish him luck.

The Group 3 dance, held at the Recreation Building, was said by all to be a very great success despite the bad weather of that night. Proof of the success of the party can be given by **Gerald Clennon, Tony Gomora** and **Tom Sprague.**

The dance proved to be one of the highlights of the season as far as the EOP Recreational Program is concerned. The morale of all employees is greatly improved by such fine occasions.

The Group 3 basketball team is out to equal the excellent record made by the baseball team. It has made a terrific start and are undefeated, just as they plan to be all season. They are not making any unbased claims, but "watch out" is the word sent to all opponents.

Robert Douglas, Building 10, goes around smiling all the time. No wonder, he and his wife are proud of their new addition to the family. It's a girl!

Army Flyer Stresses Quality of Ammunition

"You've got to have good ammunition when you're flying B-17s," said **Lt. Burton English,** Army pilot of Hendricks Field, Sebring, Fla., when he paid a brief visit December 10 to Group 1, where he was employed before his enlistment January 27.

"When you aim at a Jap or Nazi plane and pull the trigger something had better happen because you might not have time to repeat the performance if your first shell was a dud," continued the pilot. "I'm confident EOP is producing no duds, because I know the gang who is putting them out."

Lieutenant English, who formerly lived in Joliet, expects a combat assignment as soon as his crew is assembled.

Asked if he got a kick out of coming back to EOP, Lieutenant English said he did, but added that he was amazed when he saw in where he used to work, Building 13, all of what he used to think were the hard jobs now being taken over by girls. "But what it takes to keep 'em shootin', these EOP girls have . . . God bless 'em," said the pilot as he dashed off for Joliet from where he departed that same night.

Employees Cautioned Again About Talk

Your attention is again called to reports that some of Sanderson & Porter's personnel have been heard discussing matters relating to the work which this plant is doing.

While we realize that this sort of discussion is for conversational purposes only, nevertheless, you are cautioned against discussing these matters among yourselves or giving to outsiders any information whatever relative to any phase of our work. This policy is necessary if we are to guard against subversive action by those unfriendly to the war effort.

W. E. Canniff
Manager, Engineering and Operations

OPERATING EXECUTIVES of ordnance plants are shown as they held their monthly meeting here December 1. Pictured clockwise around the table are John F. Daley, office of Field Director of Ammunition Plants, St. Louis; E. M. Shinkle, general manager, Iowa Ordnance Plant; E. E. Ware, general manager, Illinois Ordnance Plant; Alexander Cromwell, general manager, Kansas Ordnance Plant; R. D. Hager, assistant general manager, Lone Star Ordnance Plant; W. E. Canniff, manager of operations, EOP; C. L. Taylor, comptroller, Louisiana Ordnance Plant; John J. Cole, comptroller, EOP; Harrison Smith, resident partner, EOP; Maj. Raymond Rebsamen, office of Field Director of Ammunition Plants, and J. T. Power, general manager, Ravenna Ordnance Plant.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

The *dinner* music for the last Fellowship Supper at the Cafeteria was furnished by the Plant Protection Pla-boys: **Ed Stonich**—guitar, guard; **Clayton Fomento**—sax, guard; **George Zelke**—squeeze box, fireman, and one guy who played such "ungood" drums that his name wasn't even reported.

Bill Reichert:—"What is an icicle?"

Walter Lueder:—"A drip that was caught in the draft."

Another issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, another story of a chain-break. Saturday, December 5, **Asst. Chief Charles Davis**, accompanied by **Firemen Dayle Pratt, Francis Ryan, Dick Jensen, John Harbison, Kenny Brooke, George Rogina, Norm Heath, Mike Olson, Ralph Rausch, George Philip, Joe Drazy, Ermand Marco, Bill Bolton, Fred Johnson, Matt Froncek, Tom Downey, Bunny Marek** and **Ichabod Ichelheimer**, (names are what count in this column) braved one of winter's worst days to retrieve—yeah, you guessed it—Smokie. The little one became lonesome for the great open spaces and invaded the North Inert area, there to be pinched by the pincers of the above named crew. Taking a cue from her name, the boys corraled her in a long stretch of culvert tiling and set the precedent of a Fire Department starting a fire to get their quarry. After 339 whiffs of smoke-filled air the culprit was urged into a sack and taken back to the station where she made life unhappy for your reporters the rest of the day.

The Fire Department menagerie was recently augmented by two mousers. **Chief Roy W. Mortenson** will no longer be made unhappy by the patter of little feet in his office. But there is one person who wishes **Frankie Nolan** would stop calling the smaller kitter "Moloney."

Chief Mortenson tells the story of the would be draft dodger who hurriedly borrowed his friend's truss for the Army medical exam. After one look the doctor marked "E" on the "hero's" leg—which led that worthy to chirp gleefully: "Gee, Doc, does that mean I'm excused? Please tell me what that (E) stands for." So the M.D. gives it to him something like this:—"Excused, my eye, anyone who can get along wearing a truss backwards can ride a camel. That E means you're headed for Egypt."

Overheard at the currency exchange (by those that got that far): Dorothy:—"I heard he was rejected because of his "snoo." Paul:—"What's 'snoo'?" Dottie:—Nothing's new—what's new with you?"

Now that voluntary enlistments have been stopped **Frank Scoma** just doesn't know what to do.

John Connelly, inspector, still thinks he can pick the football winners: —"I'm bound to win eventually—the law of averages is on my side." But **George Collins**, inspector, disagrees and *he ought to know!*

And then there was that fellow **Frank Skoff** who bet on Great Lakes and gave Notre Dame one point. Amen!

The Bowling Team won its first victory in its first start and already has dreams of being unbeatable.

Warren Colby bowled a 265 the other evening—the highest game yet recorded on the Recreation Building alleys.

The Firemen's basketball team is made up of **Roy Wright, Ed Dickens, Joe Catalani, Loris Hart, Larry Dailey, Ed Stricklin, Rudy Getson** and **Herman Guyot. Captain Wright** is trying to line up **Tom Ness** and **Nick Cleary** for cheer leaders.

The boys at Fire Station 1 are willing to bet that **Assistant Chief Davis** can row faster than any one here. Of course, **"Tate" Ehmen** says, Charlie would have to be paced by a mallard hen. **Fireman Ehmen** describes Charlie's recent workout thusly: Charlie cripples duck — duck starts swimming — Charlie starts rowing—duck leads by a length—they are nearing the east shore—duck maintains a slight lead—duck makes shore and safety in weeds—Charlie loses duck.

Ehmen shoots to kill. We will have that duck dinner.

While Davis was having his rowing exercises, Tate got three beautiful black mallard hens. (This story got out in spite of **Pat Rodgers'** efforts to gag the press.)

Swell letters have been received from **Wiley Bell, Bill Scanlon, Charlie Crain** and **Wendell Sumner** in the armed forces.

Charlie Jiskra refuses to answer any mail received during the pursuit of his duties.

Sgt. John Alar is looking for a homestead, preferably in the "Tan-Mallet" district on the banks of the Kankakee River.

George Hayes, Fire Station 2, is the champion banana eater. He says he can eat a stalk of bananas between Granite City and Carlinville. (He does this before he eats a hearty dinner.)

The Fire Department basketball team bested the Truck Drivers in a practice game. The sight of Wright in his leopard-skin panties and Dickens in his bloomers couldn't be withstood.

Pre-Christmas Pay Checks Due Wednesday

Pay checks will be issued to EOP employees Wednesday, December 23, instead of Thursday, December 24, the day before Christmas, it was announced by the Comptroller's Office. This service was rendered to employees also the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day, but regular Thursday paydays will be resumed December 31.

Do You Belong

For November, 1942

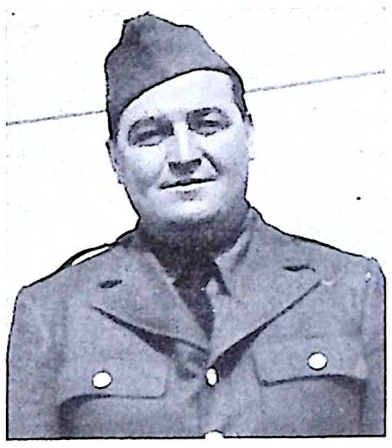
"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 4***
Group 5***
Group 8****
Group 23**
Group 27*****
Group 60******
Group 61**********
Group 62 N*****
Group 62 S***
Group 63*
Group 64*
Group 65*****
Group 66*****
Group 66-A
Group 68*****
Group 70*
Richards Farm*****
Utilities**

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during November.

More Power to You



IRELAND is now the scene of operations of Robert E. Cushing, formerly employed here in outside operations. For 17 months. He was at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before going overseas.

EOP's "Miss Victory" Honored by Club

Betty Foster, EOP's runner-up in the district finals of the *Chicago Herald-American's* "Miss Victory" contest, was a special guest of **Mrs. Marjorie Pyle**, president of the Joliet Business and Professional Women's Club, at the organization's Christmas dinner party December 10.

Birthdays on Christmas For 45 EOP Employees

When you send Christmas cards to a certain 45 of your co-workers, don't fail to add birthday greetings, for they have the distinction of observing their anniversaries on the day Santa Claus calls. Their names are listed under December 25 in the adjoining "Happy Birthday" column, so you have a week to change your cards.

CLEANING SCRAP TNT from a cooling tub after the explosive has been poured into shells keeps Venieta Ruddy busy in Group 1.

Meetings Held Here Part of Big Program

Meetings of the general managers and comptrollers of bomb and shell loading plants here November 29 and 30 and December 1 were a part of the program for improving operating efficiency developed by **Gen. Rosswell E. Hardy**, Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

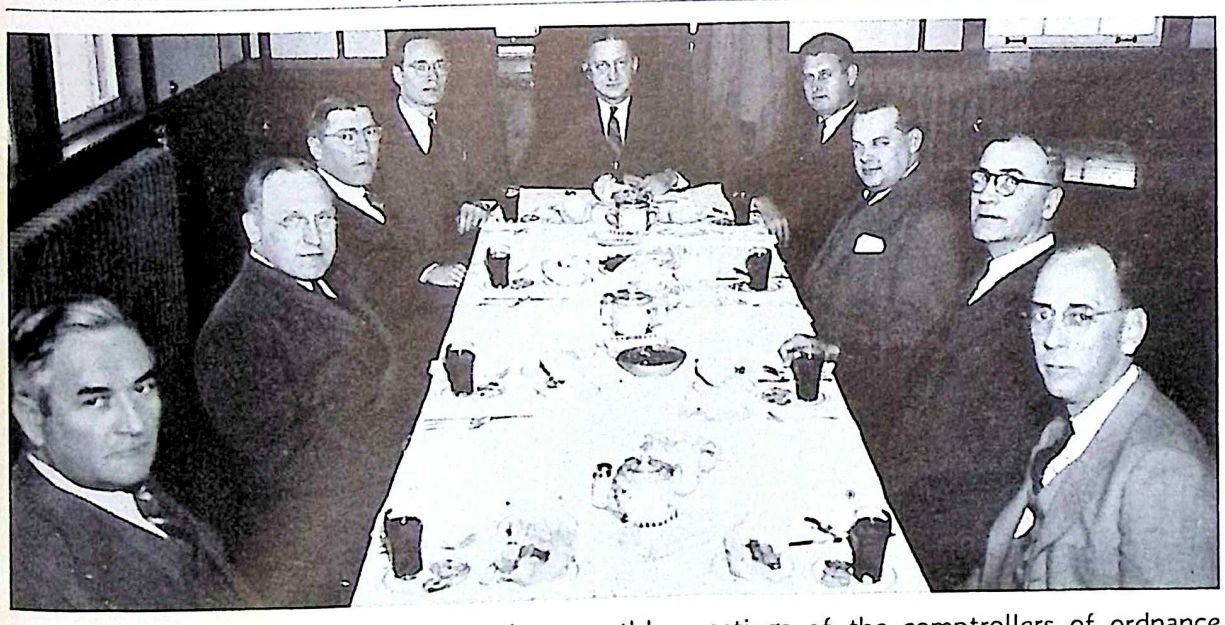
A committee of representatives of all munitions plants was set up under the supervision of **Col. T. C. Gerber**, field director of ammunition plants, St. Louis. This group was separated into sub-committees, one of which represents shell and bomb loading plants. **Alexander Cromwell** is chairman of this committee. **John J. Cole** is chairman of a special committee of comptrollers representing this group.

Reports on costs, production and efficiency are submitted to Colonel Gerber. Committee recommendations and conclusions are cleared through **John F. Daley**, Ordnance Department consultant.

Before meeting here, other monthly sessions were held at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, the field director's office in St. Louis, Ravenna Ordnance Plant and the Iowa Ordnance Plant. The next meeting will be held at the Kansas Ordnance Plant, Parsons, Kan.

Don't Take Another Person's Newspaper

It has been reported that while *The Bomb-Shell* is being prepared for mailing in the corridors of the Administration Building, copies bearing the name and address of workers are picked up and carried away by employees who can't wait for their own copy. *The Bomb-Shell* appreciates the implied compliment, but the disappointed workers do not. Please withstand the temptation, and don't "dood" it any more.



COSTS AND PRODUCTION are studied at monthly meetings of the comptrollers of ordnance plant. Shown clockwise around the table as they met here November 29 and 30 are Paul Skilling, Iowa Ordnance Plant; K. R. Huffman, Lone Star Ordnance Plant; H. E. Lester, Illinois Ordnance Plant; Ken Hinman, Kansas Ordnance Plant; John J. Cole, EOP; H. Palmer, Ravenna Ordnance Plant; C. Mayer, Ravenna Ordnance Plant; George B. Pumphrey, EOP, and C. L. Taylor, Louisiana Ordnance Plant.

Mr. War Worker— *Don't Enlist!*

"During the past months a large number of men employed in war plants have resigned their positions in order to enlist in the Army or Navy. The patriotic spirit which has prompted such action is in accordance with the high traditions established in the previous wars which our country has fought. However, in the present world-wide struggle the task of maintaining an increasing flow of the tools with which we fight is as important as that of effectively using those tools in battle. You men who are engaged in this vital work should remember that your Government, and your fellow citizens, are clear in their convictions that you are doing your full duty in staying at your present post unless and until you are called or until your services can be spared. An impression has apparently been created that a man who enlists in the Army will enjoy advantages with respect to promotion, assignment of station, etc., over a man who is inducted. This is incorrect. In such matters the Army treats the enlistee and the inductee on an equal basis. We have no doubt that in many cases it may seem to involve a greater personal sacrifice to stay on the job than to march away. If this is so, it is a sacrifice that we call on you to make. It is only by the unselfish and coordinated effort of the entire manpower of the country that we will be able to complete the great task that lies before us."

Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War

Frank Knox
Secretary of the Navy

CHIEF CHEMIST H. E. Hafele has set up in the High Explosives Laboratory an institution of which EOP is proud. It is visited frequently by chemists and high explosives officals from other ordnance plants.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Study in futility—trying to get people to pronounce data correctly—after nearly a year of intensive effort one man has been partly converted. He is **Walt Wilcox**, who timidly comes out with it about once in every ten times. **Mid Slack** says that common usage makes anything correct but your correspondent always has had the impression that it's preferable to be correct rather than common. . . . **Judith Lynn Sassenger** will no doubt use the incorrect pronunciation many times in the next couple of years when she addresses her dada, **Ralph Sassenger.** Judith was born November 20.

Dottie McClellan, better known as "Little Bit," objects to being referred to as being cute as a spotted pony but she is mighty cute.

A friend filched **Fairfield Fergy Ferguson's** forty folding frogskins from foolish Fergy. Frantically Fergy flaunted fists but forgave and forgot when the female friend returned his forty at the finish of the festivities.

Clink Clair says his gray hair is not indicative of advanced age and claims he got that way when as a callow youth he played baseball in the State League. His pal, **John Holman**, has no alibi for his well-known pompadour.

This reporter worked on Thanksgiving Day and was tickled pink when **George Gibson**, assistant superintendent, sent over turkey, cranberry sauce and hot coffee.

Esther Anderson, genial nurse at our first-aid station, startled one and all by asking the telephone operator, "What do I do that's wrong?" Ear witnesses breathed freely again when it developed that it was only a matter of successful dialing.

Someone caught a couple of fat rabbits and put them in a box in the office one day. Fried rabbit was visualized but soft-hearted **Tom Shay** turned them loose. Think of that and he'll soon be out there killing Japs.

Steve Kokas is known far and wide as the big bank-roll man and goes around financing various projects and projectors.

Fred Harris, senior inspector, uses this typewriter now and then and gets it so hot that it has to be set out in the snow to cool off.

Frederick Jacobs fell and sprained his ankle on the icy roads, but was back on the job in two days. Nize work!

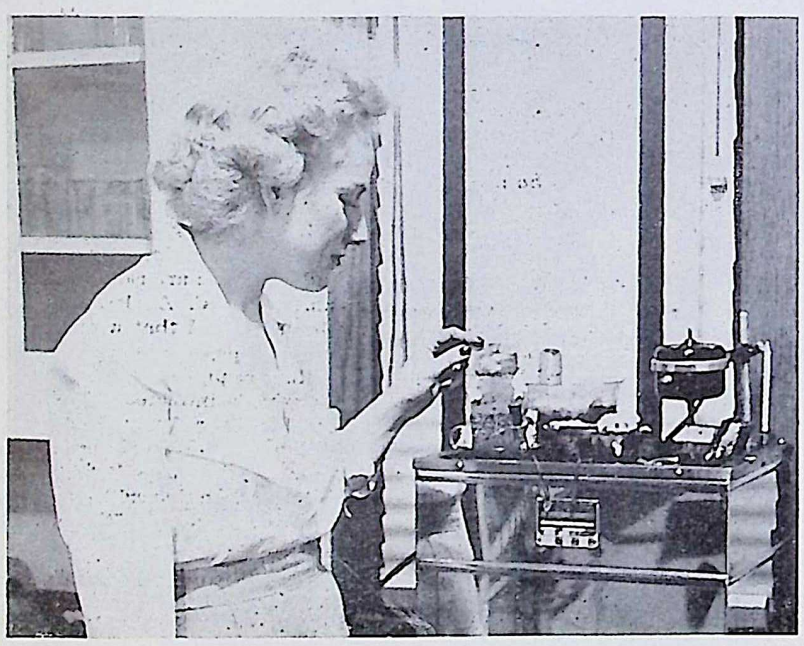
Elmer Turner, big booster man, is an unofficial Walter Windshield of the loading line. He comes up with a bit of news and a smile but objects to being termed clown. To put it in his own words: "You might at least dignify a fellow by saying buffoon."

Bob Leroy hails from Tennessee and doesn't enjoy these wintry blasts any more than **Sam McGee** did, but Bob is not in favor of cremation.

George Prodehl, ex-expeditor extraordinary, has passed his various tests and has been accepted for cadet training in the Army Signal Corps. George is supposed to have a trick or two up his sleeve which will help in expediting the end of the war.

All are quite proud of the fact that **Sylvia Hamper**, who used to be round and about as one of the charming first-aid nurses here, has enlisted in the Army, been commissioned a lieutenant, and has departed for Ft. Sheridan to take charge of the situation.

Five brave carpenters a-hunting went and each bagged the limit. **Sim Muzzarelli, Harm Guicken, Doc Davidson, Louis Voiko** and **Al Bloxan** are the nimrods, but from this bird's-eye view none of them knows how to cook.



CORROSIVE ACTION of ammonium nitrate liquor on various metals is a continuing study at the High Explosives Laboratory. Marcia Mitchell, chemist, is shown making a check of a current test of the action.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

The main Time Office at Richards Farm is planning a small Christmas party to be held December 23. There will be a light lunch and a program has been arranged during which Christmas gifts will be exchanged. The decoration committee consists of **Ray Bryant, Len Bottomly, Marge Downs** and **Geraldine Graham.** The program committee will be **John O'Connell, Milton Treitel, Bernard McShane** and **Angeline Gunnerson.** The cuisine will be handled by **Marcella Corbett, Irene Morris, Emily Kexel, Marie Darin** and **Nick Earthly.** The gift committee will consist of **Eva Sweda, Rosemary Veach, Tom Brennan** and **Nick Belluso.**

Christmas gifts arrived early in three family households when **Dale Aman's** wife presented him with a bouncing baby boy, **Paul Donahue's** wife presented him with a new son and Mr. McShane, assistant chief timekeeper, became a proud grandfather.

Miss Victory has been chosen but the Time Department has its own Mrs. Victory. She is **Mrs. Bessie East**, who has just given her third son to the armed forces. Besides giving up her sons to Uncle Sam, she also works in a war plant, her husband is in war work, she purchases War Bonds weekly, communicates by letter with soldiers and she saves all her kitchen fats.

A Testimonial Dance was given in honor of timekeepers leaving for the armed forces. They were **Harry Knarr, Carl Parker, Robert Gehrke** and **Samuel Epstein.** Two more fellows who have left are **Donald Sharp** and **Russell Murphy.** Don joined the Seebees while Russell is in the regular army.

Riding the Range

John Hohisel has a wonderful imagination, according to **Bernard Smego. Jimmy McHugh** has taken over as key timekeeper at Group 3-A since Mr. Knarr left for the Army. **Albert Berard** has joined the department. Group 3-A collects more musical talent., Every new timekeeper who comes in has either played with an orchestra or has played some musical instrument at one time or another. **Tom Delockery** has a habit of getting down on bended knees to tie lovely ladies' shoelaces. **Arch LaBorence** has a brother who has been in the Navy for more than 15 years and who saw plenty of action in the Islands.

For the comfort of one of the fellows, it is reported that the youngest grandfather in the world is 29 years old. According to dress, **John Binkowski** is the typical horse trader. All he is lacking is a whip and Mr. O'Connell supplies that. Golden Boy **Carl Cornelius** is still trying to get a priority on his ticket to Tokio.

Paul Lauer is walking in a ditch at St. Joseph's Hospital, caused by pacing back and forth on the floor. **Dwight Reitz** didn't get to go to the testimonial dance because of the sudden snowfall, etc. Miss Gunnerson is leading a very quiet life now that the Army has taken over. **Bessie East** has moved down to Personnel so that new employees would be saved the trip to the Time Office for time cards.

The Timekeeping Department extends its deepest sympathies to **Dwight Reitz**, whose mother died recently.

A newly organized basketball team composed of **Bill Prindle, Mr. Treitel, Tom Delockery, Ray Bryant, Dee Johnson, Nick Belluso, Bob Griffin, Carl Cornelius, Frank Guest, Don Glasgow, Frank Zupancic, Vearl Heinis, John Blatnik, Frank Kopic, Harold Champley** and **Homer Smalt** has started practice. The team is being coached by genial **Ben Sloan**, while the cheering section will be led by **Angeline Gunnerson** and **Rosemary Veach.**

BUSY LITTLE BEE is Verneille Holder, secretary to H. E. Hafele, with the multitude of daily test reports which the High Explosives Laboratory sends to storage and loading officials throughout the EOP area.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Anyone interested in fox hunting should contact **Officer John Kemp** at Group 3-A.

Lt. Joseph Trecker is nominated for the roll of Santa Claus for the coming season in view of his jolly little jingles which continually help to keep up morale. All the little children would be made very happy.

The Grapevine is hot with rumors about the purpose of the new mechanical ears in the squad and locker rooms. However, there seems to be no doubt in the mind of one lieutenant who recently departed for the Army.

Many questions are being asked as to where **David Wayne Baker**, dispatcher, got the name "Psychosis"? Another nickname for the above boy seems to be "I'd like to grow a mustache, if I could, something like **Paul Stacel's.**"

Ed Ritchie must have influence to overcome priority restrictions sufficiently to get enough leather for those gargantuan brogans he wears.

The crack in the floor behind the radio at headquarters has been fixed. So once again it's safe for "I-have-to-stand-twice-to-make-a-shadow" Stacel to venture back there.

A note to the oldtimers! Remember when: It took just one station wagon and a few squad cars to make the relief? And every half a mile or so the crankcase was dragging in the mud? There were no Signal 8s to worry about? Post 14 nestled beneath the cottonwoods and the rustle of leaves lured you close, nay, dangerously close to the arms of Morpheus? No time signals emanated from the Central Station every half hour? The fire house and reclining chair at the Group 2 lumber yard made one of the best posts here?

Question of the day—Who is the "Claw" and his bosom buddy, the "Shadow"?

They wonder if **Bob Pelton**, one of **Sgt. Leo Keigher's** boys, is still keeping an employment record of one whose age should be around 100 or so?

Genial **Ross Briley** has kept his thumb out of the heater recently.

Bidding farewell to two veteran guards, the Department also welcomes back a former guard. The two men joining Uncle Sam's army are **Lt. Frank Butala** and **Tom Ryan. Arthur Metz** has returned to the force.

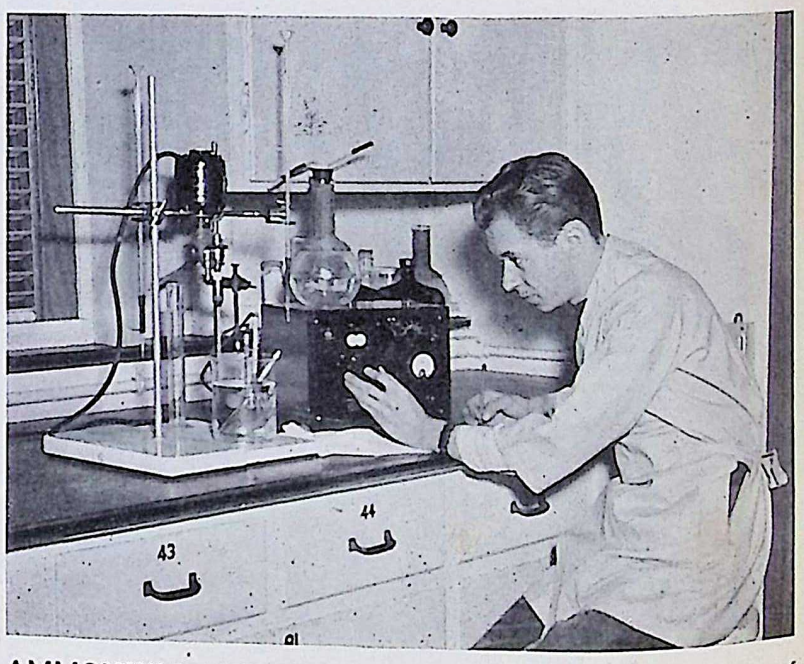
Word has been received from a former guard, **Bill Blietz**, who is located at U. S. Naval Training Station, Farragut, Ida. He reports that he enjoys his new work very much.

It is rumored that **Walter Britz** won a couple of goats at a raffle. Not being familiar with domesticating animals, he is seeking advice. At present, they are roaming the hills of his vast estate on the banks of the Ill.-Michigan canal.

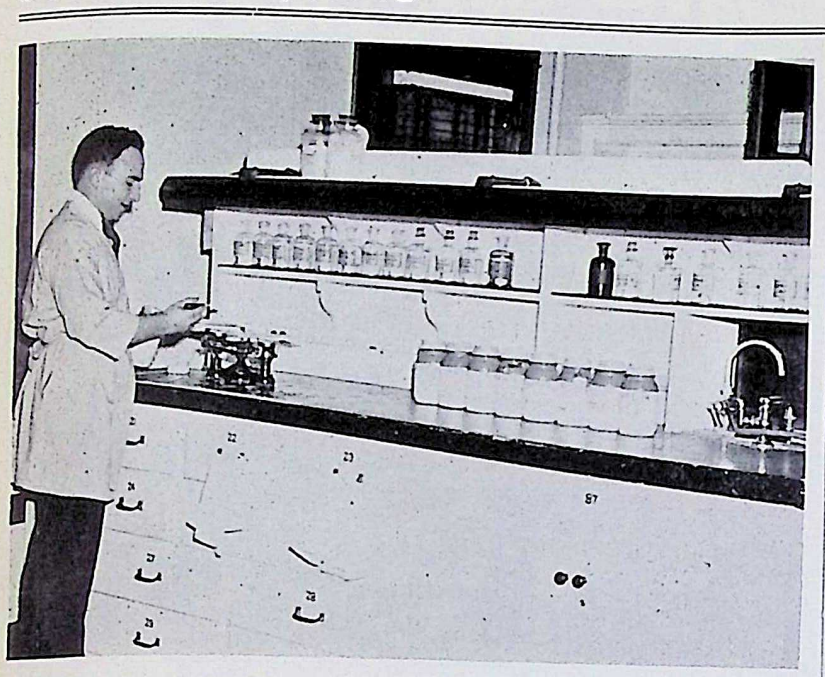
Joe Verbic has a very sensational story (true) titled "The Cat's Meow." The principal character is Joe himself, and the (in)subordinate character is the poor little cat. For further details, see Joe, as he will demonstrate a window-breaking act.

Arthur Hansen and **Rudy Fredricksen**, who patrol the east side fence, came into Headquarters after work all covered with snow. When questioned, they stated it was not the slippery footing that made them fall down, but the rabbits were so plentiful since the recent snow they tripped over them.

Congenial **Lt. Don Hoffman** is the quiet gentleman stationed in the Fuze and Booster area. For some time your reporter has endeavored to dig up some news about Don, but his efficient manner has prevented.



AMMONIUM NITRATE undergoes a "pH" at the hands of Chemist Palmer Overholt with the help of this intricate apparatus. A "pH" is a test to determine the acidity of the ammonium nitrate received from Group 61.



EXPERT TECHNIQUE is observed when Richard Orndorff, chemist, dons a spotless smock and goes to work at one of the immaculate tables in the High Explosives Laboratory. Here he is weighing ammonium nitrate.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

William F. Douville, chief inspector, will have to take time to familiarize himself with the new gas rationing routine. The first day the new law was in effect, Mr. Douville drove into a service station requesting eight gallons of gasoline. He presented the attendant with coupons and drove off without paying the $1.56 for his purchase. The attendant ran down the highway in pursuit, but was unable to catch up with Mr. Douville who is known to his friends as "Speedy."

William H. Peterson, assistant chief inspector, was awakened at 3 a. m. December 2 by a Wilmington neighbor and a prospective father who asked him to drive his wife to a hospital in Joliet. Mr. Peterson was determined to beat the stork and he did by ten minutes. Everything happens to Mr. Peterson, as the heater in his car failed and the wind shield wiper was not functioning, which made it necessary for him to drive the 21 miles with the windows down and it was 6 below zero.

Reluctant farewells were bid to **Roy A. Scherer**, Gage Laboratory, who was inducted into the Army December 5. His co-workers remembered him with a gift and wished him the best of luck.

Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy! The first sailor boy to visit Ordnance Inspection where he was formerly employed was **Bernard A. Kapsch.** "Bernie" was here December 2, looking healthy and prim in his uniform. He says the Navy is tops.

The customary song sung by men whose wives have gone on vacations is "Hurrah! Hurrah! My Wife's Gone to the Country"! ! ! ! ! Not so in the case of **Garr Burt** and **Kermit Long.** They were weeping on one another's shoulder. Their song was entitled "Oh, How I Miss You Tonight." Mrs. Burt spent a week with her parents in Ohio while Mrs. Long visited with her parents in La Salle, Ill. The telephone wires between the Burt and Long residences were kept hot by the daily conversations between Mr. Long and Mr. Burt. It seems Mr. Long was not familiar with the cook book and all he could cook was eggs—and not very well at that. He was puzzled as to how long to boil eggs so that they would be palatable. Before the return of Mrs. Long he had had boiled eggs, poached eggs, fried eggs and omelet. Of course eggs sell at 55 cents a dozen and the budget didn't balance.

Donna Joan Smith who arrived September 28, is growing rapidly and getting along nicely. Her daddy, **Paul R. Smith**, assistant chief inspector in Division I, can be seen every Sunday morning in the back yard (clothes pins firmly clasped between his lips) hanging up those little dainties, and they're not dish towels.

Clara Wehner, chief clerk, completed two years of service with Ordnance Inspection here November 26. She is now wearing four service stripes on the sleeve of her uniform to signify the length of service.

Ordnance Inspection extends sympathy to **Harry Larsen**, guard, whose brother died recently.

Merry Christmas to all and sincere appreciation to each and everyone of you who contributed news during the year to make the column a success. Will be seeing you in 1943.

This department welcomes **Lt. M. G. Brandon** and **Capt. Julius I. Bach** who have been appointed assistants to the Army Inspector of Ordnance.

CONSTANT TEMPERATURE is required for many tests at the High Explosives Laboratory. Nelson Tippett, chemist, is shown here taking nitrate moistures from an oven in which constant temperature is maintained.

Women

By
CATHERINE NOONAN

Christmas Salad Recipe

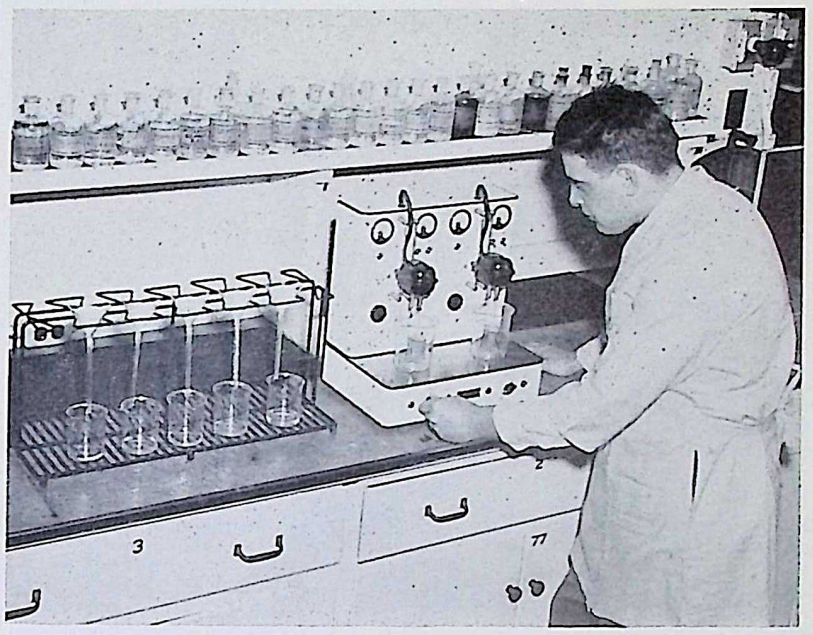
Christmas dinner comes but once a year and that is always a festive occasion. **Geraldine Ward** took a peek at her private file and pulled out a Christmas salad recipe that's good to eat and decorative as well. You need one package lemon jello dissolved in 1 cup of water and cool, one package Philadelphia cheese creamed with ½ pint cream (unwhipped), small bottle maraschino cherries and a few green ones, drain and cut into quarters, one medium can crushed pineapple with juice (reserve ¼ cup for custard dressing) and nut meats. Place all ingredients into cooled jello in an icebox dish or mold. This can be made night prior to serving with the following custard dressing for which you need 4 tablespoons sugar, 2 teaspoons flour, 1 egg yolk, ¼ cup pineapple juice, ¼ cup cherry juice and ¾ cup cream (whipped). Combine sugar and flour and sufficient fruit juice to moisten, add egg yolk and remainder of fruit juice and boil about three minutes over low flame, stirring constantly. When chilled and ready to serve, fold just enough into the whipped cream so that cream retains firmness. Place sliced salad on lettuce leaf and top with custard dressing, garnishing with cut halves of maraschino and green cherries (serves about 6 to 8).

Popcorn Protects Cookies

The boys in the armed forces are putting up a protest. It's not the G.I. shoes. It's just that cookies sent from home with such lovely care and fancy trappings are smashed to bits on arrival. **Lucille Ambrose**, of the Comptroller's office, has the solution. Send two treats for the price of one and they both arrive in perfect condition. After you've packed the cookies, fill the spaces with popcorn.

"She's a WOW"

"She's a WOW" is the caption on the Ordnance Department's latest poster, glorifying the woman ordnance worker. There's a reproduction of the poster, created by **Adolph Treidler**, in the November 23 issue of *Firepower*. And watch for articles by **Mary Virginia Drayer**, women's editor of *Firepower*, for interesting data about women in plants all over the country.



INTRIGUING GADGET is this piece of apparatus on which Charles B. Clifford, chemist, is making an electro-analysis of lead at the High Explosives Laboratory. Note the array of chemicals above the work table.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Scott Soper after returning from seeing a double feature believes a movie hero is one who sits through it.

Jack Shelley was going to kill the turkey to celebrate his tenth anniversary, but his wife said no, it didn't have anything to do with it.

E. V. Sperling furnished such fine locks that it was necessary to place some one to watch *them* instead of the buildings and their contents.

Jack "Simon Legree" Murray was visiting in Streator last week, so **Frank Feeley** was in charge of Old 144.

Leo Changnon, the "hay king," was here on a visit last week.

Art Voss has steam heat installed in the dog house because he says he was in it so much last winter.

Bert Zombracy came in to say goodbye. He left December 8 for Rockford.

Presley Hankins says how quickly the little ones grow up. You no sooner get through sitting up with them than you're sitting up for them.

Group 2

Thomas "Tennessee" Kenner made a special trip to Chicago to see "Maid in the Ozarks." It may be homesickness.

This group welcomes the arrival of **Lester Kammerer, Philip Lipson, Howard Fischer** and **Roald Evenson**, former inspectors at Group 1.

Philip Grove, recently called by the Army, is an officer candidate in the Field Artillery.

Thomas "Tommy" Shanks has put in an appearance at the group after taking a much needed rest cure at the Marine Hospital in Chicago.

Group 5

Amid tears and fond adieus, **Eleanor Lea Gudath** left her cherished position as office "goil" at Group 5 to go to Group 7. She exchanged places with **"Millie" Stutz**, better known as the "blonde bombshell."

Many wonder if **Elsie Doman's** husband, **Tony**, fireguard, is as good a fireman at home as he is at EOP.

"Phil" Horwitz was presented with a lovely Gladstone traveling bag by fellow inspectors as a farewell token. He is soon to be a "boy in khaki."

"Gwen" Denny is now on a diet. Now she only eats enough to keep two horses alive instead of three.

Facts that have come to light: **Billie Snevely** was once a star soloist with **Jack Russell's** orchestra; **"Kathy" Cyphers** was voted most popular girl in her class at high school in Clinton, Ill.

Group 8

Congratulations and best wishes go to **Park Paxton** and his bride, whose wedding took place November 29 in Beverly Hills.

Sig Wysocki saw the Ohio-Illini football game at Columbus.

Mrs. Susan Bullack announced the engagement of her daughter, **Helen**, inspector, to Edward Roziak. No date has been set for the wedding.

It is wondered if **Marge Kertes** used her own money to pay her losses on the Ohio-Michigan game.

Group 6

Group 6 welcomes **Lorna Haller** and **Max Krup** from Groups 5 and 4, respectively. **Donald Sutton** has been transferred to Group 7.

Paul Barhoover has returned after a leave of absence of several weeks. **Julia Turk**, formerly of Group 6, is now employed at East Chicago, Indiana.

Catherine Fitzmaurice is now working at Group 1. **Gertrude ("Gert") Collins** is very stunning in her new fur coat.

Vernice Collette has returned to work after a brief vacation spent at home with her husband, who was on furlough to recuperate from a recent operation. **Elizabeth Button** has returned after an illness.

Fuze and Booster Lab

Howard "Master" Johnson has left to take up work at Northwestern University where he is being trained in the Electronics Division of the Army Signal Corps

Joseph "Slave" Ralston has reported at the Columbia University in New York City for preliminary training for the Navy V-7 program.

Melvin "Pliny" Hurwitz took final exams at the University of Chicago to complete his masters degree in chemistry and has since gone to Boston, Mass., his home.

Robert "Bob Burns" Harbison is giving full time to the Operations Division with office here.

Lorraine Kinsley is back on the job now after an absence due to the death of her father. Deepest sympathy is extended by her fellow workers.

Harriet Nadelhoffer, Lorraine Kinsley and **Marie Plankar** are now "alone" holding down the desks. They're doing so well that

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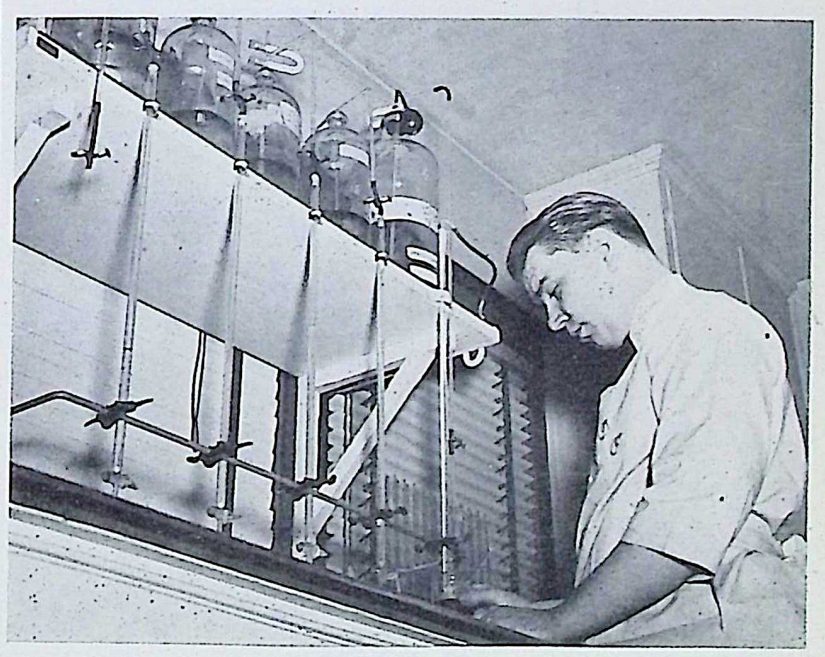
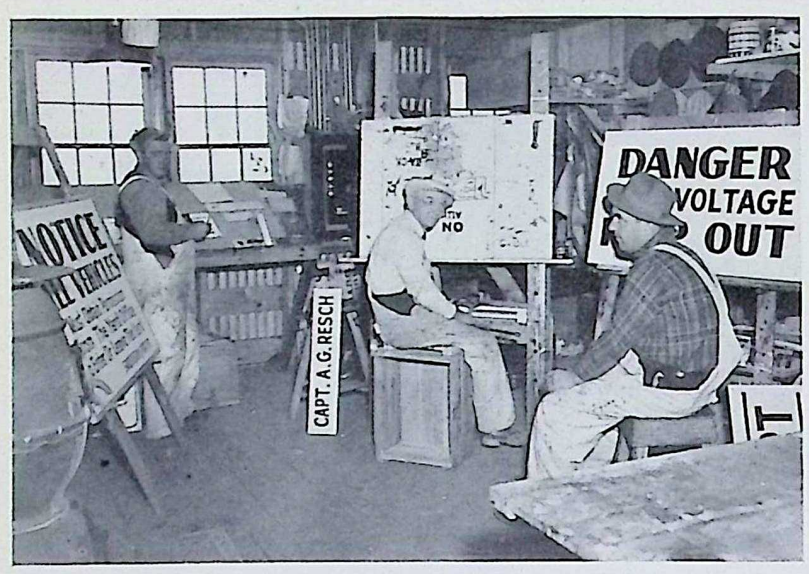


TITRATING TNT is the official name of this test which determines the acidity of the explosive. Ford Teeter is the chemist. Additional photographs of the High Explosives Laboratory are on Page 12.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES are painted for all departments in the Sign Shop at Richards Farm. Three of the painters paused in their work momentarily for this picture. Shown left to right are Harry Dank, Jack Daniels and Earl Whipple.

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a new desk was delivered the other day.

Group 7

Physicians sign their names and add M.D. Dentists, of course, add D.D.S., but many are puzzled by the signature **Sylvia C. Nielsen, G.P.**

Ruth Phillips' hands are like cakes of ice but her "dogs" have won every pacing race that they have tried.

The five gals seen with **Bob Cretcher** every day work and ride with him, so he can't be kidded.

Helen Zivic has joined the group.

Ruth Capanash has just returned from a month's leave she spent with her husband in Tennessee.

Irene Bazzarone is, without a doubt, the happiest person in Group 7. Her husband is expected home Christmas.

Samuel Eskridge has resigned to help his Uncle Sam.

Group 7 has welcomed **Bernice Ksiazak** (all out for Army), **Helen Biernat** (Duffy's Tavern Fame) and **Catherine Cyphers** (big blue eyes) from Group 5. Another new member is **Donald Sutton,** as yet unknown.

Group 1

Harvey Barrett has been in the Dwight Veteran's Hospital for two weeks with a serious case of carbuncles. His terrible jokes and his full lunch pail that always seemed to have something else in it no matter how much he took out of it, are missed.

Zigmund X. Pluskota is now stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, with the Army Air Corps. He gained his flying experience while still very young; he used to fly (quite low to the ground of course in his '34 Chevvy from Chicago to Elwood when he was stationed here.

Emil Bruni is *"wid dose bums"* at the Brooklyn Army Base, Brooklyn, N. Y. "Handsome" or "Indian puss" is the most missed man from Group 1. He's right at home with the Dodgers. He'll use his tomahawk if he doesn't get enough EOP ammunition. Twenty girl inspectors are to be added to the staff of **Andre Lombardi.**

S & P Partner Is Visitor Here

D. J. Walsh, Jr., New York, a partner of Sanderson & Porter, in charge of the Industrial Department for the firm, visited briefly here December 8 on his way from the West Coast, where he has been engaged in airplane production projects, to New York.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire . . . Dial 17
To call police . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only) . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

It was with mingled emotions that the news of **Charles "Lockwood" Pierce's** departure from Group 2 was heard. Some fellows were sober-faced, some laughed and doubted the story and some expressed their sentiment by holding back a tear, all of which displayed fondness for Chuck.

An EOP employee for almost two years, Chuck established an enviable record. Blessed with an inexhaustible knowledge of almost any subject, his accomplishments in the construction and operation field left little to be desired. His uncanny ability to get results from both new and older employees won him the respect and admiration of every one.

Supt. James J. Murphy and **Assistant Superintendent Gene Hunt,** in commenting on the loss of Chuck, said "his all around leadership will be sadly missed."

Recently a new employee by the name of Abraham Lincoln reported here and was assigned to Building 3 for work. Later in the day when the news got around one of the boys in Building 12 called Building 3 asking that Lincoln be sent to Building 12 to free the *slaves.* Incidentally, Lincoln says he is a distant relative of the Great Emancipator.

Ode Golden's wife reported that Ode is about the hardest man to awaken in the morning she has ever heard about. Some of the boys are thinking a collection to buy a kerosene alarm clock would remedy this situation. The alarm clock mentioned is the latest thing on the market, according to **Bill Galbraith.**

Many have heard about the recommendations of the renowned **Duncan Hines,** but **Bob Schmitz'** are preferred any day as he and his wife are experts on various eating places.

It is wondered if **Ted Arens** has any new "warm up" recipes to try out on some of the boys. Now that **Jim Clennon** has returned, perhaps **Con Clennon** will have Jim continue his experiments on his automobile steering apparatus.

Bob McGuire's smiling face and jovial personality will be missed. Bob has entered the Army and hopes to be assigned to the Air Corps.

Beatrice Merrick, nurse, reports she and her husband enjoyed their vacation through the Southern States recently.

Bill Kane, chief of the Power House here, is all smiles as he has received his "C" ration book. After reading **Bob Waite's** letter to **Art McMahon** the other day, it was learned that Art is a member of the "Rockdale Club."

A swell post card was received from **Steve Princko,** who is now at Camp Blanding, Florida. Steve says Army life is agreeing with him.

Burton Peet wrote from Air Corps Radio School in Chicago saying he likes his course of study very much. **John Grimm** reported by letter he is in the Radio School in Ashland, Wis.

Bob "Tiny" Conroy is a perfect double for **"Tiny" Hill,** the famous band leader. Bob, it is rumored, has put on 30 pounds since coming to EOP.

Louie Shuler, Government inspector here, will leave for the Army shortly and plans to sell his automobile, nicknamed "the red comet." All interested buyers are urged to call him.

"I've Got Spurs That Jingle Jangle Jingle," sings **Paul "Texas" Riley.** One evening as he was putting on his new riding boots he noticed someone had attached a pair of spurs to them. That was O. K. with "Texas" because he wanted a pair of spurs anyhow, so (quote) "I just went on home with them only to have the wife make me take off the boots for scuffing up the furniture."

WAACS called another EOP girl in the person of Esther Johnson, War Department, Stores and Transportation Division, who left last month for basic training in Florida.

John "Nate" Johnson gave his sugar rationing card back to the ration board in Wilmington. Now he walks into any of the fancy Wilmington restaurants and orders his coffee and then asks the waitress to kindly put her finger in the coffee to make it sweet.

Bob Bright, timekeeper, had some weird experiences during a few days of work here. **Bert Folk** was blamed for the work done by a fellow that looks innocent. **Arch LeBoerence** said that **Grid Wheller** may have had something to do with all of the shenanigans.

This is an unusual story overheard by a friend of your correspondent's. It seems as though **Joe Connors** retired early one night during a recent cold spell armed with two western thrillers and a bag of popcorn. Making himself comfortable lying across the bed and reading for an hour or more he dozed off into heavy slumber. When Joe woke up he saw a figure bending over him and a voice saying put 'em up. Joe did just this and was plenty scared, at any rate he was unable to sleep the rest of the night. **Pete Kelder** said he would never do anything like that again because he would not want a corpse on his hands.

Some last minute hunting news: **Dan Glenney, Bill Malone** and **Leo Bell** started out one morning to bag a few birds. Malone and Glenney had both eyes open and spotted a few ducks in a nearby slough. After crawling on their hands and knees and firing six or seven shots —Bell was sent into the water to gather the game and red faces could be seen for miles when he brought in wooden decoys instead of mallards.

Additional Guide Post Ads

For Rent—3-room furnished cottage on the Kankakee river. Heat, gas and electricity furnished. See **James H. Adams,** Barrack 8, Room 17, dormitory, Wilmington, Ill.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Hello, everyone! I'll start off with some seriousness of mine—The Elwood Ordnance Plant Speaks. I am *your* plant. If I am *clean* and *busy* and pleasing to any visitors' eyes, the credit is yours. Some of my boys are called to the colors and as they go forth my *honor* is sent to far places. Those that stay with me help send my *power* to far battlefields to protect these men. Wood, brick and stone —I am more than that; even more than flesh and blood—I am the composite soul of all who call me *their* plant. Any absentees hurt me. Any slackening weakens me. I must be strong! As clearly as the pool throws back the reflection of the sun, *I shall reflect you*—make me what you will. I depend on every one of you. *I am your plant!*

On the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, **W. T. Dronsfield** came through a headon auto "attack" with a lacerated face and left ear. Also in the car were **Joseph Beukema, John F. Welch, Daniel Donegan** and **W. Sullivan** who were shaken up.

Owing to extreme shortage of bananas in New York, **Fred "Pop" Poplovsky** sent a large quantity to his folks.

Jackie Dailey has more than a sparkle in her eyes—She is flashing one on her third finger left hand.

Max "Godfather" Wolfson has a collection of cartoons and pictures above his drawing table. A public exhibition will be arranged soon.

Herbie Burch has a wood burning stove at home. To insure a stack of fuel for the next day, he brought in from a snow covered pile enough to fill the oven. Then he went to bed. In the early morning hours he awakened when he smelled wood smoke. He yelled "Fire" and ran! He suddenly remembered the wood in the oven. Ho hum! Back to bed after clearing out the smoke.

O. K. Madsen's strict diet to lose weight has netted him—aw you guessed it—seven pounds gain

With rubber shortage and enemies to beat, "we walk to Victory or ride to Defeat."

E. F. "Washie" Washburn tops them all with this:—Relaxing at home one evening, a gold fish jumped out of the bowl and past his face, then right back into the bowl in a graceful arc. The reason:—A moustrap was on the radiator so when the fish touched it, it popped and threw it back into the water.

A farewell party was held in honor of **John J. Fairfield** by the Accounting Department December 3 at the Woodruff Hotel. Those present were: **Charles Reilly, Edward Rowley, Paul Cappel, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Conners, June Schick, Jean Tyrrell, Marjorie Brennan, Rosemary Kane, Alice Hess, Joe Frederick** and **Mr. Fairfield.** Later **Louis Sullivan** and **Edward Sauer** joined the party.

Christmas cards were received this week from **Fred Oman** and **Hank Lockwood** from Hawaii. They wish their friends the best of holidays.

Robert "Wimpy" Forst went high hat after attending the opera in Chicago. The performance of "La Boheme" was repeated when "Wimpy" returned to the office. One thing he can't forget is the "Baton Maestro" — raising both arms aloft with the idea that the music would start with a smash—the result was only a little flute in one corner playing a quiet theme melody.

It's getting so every time your reporter enters an office, everyone either starts digging for the door or into their pockets! Really, folks, the cooperation given in the collection for Christmas boxes for 14 of the Administration Building boys in service is appreciated. It's great to be working among people with hearts.

H. "Hot Air" Walker must be turning violin virtuoso. One can see "Mazurkas" all over his hair.

Alright! Alright!—Here it is! Your reporter answered a fan letter from a certain someone at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; and don't ask for any more "information please." Miss Schiek sure sees "red." Her heart is beating for a "carrot top" in the armed forces.

Things worth wanting: — **Rita Dwyer's** humor—**Ruth Meyer's** sweet disposition—**V. M. Dagenais'** sincere understanding—**Jean Tyrrell's** generosity—**Dagmar Peterson's** patriotism—**Polly Marston's** smile — **Hazel Gleason's** ambition —**Wayne Sebby's** silence—**Margaret Fitzhugh's** memory—**Dorothy Mihelic's** laugh—**Margie Zarley's** patience.

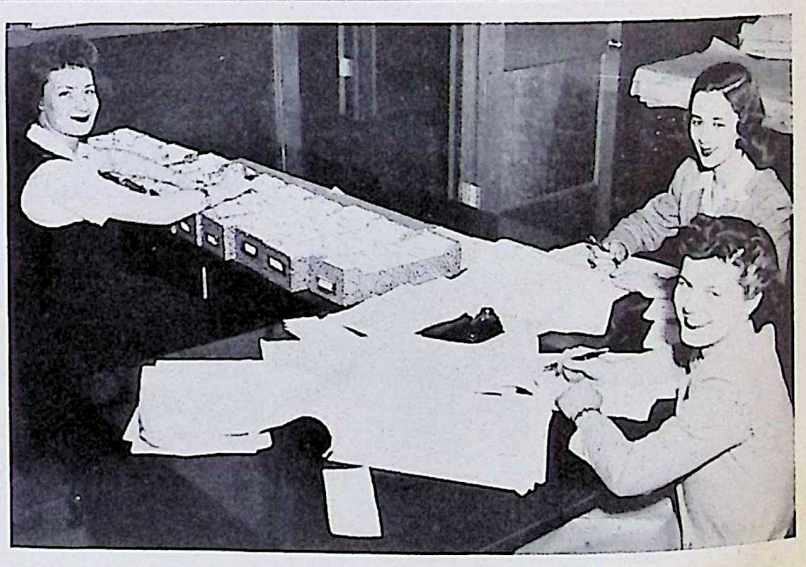
Won't every one of you send one more card to someone in the armed forces than you had planned on? Keep 'em smiling and pray that they will be smiling across the tables at home next Christmas.

Jack Breitfuss is wondering why **Joan O'Brien** is so friendly with him lately. Perhaps **Anne Lucas** has put in a good word.

As things look now, it seems as if **Emagene Wilson** will soon join the Waves to keep her beau company.

Mary Bostjancic would make a good WAAC. She belongs to the Slovenian Union Cadets who drill and march. Any of the boys who are drafted soon, especially **Ray Berg,** can learn a few pointers from her on drilling and marching.

The following watchmen observed their second anniversary with EOP December 10: **Fred W. Lamb, August Williams** and **Henry G. Janke.** They are the only ones left of the first to start. They came here with the company from the Elk's Building in Joliet. The first two are working the 11:30 to 7:30 shift regularly five nights a week. The third works the swing shift or two nights 3:30 to 11:30, two nights 11:30 to 7:30, and Sundays from 7:30 to 3:30 in the daytime.



GASOLINE RATIONING BOOKS have been issued to most employees who asked for them and now these three young women are engaged in the gigantic task of setting up a card index of all cars and those employees who drive or ride in them. Frequent checks will be made to determine if each driver is meeting the rationing boards' requirements for a minimum number of riders Shown left to right are Marjorie Lawhead, Norma Fratia and Dawn Schultz.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Laundry Letters
By Bernadine Meister and "Dickie" Lieb

The Laundry staff wishes everyone at EOP a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations go to **Roy Frye**—he's a foreman now.

Several persons have enjoyed or are now enjoying winter vacations. They are **Cessie Reichman, Ruby Pinkstaff, Jennie Naiden, Veronica Curry, Freelone Curry** and **Violet St. Aubin.**

The following newcomers are welcomed: **Gus Ulfers, Russell Webber, Harry Lehner, Joe Smeets** and **Elda Greenwood.** In the sewing room, **Bessie Tilman, Earnesteen Allridge, Mildred Chandler, Ann Spivey** and **Vinie Clayton** are welcomed.

Edna Butenis and **Marjorie Bologh** are practicing Christmas carols to sing to the Laundry staff.

Sympathy is extended to **Harry Lehner,** whose father was killed last week.

Jennie Naiden seems to be broken hearted as her boy friend left for duty, but **Julia Fance** is all excited because her boy friend will be home in January.

Billie Lieb's burned hand has sufficiently improved to allow her to return to work on the presses.

The Laundry bags made much use of the snow during lunch hour. A snowman was built in honor of **George Kinard,** foreman.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

The Transportation Department wishes every worker at EOP a merry, merry Christmas.

Sgt. Dick Carroll, former yardmaster now with Uncle Sam, dropped in for a visit while home on a short furlough from his duties as railroad engineer in Clovis, N. M. All were pleased to see Dick.

Andy Walters and family are leaving December 23 to spend the holidays at their home in Liverpool, O.

O. N. Harstad, general manager of the East Lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, always a welcome visitor in this office, has been called to Washington for service in the Office of Defense Transportation, Railroad Division, where his many years of railroad experience should prove very valuable in the campaign to "keep 'em rolling."

Electric Shop
By Dan Webster

George Beverly left for the Army December 11.

The Electric Shop welcomes **Mildred Evans, Mary Weil** and **Dera Fellows.** They are the first women employees in the shop and are doing stock room work.

Bus Transportation
By "Tiny" Moss

Petty Officer Eddy Koerner received a warm welcome on his recent visit. He was a former bus driver.

Howard Cardwell left for the armed forces December 14.

Bus Transportation welcomes a newcomer, **Harvey Ingersol,** who assumes duties as a bus foreman.

The department's outstanding basketball team would like to see more spectators at its games.

Cecil Cushman is quite a crooner.

E. G. McAloon, an authority on pinochle, can find numerous players here.

A speedy recovery is wished for **Bert Painter,** who suffered with a broken ankle.

Freddy Aster is receiving many compliments about his new winter cap.

Conductors for the six new semi-trailer buses are **Gerte Koerner, Blanche Genseer, Ruth Gross, Margie Stevens, Kathryn Towne, Lee Schonert, Marge Forbine, Edith Cerre** and **Eunice Mantia.**

A 10 cent War Stamp is offered to the person who can tell why **Vic Kennelberger** doesn't wear hat or cap in winter.

A bowling team composed of **Johnny Hennessey, Bert Day, Harvey Ingersol, Bob Ehersman** and **Bill Markcraft** defeated the Administration Building keglers.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

If the rubber situation becomes more acute **Buck Dale** can always come to the rescue with his two giant boots, which **Tommy French** says would easily recap two or three tires.

One of the wonders of the Pipe Shop is seeing and hearing the famous team of **Joe Harkins** and **Eddie Paulson** in their duet of "Open Up the Balloons." Joe says there will never be another song like it.

Genial **Cal Ashline** is always the first to be around whenever there is fun a-brewing. One nice thing about Cal is that he enjoys a joke just as much when it is at his own expense.

A few bolts and screws missing might seem a minor item to most, but to **Roy Benson** of the stock room it is a great tragedy. However, when Super-Sleuth Benson gets on the trail it is not long before the missing articles are accounted for.

Raymond Allen Dunne, 4-year-old son of **Albert Dunne,** pipefitter assigned to Group 1, was drowned in Forked Creek at Wilmington December 10 when the ice on which he and his companions were playing broke. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Dunne and his family.

The following card of thanks was received from **Mrs. Alonzo V. McGuffey,** whose husband, an EOP pipe fitter, lost his life when their trailer was burned November 12 in the Wilmington trailer camp, and her children:

"We wish to express our appreciation to the men of the Elwood Ordnance Plant with whom my husband and our father worked, for their kindness and helpful contributions to us during our great bereavement. Your thoughtfulness will always be held in grateful remembrance."

Mrs. A. V. McGuffey
and Family.

Locksmith Shop
By "Tim" Thompson

Landis "Scotty" Morris passed out cigars December 1 when his wife presented him with a 7-pound 5-ounce daughter, **Vera Jane.**

Ralph Heap went a-hunting and used a full box of shells. He was rewarded for his efforts with one rabbit, a little bunny. **Harry "Doc" Craig** captured more game single-handed, without a gun, and put Ralph to shame.

Tillman Thompson received an advance Christmas gift, a Masonic ring, from his wife. Some one reported having seen **Mrs. Thompson** looking at a fur coat display in a Joliet store.

Welcome is extended to **Harry Hissong,** locksmith helper.

Sheet Metal Shop
By Jess Thompson

Emil Pianca is passing around cigars announcing the arrival of a new daughter.

Maynard "Shorty" Weidenbach, who is in the air corps in Texas was in the shop to see the boys while home on a furlough over Thanksgiving Day.

Ray Reardon is wearing a big smile these days. Ray is the father of a brand new son.

Bill Richards enlisted in the army and left December 11.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

A new member has been added to the Radio Department, **Beverly Ashley,** to whom a hearty welcome has been given.

Merle Eberhart is back to work after a week's vacation.

At 2:30 **Larry Jack** was asked for the time. Larry replied: "Why does a Chinese go to a dentist?" Uh, huh! tooth hurty!

Clarence Coope still likes the one about the potato clock. It gets you *up at 8 o'clock.* Is he trying to kid someone? He's on the 7:30 shift.

Seems like everyone here is "Dreaming of a White Christmas" in **Bing Crosby** manner. They might be dreaming in that manner but oh!—the singing.

The few members of this department who said they liked corn will probably change their minds after reading this.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Mrs. Don M. Hoffman and **Mrs. Alan Johnston** called Martha Herrity to thank the operators for the courteous and splendid co-operation shown them during the time they were residents of the EOP Area. **Cecil D. Wheeler** also called to thank Miss Herrity and her operators for the good service and courtesy shown him during the year in which he was associated with EOP.

Loretta Bradshaw, relief operator this summer, has returned to fill the vacancy left by **Edna Beach,** who has a leave of absence for sickness.

Helen Louise Sime has resigned her position as an operator and will be married January 5 to **Robert White,** son of **Lt. Clarence White** of the EOP Guards.

Mrs. Jeanette Heischman, the former **Jeanette Dolph,** has resigned as telephone operator for home duties. Mrs. Heischman gave a party December 5 at Sievert's Tea Room for all the operators. The party later went to Mrs. Heischman's home. Everyone had a pleasant evening.

Helen L. Baker, formerly employed at the Telephone Building, has written from the University of Colorado that it was quite a job to get back into the swing of studying. In sending greetings to her former co-workers, she said in her letter to **Supt. W. A. Buck** that she thought he was "a perfect man to work for."

It is reported that **Guard Chief M. C. Baughman** and Mr. Buck are better bowlers with a basketball and may challenge each other to a kegler duel since their feudin' has become so frequent.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

The Warehouse employees are all pleased to see **Karl Neifing** back on the job again after a few weeks spent at home with a severe case of flu.

John Baldon, Jr., the young man whose motto seemed to be "Less talk and more action," is now with the armed forces, stationed at Camp Custer, Michigan. Johnnie bade all good-bye two weeks ago and his fellow workers wish him the best of luck and hope to hear from him frequently.

It took a little time for the boys in the Warehouse to get acquainted with the girl truck drivers' way of handling things. One day last week one of the drives presented a requisition for several kinds of material for the Fuze and Booster Area. **"Pop" Chester Melville, Louis Parys** and **Johnnie Purcell** all got busy filling the order, which included four bales of rags. The girls backed their truck up to the Warehouse door and started loading. The boys were so surprised to see those husky women toss that stuff into the truck that Mr. Purcell got tangled up in the rags and was tossed in the truck with the rest of the merchandise, and they didn't see Johnnie again until they unloaded at the Fuze and Booster. Johnnie weighs five pounds less than one bale of rags.

Your correspondent is very fortunate to be writing this piece for *The Bomb-Shell.* Last Saturday evening on the way home, his car skidded off of the pavement on Route 66, about three miles north of the plant, and turned over in the ditch, left side up.

Your correspondent and the rider with him, **Joseph Harrell,** were finally able to open the door on the side that was up and crawl out, both unhurt.

CAREFUL STORAGE of the components which go into bombs and shells is the responsibility of A. P. Balston, superintendent of the Inert Storage Department, shown here at his desk.

"Inert's" Contest To Reduce Work Losses Success

Keen Rivalry Shown In Cutting Hospital Trips and Absences

A 12-week contest to reduce accidents and absenteeism in the Inert Storage Department was completed December 5 with a record for improvement which led **Supt. A. P. Balston** to continue it for another similar period and which has attracted attention of other groups within the area.

Employees of the department showed great interest in the contest and individual squad members successfully influenced delinquents to become more regular in their work habits. Rivalry was keen and promises to be more so during the second period.

The purpose of the contest, which started September 13, is to cut down lost time due to men not reporting for work; arriving late to work or making trips to the hospital because of accidents. All unexcused absences count against the squad's standing in the contest.

Personnel includes 9 squads (89 men) at Group 62 South, 11 squads (95 men) at Group 62 North and 10 squads (91 men) at Group 27. The leader's name is used to identify the squad.

Squad standings are posted on a board in the various group clockhouses every Monday, showing the results of the previous week. The board is divided into three sections showing:

First: The per cent of time lost in each group based on the total man hours available against the total man hours lost due to hospital trips and absences. All three groups are posted on each board for reasons of comparison and the percentages are based on a six-day period.

Second: The standing of the first 9 squads in each group, shown on their respective boards only. "Per Cent Present" is recorded for a six-day period and is based on the man hours available for each individual gang against man hours lost in this gang due to hospital trips or absences.

Third: The standing of the first 9 squads in the combined Inert Storage Groups. "Per Cent Present" is based on the available man hours for each squad against man hours lost, from start of contest to date of posting. These names appear on all three boards to foster competition between the groups.

The posting of the 12th week totals for the first 9 squads follows:

Squad	Group	Hosp. Trip Man Hrs.	Absences Man Hrs.	Per Cent Present
Morris	62 N	2½	56	98.8
McGrath ...	62 S	None	64¾	98.7
Bull	62 N	5½	73¾	98.4
Alderman ..	62 N	None	81½	98.4
Lardi	62 S	12	72	98.4
Mall	62 N	2	83½	98.4
Argyle	62 S	½	130½	98.3
W. Peterson	27	17¼	85½	98.1
Weincek ...	62 S	None	105¾	98.1

(This covers the records of about 100 men.)

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick spoke briefly to the employees of Group 3-A one afternoon last week on several subjects.

"Putting women on the line was an experiment," said Mr. Fitzpatrick, "and I am glad to say that they are working out like old hands."

In stressing the need for safety, he said, "We're all here to do our job and we can't do it if we get hurt, so it's up to every one of us to be careful and take precautions to avoid accidents. Keep the floors free of anything that might be the cause of an injury to yourself or a fellow worker.

"Now in regard to shift changes, some workers have found trouble in getting rides for the various shifts. We have tried to make necessary adjustments, but our schedule must be completed and we must have enough men on each shift. During the next week and a half you will have to make arrangements so that when the shifts change over next, you'll be all set. We can not make any more exceptions after the next shift change."

Mr. Fitzpatrick urged that rest periods be taken only when necessary and warned that a 30-minute lunch period must be a 30-minute one, not a 40 or 50-minute "time out." He pointed out that there are plenty of good jobs and that it is up to each worker to show that he or she can handle the work. The chance of promotion is always present for the man or woman who is efficient.

He pointed out that inspectors are here to help see that the bombs loaded here do *their* job when they are sent overseas. He assured the workers that his office is always open and he is always ready to listen to any suggestion or complaint. He concluded by saying, "Do as well or a little better at your jobs from now on and you'll be doing your bit to help the Army, Navy and Marines."

Harold Shepherd is the proud father of a new daughter, **Jo-Ann Marie,** who arrived December 3. Congratulations to the parents are sent by the group.

Raymond Karraker, John Coyne and **Charles Halweg** have left for the armed forces.

Limited Number of War Bond Records Available

Ask your timekeeper for one of the attractive records for listing the number, denomination and date of purchase of your War Bonds. It will be most valuable in the event your bonds are mislaid or lost by fire. There's no charge, but the supply is limited. Ask for one today!

Basketball Season Launched With Three Exciting Games in Recreation Building

Group 62 Noses Out Inspectors, 15-14; Bus Drivers Down Group 1, 20 to 19; Group 3 Wins, 27 to 22

Twelve teams representing the groups started play December 7 to launch what promises to be an exciting basketball season. All teams that have had an opportunity to play so far seem to be about equal in strength. The games have all been fast, clean and close in scores.

Group 62 won its first tussle with the Inspectors in the last few seconds of play. **Manager Edward Speizis** and **Mose Williams** were the high scorers, each getting two baskets. **Robert Marlette**, an Inspectors forward, sunk three baskets and two free throws for eight points.

The Bus Drivers won from Group 1, 20 to 19. **Gale Thomas** was high scorer for the Bus men, sinking six baskets and making two free throws for a total of 14 points. This contest kept the spectators on the edge of their seats all through the game. **Russell Testa**, Group 1, made five baskets and one free throw. Watch this team in future games.

The night cap was one of the fastest and cleanest games, with the score 27 to 22 in favor of Group 3. The Fuze and Booster Chemical Laboratory, with **Capt. Jeddo Mees**, former Ohio State University player, who was high point man with three goals and one free throw, promises to have one of the strongest teams in mid-season. **Donald Fread** of Group 3 was high point man for his team.

Following are the box scores:

Group 62—15	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.P.
Williams, F.	2	0	0	4
Speizio, F.	2	0	1	4
Booth, F.	0	0	1	0
Johnson, C.	1	0	1	2
Clark, C.	0	0	1	0
Ramsack, G.	2	0	1	4
Scudd, G.	0	0	0	0
McHugh, G.	0	1	1	1
Totals	7	1	6	15

Inspectors—14	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	T.P.
Marlette, F.	3	2	0	8
Oram, F.	0	0	0	0
Wilhelmi, C.	0	0	0	0
Layfield, C.	1	0	1	2
Hair, G.	2	0	4	4
Carroll, G.	0	0	0	0
Steger, G.	0	0	1	0
Brennan, G.	0	0	2	0
Totals	6	2	8	14

Group 1—19	F.G.	F.T.	F.	T.P.
Sharkey, F.	1	1	4	3
Singer, F.	0	0	1	0
Sherwood, C.	2	0	3	4
Murphy, G.	0	1	0	1
Testa, G.	5	1	1	11
Totals	8	3	9	19

Bus Drivers—20	F.G.	F.T.	F.	T.P.
Glasgow, F.	1	0	1	2
Thomas, F.	6	2	0	14
Provance, C.	0	0	0	0
Cole, C.	0	0	0	0
Hayes, G.	0	0	1	0
Elledge, G.	1	1	2	3
Scoggins, G.	0	1	2	1
Totals	8	4	6	20

Group 3—27	F.G.	F.T.	F.	T.P.
Fread, F.	5	0	2	10
Emmuelson, F.	3	0	0	6
Helmick, C.	2	1	2	5
Struck, G.	2	0	3	4
Juricic, G.	1	0	1	2
Totals	13	1	8	27

Chem. Lab.—22	F.G.	F.T.	F.	T.P.
Mees, F.	3	1	1	7
Thurston, F.	1	0	0	2
Burke, F.	1	0	0	2
Bridwell, C.	1	0	1	2
Elliott, G.	1	0	0	2
Hull, G.	2	0	2	4
Boyd, G.	0	3	1	3
Totals	9	4	5	22

Games scheduled for the next three weeks are:

Dec. 21—
4 p.m. Group 62 vs. Bus Drivers
5 p.m. Group 70 vs. Chem. Lab.
Dec. 22—
4 p.m. Inspectors vs. Army
5 p.m. Group 61 vs. Fire Guards
Dec. 23—
4 p.m. Group 1 vs. Police Guards
5 p.m. Group 3 vs. Group 3A
Dec. 28—
4 p.m. Group 61 vs. Group 3A
5 p.m. Group 1 vs. Group 3
Dec. 29—
4 p.m. Group 70 vs. Fire Guards
5 p.m. Inspectors vs. Police Guards
Dec. 30—
4 p.m. Group 62 vs. Chem. Lab.
5 p.m.—Bus Drivers vs. Army
Jan. 4—
4 p.m. Group 62 vs. Army
5 p.m. Chem. Lab. vs. Fire Guards
Jan. 6—
4 p.m. Bus Drivers vs. Police Guards
5 p.m. Group 70 vs. Group 3A
Jan. 7—
4 p.m. Inspectors vs. Group 3
5 p.m. Group 61 vs. Group 1

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Once again the time has come to pound out the items of the week and as the files open their arms to receive a questioning look 'tis found that there are only 15 more days to your Christmas shopping . . . think the nicest gesture of the season is the radio announcer who suggested putting a 10c War Stamp on Christmas cards. . . . It seems that the Holiday season always makes people feel good and even when the old world gets itself in an uproar, the American way to do things is just grit your teeth a little harder and smile if it kills ya . . . so much for philosophy.

Operations and Transportation have gone high hat . . . yep . . . they moved upstairs bag and baggage . . . **Capt. John A. Hardy** is the new chief and a very nice gentleman, too.

Charlie Wachendorfer of Payroll is the man of the hour . . . he has all the gals in there wondering where he parks his dancin' shoes these nights. . . . **Ann Melovic**, the hep cat from Mail and Record, has been going around muttering "I want to be alone" . . . can't imagine why.

John Gravelot, Jr., John F. Welch's able right hand, is a man of many moods . . . has a quick and ready wit . . . and has the essential quality of getting along with people. Members of Auditing please note: **Johnny Odchodinicky**, the dexterous young man from Auditing, will soon assume a new role. . . . Parenthood is about to become one of Johnny's main worries. . . . So if he has that far away look in his eye these days . . . just forgive him . . . he's probably thinking of a name for the heir or heiress.

The Ordnance Department expresses its sympathy to **Emma Shea** of Personnel, whose father died recently.

There were rumors of a Christmas Party, but so far no developments . . . guess everyone is involved in getting those packages off to the boys in service and that's a darn good idea.

Good-looking **Bob Winchell** was a visitor to the plant the other day . . . he was formerly in Auditing and is now stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was warmly greeted as Bob has a lot of friends here.

Many had their first look at a real, flesh and blood WAAC the other day when **Alice Pichon**, or Lieutenant Pichon it should be, visited the office to see old friends . . . with a gal like that . . . recruiting gals for the Army would be a cinch . . . don't be surprised if more EOP girls join up.

Ask **Monica Limacher** to show you her new boots . . . they are the last word and they make her dainty feet look all the more like doll's feet. . . . **Kathleen Dugan** of Mail and Record has joined the matron class . . . yes, kiddies . . . she is now **Mrs. Ward Rupp, Jr.**, and hubby is a Sergeant in the Army.

If you wondered why **Mollie Baker**, that twinkle-eyed rascal from Teletype, has been looking sad these days . . . it's cause her "baby won't be comin' home" . . . the Army needs him.

Corner **Marie Maren** and have her tell you why she didn't go in the front gate guard house the morning she forgot her badge.

Bernece Carlson has received a staff sergeant insignia from Hawaii.

Carl Anker of Inspection is deserting the supposedly coveted role of bachelor to become a benedict . . . she's a southern gal and has Carl walking in a trance . . . the affair will take place during the Holidays. The blissful look on **H. H. "Red" Bowler's** face these days may be due to Carl making up his mind.

Since the cold North Wind has been howling over the prairie . . . and "Sir Temperature" has been hitting a new low . . . the Timekeeping Office has changed its features . . . everyone has abandoned the north side of the building and moved over to the side of southern exposure . . . however, demure **George K. Stevens**, who is unable to stand the icy blasts, has the most envied place huddled in a corner against the warm pipes.

Pearl Harbor Day was one of special interest to everyone, but you can't deny that adding a new personage to your domicile is a big thrill, too. **Chester Tomes** was seen passing out candy bars and smokes on that day . . . yessiree . . . he's a pappy now . . . a brand new girl came to his house December 7.

"Torchy" Peebles' Christmas request for new clothes is due to **"Chuck" Di Peso's** good cooking . . . Seems that "Torchy" has been overindulging in some of the home victuals.

Mary Biernat has purchased some new galoshes . . . fur trimmed and everything. . . . Can someone please come to the rescue . . . she still gets them mixed up and wears them on the wrong feet . . . help, help. . . . Bess Moore of Personnel has been ailing from a cold lately, but is able to be up and around again . . . by the way, she is now staying in the big city once in awhile.

And so, friends, Uncle Ned will fold his tent like a couple dozen Arabs are doing and without too much noise slip away 'til another day.

LETTERS from former buddies in the Fire Department are sought by Pvt. Gene M. Newton, now at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, who sent in this snapshot of himself.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Maj. William J. McConnell, of the Safety and Security Division of the Ordnance Department, was a visitor here November 25. On the same day **Dr. E. A. Johnson**, medical director of Bluebonnet Ordnance Plant in Texas, paid a visit.

Eleanor Kartschoke, representative of American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, has been visiting with **Wallace Koepp**, insurance adjuster for EOP.

Due to a leg injury, **Frank Fischer**, Group 1, has been hospitalized for several days. However, the injury is doing nicely and he hopes to be going home soon.

Ozro Blanchard will be going through the paddling machine December 21 as that is his birthday anniversary. It would be just like him to have under cover a protective piece of wood so the paddler would receive the sting of his own blow.

Dr. L. N. Cohler will celebrate his birthday December 25. He must have a hard time keeping his birthday gifts separate from his Christmas presents.

Mrs. Myrtle Burrus, laboratory and x-ray technician, took up her duties here December 2. She spent four years at the University of Minnesota, and is a graduate of Northwest Institute of Medical Technology. Previously, she had been working at the Kewanee Public Hospital for six years, doing both laboratory and x-ray work. Hailing from Michigan, she now resides in Coal City.

The very cold and icy day of December 2 will be remembered by many, as they practically skidded all the way to work. **Dr. George McClure** had a bit of misfortune by skidding and sliding into a bridge. The same morning **Evelyn Doran** clocked in late due to their car sliding into a ditch but by good luck the car didn't turn over, and they were able to be pulled out. The occupants escaped injury, but minor damage was done to the car.

Emogene — Emogene — here Emogene—All of a sudden a very lovely rusty colored kitten came leaping out of the kitchen. Upon picking her up, it was discovered that she had been getting acquainted with her new home, for on her rusty coat and paws were traces of plaster of paris powder. At that moment she received a talking to, and her behavior has improved some since. All indications point to a spoiled and pampered cat, because she already has snubbed her two brother kittens, Henry and Herman, when they came to visit her. **R. R. Sidell** became claim owner of Henry and Herman. He said they have lost their inferiority complex and are just as important as Emogene and into as much mischief.

Bowling is a wonderful sport—isn't it? It just limbers you up and makes you feel wonderful, doesn't it? Someone might lose a head for this, but after three games **Dr. H. L. Schultz** developed a kink in his left hip and has been walking with a limp for several days.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 6

Best wishes are extended to **Larry Patton**, who is taking up new duties in Group 4, and to **Eddie Daniels**, who is in the Chemical Lab.

Stevens Watson and **William Lipsey** are welcomed to Group 6.

Lowell "Soup" Andrews, electrician, is having a hard time handling nicotine, and **Lester Belanger** would like to have a finger nail cleaner.

Betty Palmer's husband is in the Army and is now stationed in Camp Carrabelle, Florida. Betty expects to visit him very soon. He reports the climate is wonderful there and swimming in December is alright, too.

Group 7

Judy Wilkenson received a call to join the Waves and left December 15.

Charles E. Farrington, assistant superintendent, Group 7, is the proud father of a new daughter, born December 8.

Roy Abdnour, foreman, has a new daughter, born December 2.

Group 8

Little **Lila Williams** isn't *Miss* any more, since her recent visit to St. Louis, where she became the bride of a soldier.

Anyone wishing to play basketball, please get in touch with **Chas. Bridwell** at the Chemical Lab.

Capitola Ricketts was ill for a few days, but she's back at work and as happy as ever.

Many wonder what *did* happen to **Bill Birtwistle's** Ford jalopy the other morning. His excuse was "water in the gas."

Supt. John H. Walker has been away for a few days, and his group is reported to be lonesome for that broad smile.

Robert MacMillan, better known as "Scotty" has a record that's hard to beat. He has four sons in the armed forces. There are four stars on his service flag, and that's *something* of which to be proud.

George Blair certainly can't travel very far on that *one* gas coupon he has in his "C" book.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Well, it seems that the department is again amongst new surroundings with a few added attractions, far away but nice. Bright and homey like, too. This week there are quite a few new members to welcome. They seem to be very silent and gaze in awe at the performers across the way, and can you blame them? It is not very often that one can see the commotion that resembles the scurrying of people at Christmas time.

Among the new members are **Nora Kelliher** studiously entering figures on her cards, and **Harriet Jensen** busy aiding her in typing.

Then there is **Nina Horrie**, who said she received a letter from her brother, **Sgt. Neal M. Horrie**, who is located somewhere in Ireland. Sergeant Horrie reported that he had seen boxes which were received at his Camp with the label of Elwood Ordnance Plant. He was a former employee here, prior to his induction in August, 1941. He has been receiving his copy of *The Bomb-Shell* and extends his appreciation to those who make it possible for him to get such a fine paper.

Bernadine Klausing of New Lenox is another newcomer who seems to have difficulties, also, in trying to meet the 8:45 a. m. deadline.

Her associate, **Mary Serdar**, who so pleasantly agrees with everything that is being done and with everything that comes her way, said she is enjoying her sojourn.

And, last but not least, there is **Dorothy Nemanich**, who has made her services indispensable, and all can see the reason why. The foregoing newcomers are under the supervision of **Joseph Filips**, formerly of Stores and Transportation Division, Ordnance Department.

Did you know that ***Donald Nelson***, Group 4, who is supervisor of the progress clerks, has found himself in the midst of many, many women clerks?

John Connors, Wayne Munyon and **Roland Oertel** are having similar difficulties with their young lady progress clerks. They all have the fear of a bill being passed for the induction of women into the armed forces.

William Stanley, Group 2, left for his term of serving Uncle Sam. Many wonder if they will be able to furnish Bill with his correct size in Army uniforms.

It seems that moving also had complications for one so adept at taking care of such things as **Margaret Fitzhugh**, timekeeper. Did you happen to notice her, racing frantically hither and yon at about that time? She certainly managed all in a remarkable manner.

The Tabulating Department which used to be an aid to this group seems to have lost all of its glamour, or perhaps it is the long walk which seems to get everyone down in trying to make it.

James Murphy enjoys a rainy afternoon when there isn't much stirring. He takes a trip to Building 13 and rummages through the old chests of papers looking in vain for that lost copy of a move order and finished product transfer dated for the month of June.

Ordnance Department Leaves Restricted

Civilian employees of the Ordnance Department have been requested to postpone holiday leaves in which travel by train or bus or plane is involved until after January 10, even though the leave represents a postponed summer vacation, it was announced by Capt. **George A. Grant**, executive officer, who said the policy of restriction had been issued by the War Department in Washington.

The restriction is due to the desire not to interfere with important wartime transportation needs. The armed forces have limited holiday furloughs to 10 per cent of their complement and those who do get leaves may be making their last visits home before entering active combat duty.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

December 21

Clarence Adams, Utilities; **Joseph Baczuk**, Utilities; **Ozro Blanchard**, Drivers; **Arnold Branz**, Guards; **Walter Brate**, Group 61; **Peter Busanelli**, Maintenance; **Louise Carlotti**, Group 7; **Edna Corsaro**, Group 4; **Alfreda Geuther**, Group 9; **Norman Hammerschmidt**, Accounting; **Henry Horn**, Accounting; **Henry Kaveney**, Group 3; **W. G. LaVasseur, Jr.**, Group 1; **Sallie Majeske**, Group 7; **William McGee**, Utilities; **Loretta Mock**, Group 7; **John Munich**, Group 1; **Ruth Penton**, Group 9; **Edward Scheel**, Utilities; **Howard Scheiblich**, Group 3A; **Frederick Schwab**, Group 1; **Donald Stevens**, High Explosives; **Theresa Svitek**, Group 4; **Mary Vint**, Group 8; **Karol Wielgosz**, Utilities; **Elmer Wills**, Group 3; **John Zola**, Group 1.

December 22

John Arnold, Fire Department; **Marie Beach**, Group 1; **John Bentkowski**, Group 2; **Lyonel Boudreau**, Group 6; **Hattie Brusatori**, Group 9; **Margaret Brozak**, Group 9; **Robert Clavenna**, Guards; **William Duperrieu**, Engineering Dept.; **Anton Grayhack**, High Explosives; **Verneille Holder**, High Explosives; **June Kemp**, Group 1; **Dorothy Krug**, Group 9; **Louise Kuzniar**, Group 9; **Gladys LaCost**, Group 4; **Wilma Lewis**, Group 9; **Raymond Lunkusky**, Timekeeping; **Earl McBride**, Group 8; **Irene Mulligan**, Personnel; **Lawrence Redman**, Group 9; **Ruth Schweer**, Group 8; **Vera Shore**, Group 5; **Olive Tuttle**, Group 6; **Florence Ward**, Group 5.

December 23

Roy Barker, Group 2; **Elda Bradley**, Group 6; **Elmer Byler**, Group 1; **Stella Carter**, Group 7; **Caroline Cleaver**, Ordnance; **Myrtle Cooper**, Production Planning; **Harold Davidson**, Group 66; **A. S. Dittmyer**, Group 5; **Wilbur Fortman**, Group 66; **Eleanor Goss**, General Offices; **Durward Harrelson**, Group 3; **Clyde Hill**, Guards; **Betty Horvath**, Group 9; **Fred Hutchison**, Guards; **Raymond Karraker**, Group 3A; **Benjamin Kessler**, Group 8; **David Kreider**, Utilities; **Elmer Krohn**, Group 3; **Leo Shea**, High Exlosives; **Albin Smrekar**, Group 2; **William Vane**, Inspection; **Clarence Wade**, Group 3.

December 24

Mae Agnich, Accounting; **Dorothy Brown**, Group 5; **Byron Campbell**, Guards; **Nora Cloni**, Group 9; **Carl Clendenen**, Accounting; **Doyle Good**, Fire Department; **Frances Hintze**, Group 7; **Henry Huseman**, Inspection; **Leveta Longtin**, Group 4; **Ernest Marsh**, Utilities; **Harry McGinnis**, Group 3A; **Leona Mendenhall**, Group 9; **John O'Donnell**, Inert Storage; **Richard Parks, Jr.**, Utilities; **Elvyn Planing**, Guards; **William Reichert**, Guards; **Frances Roberts**, Group 9; **Glenn Rub**, Group 2; **Ralph Sexton**, Guards; **Elva Thomas**, General Office; **Jacob Wechsler**, Hospital; **Frank Wesley**, Inert Storage; **Jacob Williams**, Group 66; **Edith Zandiginconio**, Group 7.

December 25

Jean Beber, Group 5; **John Belasich**, Group 3; **Orpall Bever**, Utilities; **Roy Chaplin**, Group 4; **John Christopoulos**, Utilities; **Lazarus Cohler**, Hospital; **Noel Cox**, Inert Storage; **Dan Decker**, Group 3; **Dorothy Donahue**, Group 6; **William Evans, Jr.**, Utilities; **Thomas Flaherty**, Group 5; **Carl Gerdes**, Utilities; **John Gilmoure**, Inert Storage; **Lumir Glodowski**, Guards; **Leonard Golle**, High Explosives; **Zepha Gullion**, Utilities; **Alice Hallis**, Group 5; **William Hayden**, High Explosives; **William House**, Utilities; **Frank Hynd**, Group 1; **Ralph Hanchinske**, Group 3; **Robert Kelly**, Group 1; **Stella Largen**, Group 9; **Noel Longtin**, Group 3A; **Richard Magee**, Group 1; **Leona Marron**, Group 9; **Victor Melbourne**, Group 2; **Chester Moberly**, Inert Storage; **Marie Mock**, Group 1; **Dyas Moore**, Utilities; **Edgar Moseley**, Utilities; **George Parrys**, Accounting; **Ervel Pattengale**, Guards; **Margie Paul**, Group 8; **Mary Pell**, Group 5; **Gene Phillips**, Guards; **Marion Platt**, Group 1; **Lloyd Reed**, Group 3; **Hugh Robb**, Salvage Superintendent; **Franklin Roberts**, Group 2; **Mary Shekey**, Group 7; **Verna Slenker**, Group 7; **Stewart St. Elmo**, High Explosives; **Guy Tremper**, Group 1; **Joseph Zink**, Group 1.

December 26

Eleanor Bortkewicz, Group 9; **Raymond Bryant**, Accounting; **Margaret Burris**, Group 9; **Raymond Dale**, Inspection; **Jess Darling**, Group 3; **John Downes**, Utilities; **Richard Eklund**, Group 1; **Michael Evans**, Utilities; **Delmar Jense**, Utilities; **Anthony Kodrick**, Group 1; **Arthur LaFond**, Group 3A; **Jean Mohr**, Payroll; **Shirley Nims**, Group 9; **Marjorie Norman**, Group 9; **George O'Reilly**, Production Planning; **Helen Seeman**, Group 5; **Harold Sublett**, Ordnance; **John Synowic**, Group 1.

December 27

Dorothy Arnold, Group 9; **John Bentkowski**, Group 2; **Aubrey Brown**, Ordnance; **Barbara Burgess**, Group 7; **William Christensen**, Utilities; **Florence Dent**, Group 9; **Rose Disalvo**, Group 5; **F. J. Dunterman**, Personnel; **Helen Duvall**, Accounting; **Robert Findlay, Sr.**, Group 1; **Fred Ford, Jr.**, Inert Storage; **John Green**, Ordnance; **Virginia Harsha**, Group 9; **Grace Henry**, Group 7; **Joseph Jasper**, Group 4; **Lorraine Kerouas**, Group 5; **Rose Knowles**, Group 6; **Frances Kokaly**, Group 5; **Steve Kokas**, Group 1; **Frances Krenn**, Group 1; **Henry LeClaire**, Group 1; **James Liles**, Guards; **Christina Long**, Group 7; **John Meditz**, Inert Storage; **Gladys Miller**, Group 5; **Esther O'Connor**, Group 4; **Palmer Overholt**, High Explosives; **Anna Percich**, Group 5; **Jeannette Prelec**, Group 4; **John Reid**, Guards; **George Roach**, Group 61; **Bruce Southcombe**, Timekeeping; **Bettie Stalzer**, Ordnance; **John Swift**, Utilities; **Evelyn Voltik**, Personnel; **Delphine Vota**, Group 7; **Joseph Weber**, Group 1; **George Woodburn**, Group 61.

December 28

Ruby Armstrong, Group 7; **Evelyn Bates**, Group 4; **Lyle Bauer**, Group 5; **Pauline Brethorst**, Group 1; **Tony Bucciarelli**, Utilities; **Bessie Bumgarner**, Group 9; **Walter Butler**, Production Planning; **Mary Fogarty**, Group 4; **Frank Gaglione**, Group 2; **C. J. Goebel, Jr.**, Guards; **Loren Hanabarger**, Group 1; **Edna Hyatt**, Utilities; **Homer Kittrell**, Group 3-A; **Howard Lopeman**, Group 1; **Robert Lindsey**, Utilities; **Jacob Lucht**, Group 1; **Ann Melovic**, Ordnance; **Leonard Moran**, Group 3; **James J. Murphy**, Equipment Checkers; **Norman Myers**, Group 3; **Ralph Runyon**, Group 1; **Veryl Schmidt**, Group 3; **Roy Smith**, Maintenance; **Emerson Sperling**, Engineering Department; **Florence Stuckey**, Group 9; **Christopher Tarran, Sr.**, Group 3-A; **Leo Trickler**, Inert Storage; **Anton Troha**, High Explosives; **Marie Vanderwall**, Group 6; **Joseph Wolf**, Guards; **Mabel Wood**, Group 4.

December 29

Richard Ashworth, Material Warehouse; **William Bell**, Group 2; **James Bryant**, Group 1; **E. J. Bucciarelli**, Group 5; **Edith Sone Calhoon**, Group 7; **Nolan Carnett**, Group 1; **Helen Conley**, Group 8; **Francis Cushing**, Group 6; **John F. Dolan**, Payroll; **Howard Feldman**, Group 61; **Cornelius Hengels**, Utilities; **August Henke**, Inert Storage; **Noble Hinds**, Group 1; **Gordon Hunt**, Utilities; **Charles Johnson**, Group 61; **Virgil Knupp**, Guards; **Frank Lardi**, Utilities; **Seveno Leggero**, Utilities; **Frank Liker**, Group 2; **Jeannette Maas**, Group 8; **Carl Medin**, Purchasing; **Lamberta Merideth**, Group 9; **Elmer Mulhall**, Utilities; **Almeron Newell**, Utilities; **Lottie Nowosielski**, Group 4; **Francis Oram**, Group 3A; **Eleanor Papineau**, Group 5; **Herbert Pinnick**, Group 4; **Joseph Reynolds**, Group 3; **Joseph Ruskusky**, Utilities; **Roy Schmidt**, Inspection; **Aura Secor**, Accounting; **Ruel Waggener**, Group 61.

December 30

Frank Ashenbrener, Inert Storage; **Irene Barber**, Group 7; **E. F. Benedict**, Personnel; **Robert Beshoar**, Inert Storage; **Daniel Callahan**, Utilities; **LeRoy Collins**, Group 1; **Albion Delander**, Payroll; **Christine Franklin**, Group 7; **Celia Guindon**, Group 5; **Donald Hart**, Group 3; **Martin Kunkel**, Guards; **Oliva Marcotte**, Group 5; **Dorothy Parks**, Group 1; **Margaret Planton**, Group 9; **Vivian Price**, Group 9; **John Remley**, Group 2; **Grace Stevens**, Group 5; **Carl Testa**, Group 2; **Margaret Wyse**, Group 9.

December 31

John Alberts, Guards; **Evelyn Blaydes**, Payroll; **Armand Bouchard**, Guards; **Margaret Buchar**, Group 9; **Porter Cassady**, Guards; **Clare Cosgrove**, Guards; **Vera Davis**, Group 9; **Helen Giasson**, Group 9; **R. C. Glasshagel**, Utilities; **Clarice Gregorich**, Group 1; **Mary Horn**, Group 7; **Dorothy Malnar**, Group 9; **Elmer Martinson**, Guards; **Joseph Matl**, Utilities; **E. L. McDonald**, Utilities; **Norma Morey**, Group 8; **Edward Nemanich**, Ordnance; **Robert Otte**, Group 4; **Ruthe Petersen**, Group 1; **Hamilton Pool**, Group 3; **William Przybylski**, Group 3A; **Elyah Pugh**, Utilities; **Raymond Rowan**, Timekeeping; **Howard Schafer**, Guards; **Gladys Schofield**, Accounting; **Julia Sefelk**, Group 4; **George Stanfield**, Utilities; **Michael Sullivan**, Utilities.

January 1

Abraham Agamy, High Explosives; **Rose Anderson**, Group 7; **Robert Awe**, Group 1; **William Bell**, Accounting; **Francine Buldak**, Group 4; **Alice Busby**, Group 1; **Lawrence Cochran**, Group 2; **Joseph DeZutti**, Inert Storage; **Maxine Emm**, Group 4; **Ralph Emrick**, Guards; **Raymond Foursythe**, Group 2; **John Goodson**, Group 3A; **Gerald Hebert**, Group 1; **Martin Hilliard, Jr.**, Guards; **Wayne Ireland**, Utilities; **Rose Kahn**, Group 6; **Andrew Kennedy**, Utilities; **Dewey Kennington**, Utilities; **Margaret Krnac**, Group 6; **Nettie Lustik**, Group 1; **Joseph Machovec**, Group 3A; **Marian Murphy**, Group 1; **Isabelle Nash**, Group 5; **Jean Oliver**, Payroll; **Theresa Papesh**, Group 7; **Demetrios Roglokos**, Utilities; **LaVern Seeman**, Utilities; **Florence Shipp**, Ordnance; **Joseph Shoudis**, Utilities; **Calvin Studyvin**, Group 1; **Catherine Tenn**, Group 8; **Ronald Toothman**, Group 3; **Margaret Trudeau**, Group 9; **Ralph Williamson**, Inspection; **Anton Yedlicka**, Utilities.

January 2

Alexander Becker, Ordnance; **Paul Charbonneau**, Utilities; **Charles Dalmaris**, Group 1; **John L. Fitzpatrick**, Group 3A; **Merrick Flamini**, Utilities; **Marjorie Hancasky**, Ordnance; **Grace Henderson**, Group 4; **John Howen**, Group 1; **Raymond Koehler**, Group 3A; **Arvid Larson**, Inert Storage; **Mary Maglera**, Group 9; **Clyde Mayfield**, Group 3-A; **Emmet McCloskey**, Utilities; **Millard Miller**, Utilities; **Lois Morrison**, Group 1; **Jerome Oliver**, Group 8; **John Parkinson**, Guards; **Irene Patnaude**, Group 5; **Jeannette Perusky**, Group 9; **Olga Pubentz**, Group 9; **Edward Rashid**, Group 61; **Clara Reif**, Group 4; **Verne Shelley**, Inspection; **Sadie Simpson**, Group 6; **Thelma Uppling**, Group 4; **Erma Walker**, Group 5.

January 3

Mack Abrams, Guards; **Trixie Allen**, Ordnance; **William Babich**, Group 3; **Ralph Beallis**, Group 3A; **Ruth Burdette**, Group 5; **L. D. Corneglio**, Group 1; **Forrest Davis**, Group 68; **Lawrence Dobson**, Group 8; **Ray Easton**, High Explosives; **Theodore Ehmen**, Guards; **Adelaide Fisher**, Group 5; **Louise Hall**, Group 7; **Herman Henning**, Group 1; **Rose Horvath**, Group 1; **Charles Irving**, Engineering Department; **Mike Kuhorik**, Utilities; **Lucille Line**, Group 7; **Frank Marek**, Fire Department; **Carol McOwan**, Group 9; **Dale Painter**, Guards; **John Painter**, Utilities; **Marjorie Pruett**, Group 5; **Charles Robbins**, Group 3; **Mary Senffner**, Group 4; **Edward Solley**, High Explosives; **Loren Trovillion**, Group 1.

First EOP WAAC Here for Visit Sets Area Agog

Lt. Alice Pichon Describes Army Life for Girls

All EOP women left their typewriters AWOL to get a look at **Lt. Alice Pichon** of the U. S. Army, first employee to leave for the WAACS and the first to pay a return visit.

After giving Lt. Pichon's all-wool uniform and honest-to-goodness leather shoulder bag the once-over, every woman was filling out a mental application at the nearest recruiting station.

Alice cheerfully answered all questions puzzling civilian women about the WAACS. For example, the gold bar on her shoulder means that she is a third officer and is addressed as lieutenant. She is not on furlough, but ten-day officer's leave. All women enter the WAACS now as auxiliaries at $50 a month and officer material is selected from them. WAACS are not trained in the use of firearms.

Four months ago Alice was a girl in a white uniform supervising the private dining room at the Cafeteria. Today she is an army officer ready to supervise army mess halls, thereby releasing a man tied to the apron strings for active service.

Hours Are Long

Consider these facts before you throw your alarm clock out the window and acidly tell your husband that the Army will appreciate your cooking. When Alice finished her basic training she took a special officers' mess course which prepared her for future assignments. The outline of her typical day makes a 48 hour week look like a real pink tea party. This is the Army, Miss Jones. Up and at 'em at 4 o'clock (a. m., not p. m.), dress in the dark so the 5:30 risers aren't disturbed, make your bed and straighten your area (it's still dark). Then heigh-ho and off to work you go in the kitchen from 5 until 12:30 noon. That afternoon nap doesn't enter the life of a WAAC. There are daily classes from 1:30 to 4:30. Nothing to do after classes but cram for the inevitable four-hour exam and prepare a term paper.

But the spartan feat comes once a week when an extra eight-hour stint is required at the consolidated mess hall (the largest mess hall). Alice started in again at 10 at night and worked until 8 the next morning. And you don't have to have advanced calculus to figure that that rounds out 28 hours without hitting the hay. Frailty, thy name is not WAAC.

Of course, if the business of bakers and cooks sounds a little too tough for you, you might lend your talents to the two other major divisions of work done by the WAACs, motor transportation and administrative. If you're an officer you only have to worry and supervise the work done by auxiliaries. The bitter is mixed with the sweet. The officer gets a private room in the officers' quarters, has no hour restrictions when off duty and gets to date commissioned men.

The biggest difference between Army life and civilian life is Army courtesy and discipline. That salute, with the same requirements as the men's army, takes hours of practice before a mirror. The WAAC must salute whether she is in civilian clothes or uniform. Civilian clothes may be worn off the post if off duty. Contrary to rumors circulating about the men's Army, KP duty is not given as punishment.

Praises Women Workers

Officers are not subjected to formal inspection, but somebody has a word or two to say about an unpressed uniform. That razor edge press is not put there by a solicitous tailor, but by the WAACS' own work with a pressing cloth and iron. Make-up and nail polish must be inconspicuous and those glamour locks must clear the collar.

After EOP took a look at Alice, she took a look at EOP. She made her first visit to the lines. "Although the women here aren't an organized unit as we are, everyone is sincerely impressed by the fine work that they are doing. Pictures in *The Bomb-Shell* showing women doing men's jobs have won the admiration of all of us," said Lieutenant Pichon in tribute to EOP's women workers.

And do women like the Army? With the number of women that find their way to Fort DesMoines every day, drafting is not a thing of the immediate future.

Novices Report For Bowling as Interest Grows

Girls Plan League; Choral Group Call Issued for Singers

By Edward L. Walkup
Director of Recreation

In a special match game bowled November 17 Group 6 defeated Group 7. After losing the first game by almost 100 pins Group 6 came back strong.

Group 6			
Clark	152	144	123
Gianopoulos	203	178	167
Truka	137	162	159
Liebelt	149	167	178
Engle	130	139	173
Group 7			
Jett	168	120	137
Ellis	222	137	113
Farrington	186	174	163
Olson	200	125	157
Andrews	170	162	167

The Safety Department defeated the Bus Drivers three games December 1. **Jim Hart** had high score with 567 while **Johnny Hennessey** shot 501 for the Bus Drivers.

Safety			
Hack	130	104	139
Hart	170	143	194
Crowther	138	145	166
Murphy	224	166	188
Low Score	86	122	105
Bus Drivers			
Pratt	114	122	126
Hossack	138	138	172
Hayes	86	122	105
Hennessey	157	153	191
Dallesandro	121	124	133

The Investigators started things rolling along and defeated the Government Auditing team three games December 2. The winners scored 2215 pins while the losers were garnering 1811.

Investigators			
Shelling	160	...	104
Walsh	166	133	117
McKay	160	129	159
Griffin	133	171	217
Watt	143	151	155
Wetherford	...	117	...
Bus Drivers			
Gunchin	176	127	118
Hahn	127	108	101
Odchodnicky	121	111	115
Eckberg	122	175	152
Kadlec	93	133	132

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

It was just learned that **Lloyd Baughman** of Group 2 has three sons in the service.

Bob Mobus left Group 2 to go to Group 1. There are girls working in Group 1.

According to the papers a few inspectors may come back from the Army. **Clem Birch**, among others, for being over 37.

Walter Houdlett's case of *housemaid's knees* is fully recovered. Walt and the doctor are feudin'.

Tom Todd says you're 1A if you can hear thunder or see lightning —or, so the draft board told him.

Ody Golden's winter complexion has more color than **W. C. Field's** nose.

Ira Pearson's new cap makes him resemble a woodpecker (with inspector's green pants). In that cap he'll never be shot for a moose.

It is reported that **Bob Schmitz** is going to recommend **Bob Lehnig** and **Roger Lotz** for Chemical Warfare School.

Betty Roge, former inspector in Group 8, is now employed by Lockheed in California making wings for airplanes.

Notice that big smile **Lucille Dobak** is wearing lately? That goes with a letter from the boy friend, and along that line, **Julia Seelinger** heard from her husband, too. He's somewhere in the Pacific.

A number of Ordnance Department inspectors were transferred to the S. & P. Inspection Department November 16. Among them are **Lawrence Meyers**, Inert Storage; **Homer Peters**, High Explosive Areas, and **Jerry Shirtino**, their assistant.

Dorothy Bick, Group 8, left the Inspection Department to become an EOP girl driver.

The EOP Guide Post

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Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Transportation Wanted—EOP employee desires transportation by automobile either Wednesday evening, December 23, or Thursday morning, December 24, to Galesburg, Ill. Will share expenses. Telephone Joliet 2-4464, **B. Carlson**, not later than Tuesday, December 22.

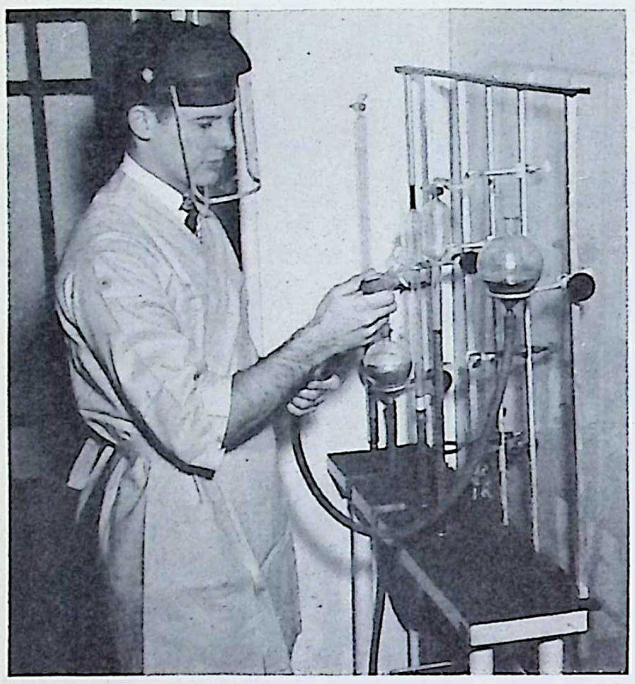
Ride Wanted—From the vicinity of 63rd Street and Cicero Avenue, Chicago, to EOP. Working 7:30 to 3:30 from December 14 to 26. Call **Donald Sutton**, Group 6, Line 3158.

For Sale—'36 Dodge half-ton panel truck. Seats 10. Reasonable. See **W. Lindner**, Group 1, Building 13, Bay 14.

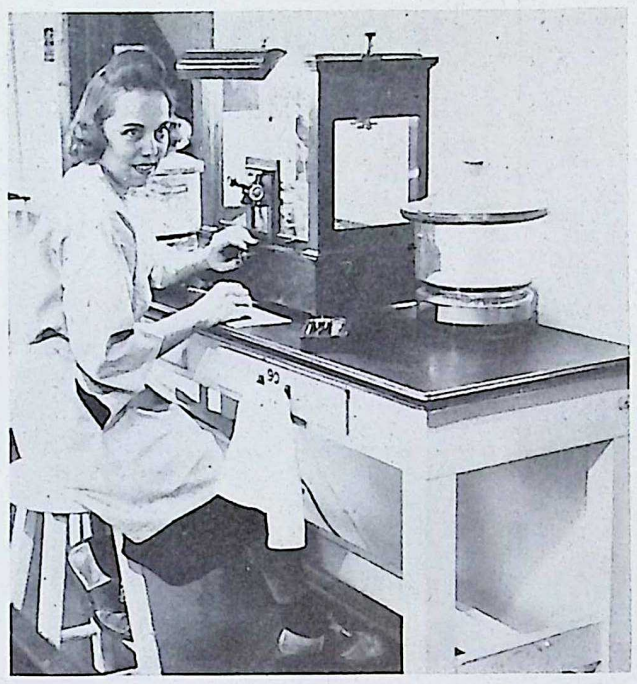
Rider Wanted — From Braidwood-Wilmington. Regular shift 7:30 to 3:30. Call **Wesley Sargent**, Boiler Room, Group 4.

For Sale—'32 Chevrolet. New tires. Economical, full tank of gas and "A" card. See **Bernard Boos**, Group 3, Building 4, third floor.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

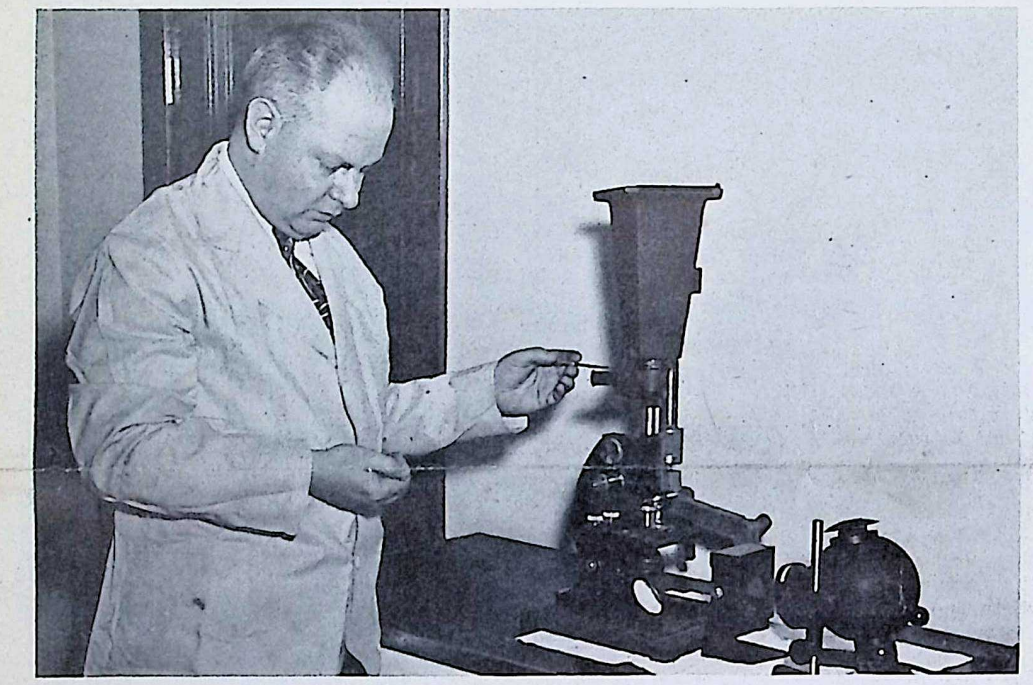


SMOKELESS powder's nitrogen content is being determined by Ronald Beck, Government chemist, on nitrometer at High Explosives Laboratory.

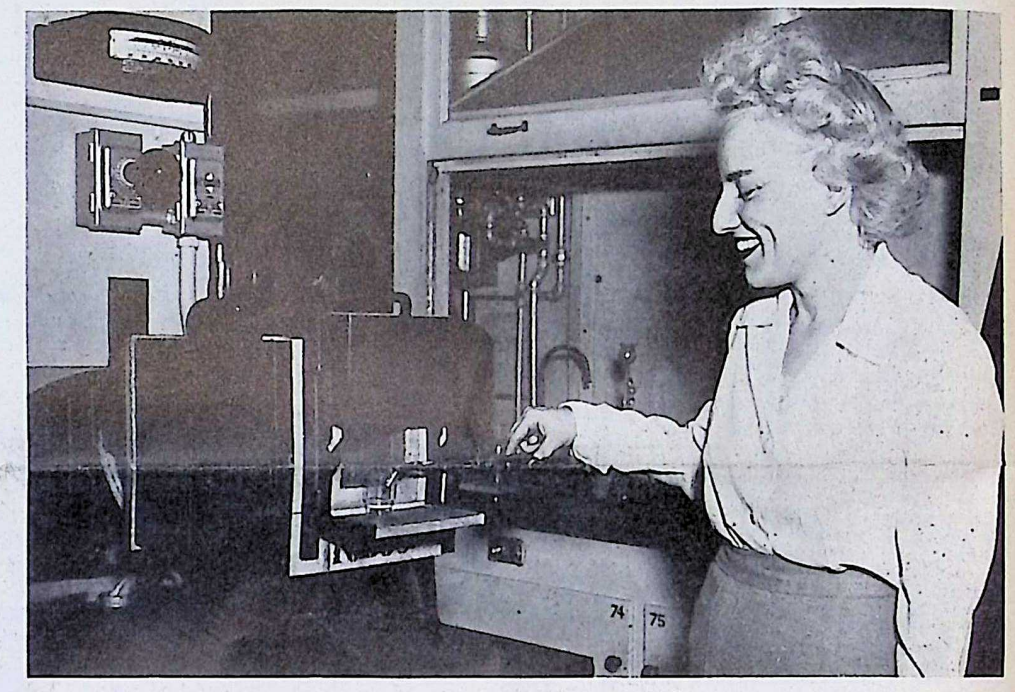


WEIGHING explosives is one of the assignments of Bobbie Bridwell, chemist, shown here operating a telescopic damped balance.

SENSITIVITY of TNT is ascertained on this drop test explosion meter, operated here by Palmer Overholt (right) and Nelson Tippett, chemists.



MICRO-PHOTOGRAPH of minute TNT crystals is being taken by Raymond Hybarger, assistant chief chemist at the High Explosives Laboratory. The camera makes the picture through a high-power microscope.



PERCENTAGE OF ASH in organic matter, TNT and other explosives is determined by this thermostatically controlled electric muffle furnace. Marcia Mitchell, chemist, is shown making a test.

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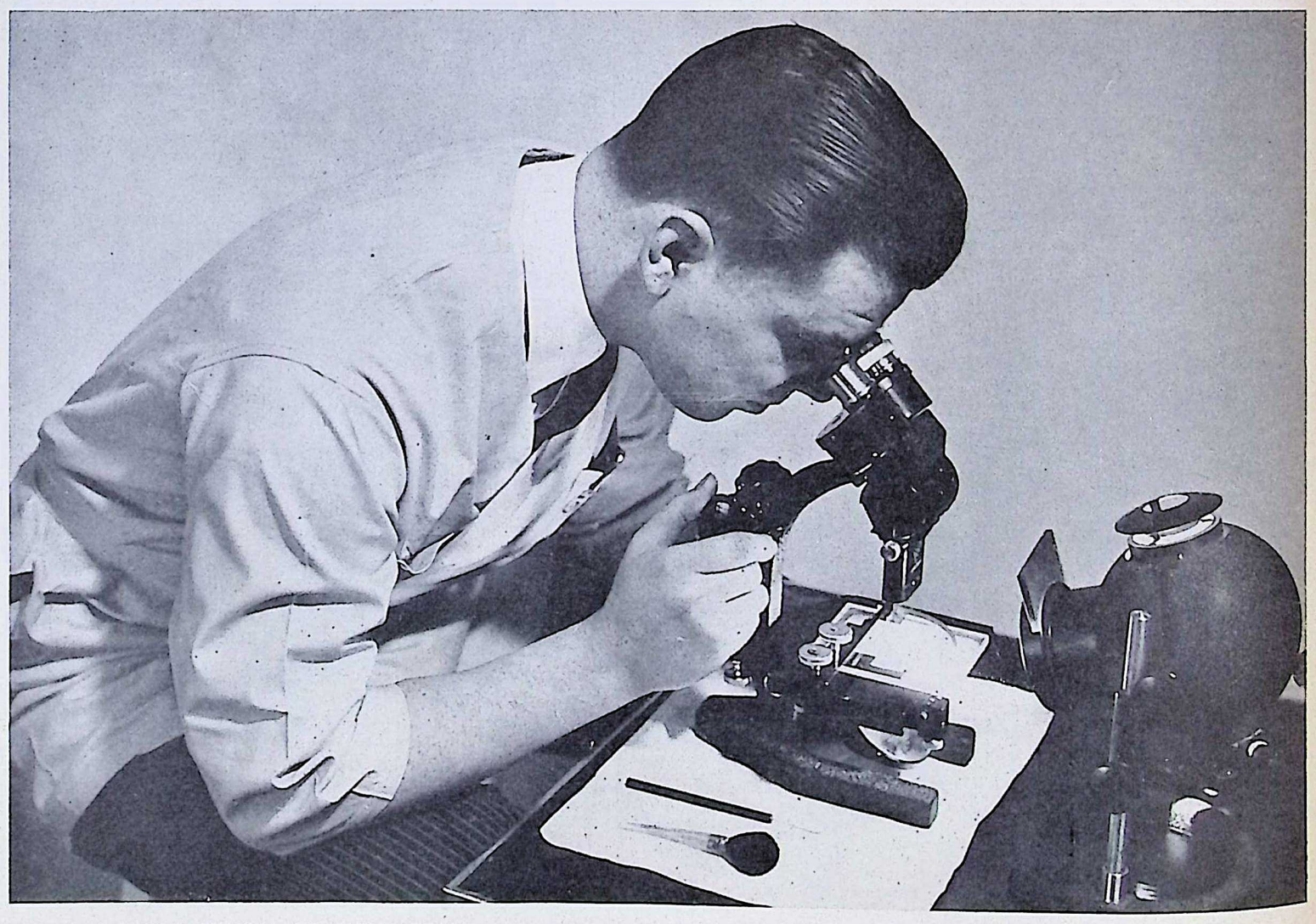

MICROSCOPIC STUDY OF EXPLOSIVES is an important part of the daily work of the chemists at the High Explosives Laboratory. Ford Teeter, chemist, is pictured here looking intently at the crystal structure of ammonium nitrate, one step in determining the purity of the explosive. A double-lensed microscope and powerful spotlight are used.

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Flexible War Production Is Victory Need

Commanding Officer Explains Necessity For Quick Changes

"Since war is fluid, our war production must be flexible," said **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer, in a statement to EOP employees.

Major Haber's statement follows:

"War, on the production line and the front line, is constantly changing.

"It would be grand if we could unroll a 100 per cent detailed plan of victory and tell ourselves; we will fit each man and woman into one special job and keep them there for the duration.

" 'We will fight this war exactly thus and so; we will handle war production exactly this way.'

"It just can't be done.

"After nearly a year's defensive fighting, we have begun a vigorous offensive against the Nazis and the Japs.

"Each day's offensive fighting brings with it new requirements for the weapons of war. These new requirements of the Using Arm place a changing demand upon us to be as flexible in our production as combat troops are in utilizing what we produce.

"Generally speaking, we must now emphasize the weapons of offense and ease off on the weapons of defense.

"The English have slackened production of anti-aircraft ammunition because 20 consecutive days recently passed without a single anti-aircraft gun being fired in the British Isles.

"Elwood is so close a part of the War Production Plan that its scheduling must reflect these changes as promptly as a thermometer reflects temperature change. It is sometimes confusing, but our contributions to the total plan will be in large measure determined by the willingness and understanding with which we adapt ourselves to these variable needs of the war as it progresses.

"We too are letting the course of war shape the use we make of our limited raw materials.

"Lately, the Army Air Forces have been getting the benefit of certain plant facilities which had been devoted to the Ordnance Department's mechanical time fuze program. It was wise and prudent to make this rearrangement. Elwood is one of these.

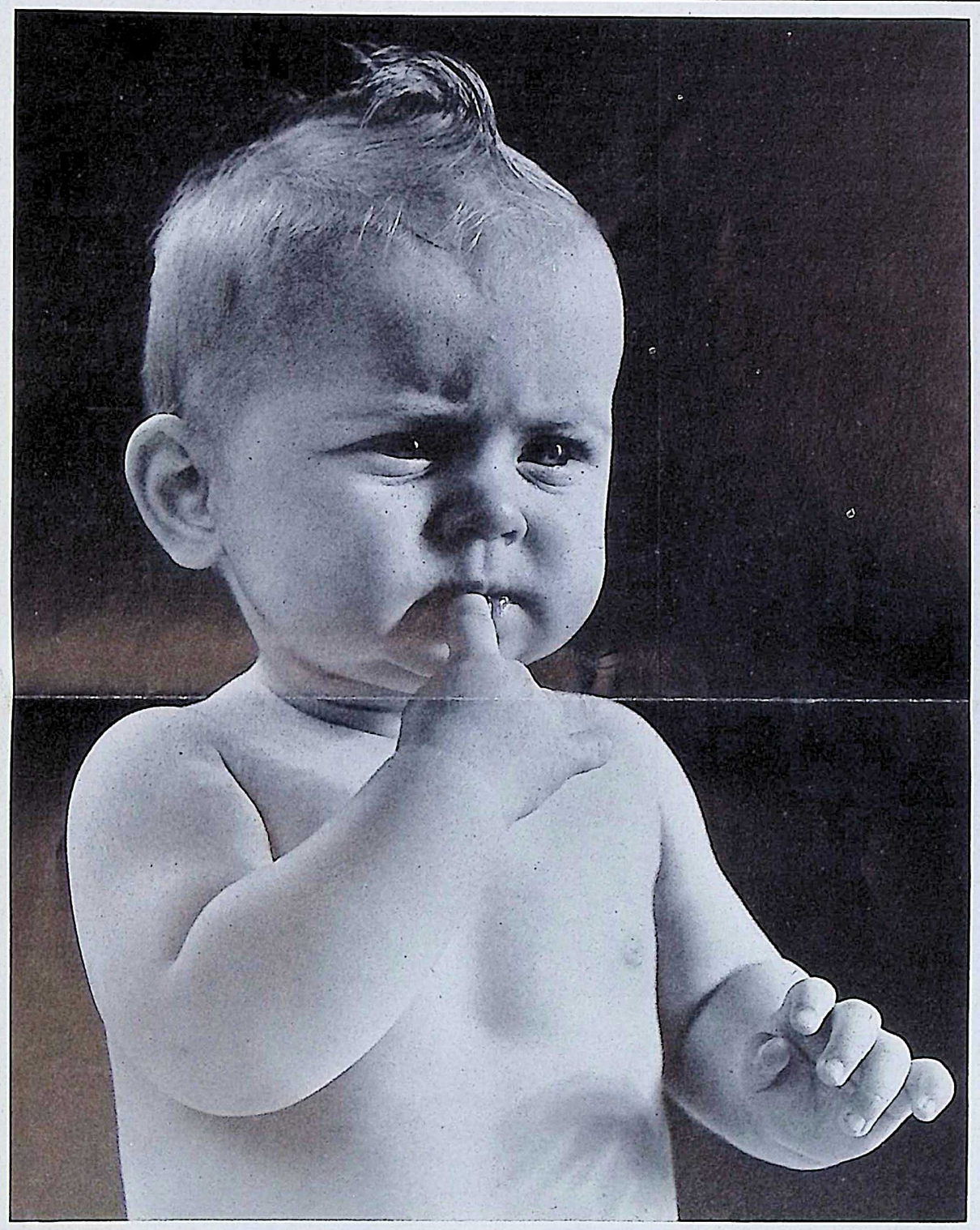
"Since war is fluid, our war production must be flexible.

"Some plants have surpassed our greatest expectations and their tremendous output has had to be balanced with the rest of production.

"We have avoided such things as turning out 100,000 steering wheels for 50,000 jeeps or 30,000 Bofors gun carriages for 20,000 Bofors guns. We have kept tank and gun production in line with the building of enough cargo ships to get them to the fighting fronts.

"All this means change, but it is not change based on confusion in the minds of our leaders. They have learned what we need to win our common victory. It is up to us to give them what they ask unselfishly that we may say honestly 'we too are combat troops.' "

Wishing You All a Victorious New Year!



NO, NOT A PICTURE of Scorchy at the age of six months, just a photograph of any youngster facing this puzzling year of 1943. It was selected from a large number of suggestions for the Page One spot of the January 1st issue of THE BOMB-SHELL because it seems to tell a story without words.

Names of Employees In Soldiers' Letters

If you're not reading the letters from former EOP men now in the armed forces on Page 3 of each issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, you're passing up a feature which has all the drama, humor and pathos of fiction . . . yet every word is true. The service men describe their daily life here and abroad, report their progress, reveal their hopes and aspirations, write poems, send greetings to specific individuals and ask for letters in return. You really can't afford to miss this regular feature. If your name is mentioned and you want the address of the writer, call *The Bomb-Shell* office . . . extension 4206 . . . and it will be furnished gladly.

A Resolution for the New Year:

We are determined that before the sun sets on this terrible struggle, *our flag* will be recognized throughout the *World* as a symbol of *freedom* on the one hand and of overwhelming power on the other.

Gen. G. C. Marshall
Chief of Staff

"T" Flag Awarded to EOP for Bond Buying

The bright blue flag flying just below Old Glory on the pole at the entrance to the Administration Building is called a "T" flag and was awarded to EOP because 10 per cent of their weekly earnings are being invested in War Bonds by the workers. The flag shows a minute man on a blue field.

Workers' Cars Now Carry Four Riders

The "Share the Ride" program at EOP is a success, with cars used for going to and from work carrying an average of almost four riders, it was announced by the Labor-Management Committee following a survey made December 15.

Average number of riders a car for each shift are: 11:30 p. m. to 7:30 a. m.—3.5; 7:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.—3.9; 3:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m.—4.1, for an overall average of 3.8 riders a car.

The average for all shifts in a survey made November 17 was 3.6 riders and members of the committee are pleased with the increase. Surveys are to be made monthly.

Budget Fixing Is Important For '43 Taxes

Payroll Deductions For Victory Tax to Begin January 7

Taxes will take a bigger part of each person's income during the weeks of 1943 than ever before, it is revealed by a table prepared in the comptroller's office with a view of giving each EOP employee a vivid picture of what will happen to his earnings next year.

The table totals the amounts citizens will pay for the Victory Tax, the old age benefit deduction and income tax. The Victory Tax can be figured accurately, as it is a deduction of 5 per cent from what you earn more than $12 a week. This deduction will begin next Thursday, when the first tax will be collected by the management for the Government on earnings of this week. This deduction will be made weekly throughout the year.

The old age benefit tax, likewise, is a payroll deduction. You are paying it now and have done so for several years. It is 1 per cent of your total earnings.

The income tax, however, can be estimated only, because there are so many variations in the exemptions and deductions available to each individual. Three classifications are set up: single persons, married persons with no dependents and married persons with two dependents. There are numerous others, of course, but the three selected can be used as a guide or estimate for the remaining.

Earnings for 1942 will not be reported until March 15, when income taxes will be computed and their payment will be due. Unless changes in the law are made between now and then, income taxes will be handled in 1943 as heretofore . . . in other words, quarterly payments will be possible.

Income taxes were included in the table of costs because, although they are a tax on what was earned in 1942, they must be paid in 1943 and therefore represent a direct cost on what you make in 1943.

Many persons are setting up a budget based on the higher taxes of 1943 and scaling their expenditures for other purposes to fit the lower net figure.

Regardless of what may develop in Congress in the next few weeks, it will be an act of wisdom for anyone to consider his tax situation at once and set up a new budget accordingly.

Weekly Earnings	Single	Married (No Dependents)	Married (2 Dependents)
$20.00	$2.55	$0.70	$0.70
24.00	3.54	.94	.94
28.00	4.51	1.95	1.18
32.00	5.48	2.92	1.42
36.00	6.46	3.90	1.66
40.00	7.53	4.98	2.45
45.00	8.75	6.20	3.64
50.00	10.03	7.42	4.86
55.00	11.40	8.64	6.08
60.00	12.77	9.86	7.30
70.00	15.51	12.55	9.74
80.00	18.25	15.29	12.33
90.00	21.13	18.03	15.07
100.00	24.27	20.77	17.81
110.00	27.41	24.06	20.55

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A Few Words to Absentee Employees

Absenteeism is not unusual at Elwood Ordnance Plant. However, we believe the peak was reached on Saturday, December 26, 1942, when 2,877 employees preferred staying away from their jobs to doing their part in the efforts to meet this plant's obligation to the men who are on the fighting fronts.

The statement has been made that man for man and woman for woman, this section of the United States exceeds any other section of our country in intelligence and devotion to the principles for which this war is being fought. We wonder! Do you wonder?

The Bomb-Shell is received by most of the more than 2,000 men now in the armed services who formerly gave their energies to making this plant a success. It is being read by enemy agents who will be glad to report that 25 per cent of the people engaged in war work are *more* interested in their personal comfort than in victory of our armed forces. It will make pleasant reading to whom? Do you think the soldiers will like it? Do you think the Axis agents will like it? Take your choice.

It occurs to us too, that there is something radically wrong with your point of view. Is this not your war? Or is it the other fellow's war? Is it a sons' war and not a fathers' war? Is this country and its way of living being preserved for you and your children or for your neighbor and his children? Do you think you and your children will escape the results if we should be so unfortunate as to lose this war? Do you know that the only way we can win is to work together with all the energy we possess?

Just think this over you 2,877 absentees! Talk the subject over with your family and arrive at a considered opinion.

There are many fine men and women who are glad to make every sacrifice in order that this plant may discharge its obligation. If they are required to work harder in order to accomplish the desired ends because you prefer to "take it easy," have no fear, *they will do it.* But they have a right to know what is expected of them. Your supervisors have a right to know what they can expect of you in the way of strict attendance. Will you please think this over, too?

Congratulations, Neighbors!

Speaking in behalf of the commanding officer and his staff, the Sanderson & Porter organization and all the men and women soldiers of ordnance at Elwood Ordnance Plant, *The Bomb-Shell* extends cordial congratulations to neighboring Kankakee Ordnance Works on its possession of the highly-prized Army-Navy "E" award for war production. The flag flying above the plant and the individual "E" emblems worn by each employee are high honors and we are proud of our neighbors.

The Burning Pit

By Mrs. Scorchy

I know you will all be dreadfully sorry to learn that your dutiful scribe and my one and only husband is sick in bed and unable to pour forth what he thinks are his very uplifting remarks to you, his Public, in this issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

Although I haven't consulted the family's prolific (to me terrific) paragraph builder, I am sure it is my duty to bring you at this time what would undoubtedly be his enlightening message-of-the-day, if he were but able to sit up, take nourishment and sputter forth with his usual mess of wordy wisdom.

And now for a few words about Scorchy himself. It goes back to the day before Christmas when he had an extremely busy day at the plant. I think it is a shame the way they work that poor man. He was scheduled to work until 3:30 p. m. on that Yuletide threshold, but, mercy me, he did not get home until 8 p. m. and with his health impaired.

It seems that during his heroic efforts to keep EOP at the front of the parade, one of those nasty shells rolled against his ankle and the poor dear had considerable difficulty making his way up the narrow path to our little Nifty Niche In the Dell. As though his injured ankle were not enough grief for the day before Christmas, he was also suffering from *"the powder"* which had a peculiar action on his throat. It sounded to me like hiccups, but with that innocent look in his eyes, he told me he had been peering into a mixing kettle that afternoon, and had breathed in some of the fumes. He was a bit drowsy, and even though the Christmas tree was yet to be trimmed, it seemed only a loving wife's duty to let the poor exhausted man have his 40 winks before thrusting him into his Christmas Eve chores.

His sleep was restless, punctuated with frequent elevations of a crooked right arm, and nasty references to a gentleman by the name of Finn. I think Mr. Finn's name was Michael or Nicky, probably Nicholas, but to tell the truth the pronunciation was not very clear. I am sure in my own mind that this despicable person, Mr. Finn, was one of those nasty men who tried to keep my darling Scorchy from setting another production record at EOP.

Further along, in this somnambulant soliloquy, other Elegant, Omniscient Personages (isn't that cute—E—, O—, P—) were mentioned. There was some difficulty in understanding them clearly, but it seems as though he was talking about such famous ones as Milton McShane and Bernard Treitel, for whom Scorchy seemed to have no time whatsoever.

The next victim of this partially audible indictment was a fiery demon whose name at first sounded like Clockwork, but maybe it was Lockwood, at any rate, there was a quick connection between this gentleman and Simon Legree, but you know how a man is when he is sick, to say nothing of being delirious.

Came the dawn, the Christmas tree was still untrimmed, but it was such a relief to learn that your and my Scorchy had that last evening been suffering only from a severe case of occupational indisposition. It is true he could partake of only a small bit of the Christmas goose which we had planned for those many weeks, but the realization that my idol was recovering from such an heroic struggle of the previous 24 hours made it a delightful pleasure to render unto him many doses of fizzing medicines (I don't know much about those funny drug store names) which he prescribed for himself with seemingly masterful confidence.

During those sunny days of convalescence, I learned much about EOP that I had never known before. There was never any doubt in my mind that Scorchy has gone unrecognized these many months and those bedside filibusters of his served only to prove it.

He and I are agreed that there is no good reason why he should not be appointed Assistant Superintendent of Feed-the-Corn-to-the-Pheasants under the joint supervision of Mr. Clockwork (Lockwood) and Mr. Manchester; failing in that important appointment, his literary talents could be used as Editor-in-Chief of "How-to-Write the Right Letter to Mr. Harrison Smith or Mr. W. E. Canniff"; his ten-year old subscription to "Commercial Law in Ten Easy Lessons" should make him an excellent candidate for the job of "Advisor on How to Get Your Check When Comptroller John J. Cole Has a Garnishee Notice Against It" (I'm told that's a neat trick, my friends).

As this paragraph leaps into print Scorchy is now asleep and from here on I am on my own. He is resting peacefully—and *wasn't* it a Merry Christmas!

I have written . . . a poem!

Personnel Data

Each morning 'bout 9 we begin
with glee,
And open the doors of personality,
With excitement we wait for our
first customer,
And discover he's in search of a
mere transfer.

Next comes the man with blood
in his eyes,
Angry, disgusted and full of despise,
We question and examine his case
three-fold
To determine which doctor shall
cure his cold.

You no sooner be seated, the telephone rings,
Numbers, names and groups are
important things,
We serve and service all kinds of
ills
From badges and tires to unpaid
bills.
Courtesy is the watchword and
motto for us;
Be pleasant and cheerful without
too much fuss;
This department is the beginning
and end
Of every man's desire to aid and
defend.

—**Helen M. Bardi**
Personnel Department

A Mother's Prayer

You gave him to me, God,
A tiny baby boy,
A life to love and cherish,
To let nothing destroy.

He was my everything,
That little baby boy,
My hopes, my dreams—
And above all, my pride and joy

Today he marched away,
A gun across his back,
A smile upon his lips,
And, my heart within his pack.

He's brave and true—
He'll make me proud, I know.
Loyal and courageous—
Just waiting his chance to go.

And if it be your will, God,
To take him back with you,
I'll keep my memories here,
And wait till you call me too.

—**Wanda Merritt**
Group 1

One and Three

Took a little trip
To see what I could see,
Saw 'em large and small
Each group from 1 to 63.

Saw what they did in 64,
Saw what they did in 2,
But as for me, you should see
Those explosives of 1 and 3.

Went through the Inert Stores
Which is a sight to see,
But nothing there can compare
With the explosives of 1 and 3.

Receptionists and stenos
Sure look good to me,
But lady clerks really work
On explosives in 1 and 3.

Our work is essential
As you will see,
But for a bomb to give 'em hell
Hats off to Number 3.

Huns, Japs and the Wops,
Take this tip from me,
I'm not lying, we keep 'em dying
With shells for Victory.

—**Harold "Tennessee" Sublett**
Guard, Group 1

P-ride

Oh, they gathered their bombers
together,
Then they blitzed Mr. Hitler in
glee!
And there wasn't a dud in the
whole d——d load . . .
For their labels read "E. O. P."!

Sure, they hammered the heck
outa Rommel,
When they crumpled his tanks,
Glory Be!
And the babies that did all the
damage, they say . . .
Were those pie-pans embossed
"E. O. P."!

From the Solomon Islands to
China,
Or from Kiska to far off Bombay;
Fighting men, you can bet, are all
SURE when they get
Ammunition that's stamped
"E. O. P."!

—**Jim Hart**
Safety Department

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Henry Risk has his "B" gasoline ration book now. He said, "Between hitch-hiking and sprinting a mile or two, I will have enough gas to get to work."

Frank Cassidy is well satisfied with his landing in Group 3. **Bill Maher** works close to Frank and claims to know this is true.

Memories of Yesterday

Ducks, pheasants and quail are a thing of the past unless, of course, one of the gay nimrods sneaks out to his favorite brush patch when the game warden is gone. Speaking of "wardens," head machinist **Vern Worden** is putting on weight (maybe because he doesn't get enough exercise since the hunting season has ended).

"Seats on the 50-yard line and was I sitting pretty," quotes **Frank Maher,** about the Great Lakes and Notre Dame football game. "Just me and a *spirit.*" He doesn't know who to thank for a good Thanksgiving dinner, or was it Christmas?

One of the Group 3 basketball fans finally got up enough nerve to post something for the publication.

He said Dougherty's Boys opened up their basketball season with a bang by taking the fast, clean, clever bunch of boys from the Chemistry Laboratory. Fread was the high point boy with five baskets. **Elmer Emanuelson** was right on his tail with three. Helmick, Struck and **Capt. Gus Juricic** all played a bang-up game. The score was 22 to 27.

In their next game they played the Fire Guards and won by a score of 23 to 17. Captain Juricic came through with four baskets to be the high scorer for this game.

Bob Hankes went in at center in the last half and he must have thought **"Dutch" Ahrens** was chasing him, for he made three baskets and really surprised the boys by being so fast.

The boys expect Group 3 to be a cinch for the plant championship, for they now have their flashy new blue and white uniforms.

Boys Send Holiday Greetings and Pleas to Keep Ammunition Rolling

One Writes a Poem; Another with Training Completed Says He's Ready to Obey Lockwood's "Give 'Em Hell"

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year for their friends and former associates at EOP marked the letters of former employees now in the armed forces received by *The Bomb-Shell.*

A V-mail Christmas card, bearing the greeting "Hauoli Makahini Hou," was received from **Corp. R. L. Fitzgerald,** who previously had sent in a snapshot of himself reading *The Bomb-Shell* somewhere in Hawaii. The picture was published in the September 11 issue of the paper.

From somewhere in New Guinea, **Pvt. Joseph Badorski** sent Christmas greetings to "all of you." He formerly worked in Building 10, Group 1, under **Bob Bryant** of Morris. "I received three of *The Bomb-Shells* already and I know all of them by heart," he wrote. "They bring back memories just to glance at them, and all the boys here look at them, too."

Protects His Country

"Noticed several articles from the boys overseas and that you were glad to hear from them," said **Pvt. Louis Kirkham.** "I am somewhere in the southwest Pacific on a tropical island. For some time we have had a bright full moon. The sky has been clear with the stars shining bright. I have composed a little poem. It may not be the best and there may be mistakes, but it is from *a soldier who has left his home to protect his country and keep the enemy far enough away so those at home can make and do things to keep him supplied so he can protect himself.*"

Private Kirkham's poem, under the heading of "A Soldier's Prayer," follows:

"As the sun goes down and taps are played,
It signifies the end of another day.
As we go about and prepare our cots,
Where we are to rest and sleep and dream what not.
As we gaze into a clear blue sky
And see bright stars twinkling high,
As the moonbeams on our faces softly play,
And we close our eyes, our prayers to say,
Dear God, grant us peace and quiet in your own dear way,
So, to our loved ones at home we may go to stay."

Pvt. Donald Allison, of a bomb squadron, writing from overseas to say thanks for his paper, said, "It makes a person feel good to read about the different groups and some of the men you knew, who are still working there. The plant would seem a little strange to me now, with all the women working there. I hear they even have women truck drivers now.

Sees EOP Bombs

"I guess the place has expanded since I left last December. The larger they make it, the more *they can produce to help finish this war.* The plant is known away over here, as *I have seen with my own eyes the EOP marking on those little tokens that we deliver to Hitler ever so often.* By the way, *they do just what they were made to do.*

"I was happy to see my name along with many others on the Honor Roll. I hope to get back to the plant when this war is over. I hope the plant continues to *do its great job without any let-downs.*"

From "down under," **Pvt. Fred Raltund** said, "tell the fellows in Building 13, Group 1, hello and *keep 'em rolling for the boys . . .* we appreciate mail and reading material down here."

Another letter from overseas, written by **Pvt. John Bonos,** said "please send my best wishes for the holidays to all the gang . . . the weather here has been very warm and sure wish you were all here to get this good sunshine."

Congratulates Victory Girl

"*I am sure if we had the Sanderson & Porter organization back of this mess, we would all be back much sooner,*" wrote **Marine Millard L. Neher,** who is in a replacement battalion at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. "I want to congratulate **Betty Foster** as EOP's Miss Victory.

Corp. Francis Galbraith, formerly employed in the High Explosives Department, is now stationed at the Army Air Base, Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga.

"When I left for the service, **A. M. Lockwood** shook hands with me and said, '*Son, give 'em hell.*' *I have had all my training and am ready to do same . . .* wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"I was recently transferred from Keesler Field, Mississippi, to attend teletype school at Chanute Field, Illinois," reported **Pvt. Jack L. Horn.** "There must have been quite a turnover of personnel in Group 1, since I worked there in Building 13. The names of the old gang, or the remnants of it, appear rather infrequently. I'd certainly like to hear from **Dan Phillips** and **Coy Bobbitt,** if they are still there.

"I'm at present in the hospital, with a bad cold and sinus, hence the terrible writing (done in bed). *The Bomb-Shell* was doubly welcome today, as time hangs rather heavily in the hospital."

George W. Roecker, formerly of Ordnance Inspection Department here, said he had been promoted to petty officer and is serving as a weatherman of the Navy Air Force on the U. S. S. Essex.

Pvt. Elmer Grewenig, formerly of Building 6, Group 3, is serving somewhere in England with the 323rd Bombing Squadron.

Drives a Jeep

"Tell the gang at Group 9 hello for me," asked **Pvt. Philip M. O'Neal,** stationed at Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb. "I am in the air corps as a mechanic. I will probably leave here in about a week. Tell **Bill Whaley** and "Doc" and the rest of the boys to *keep putting 'em out* and the boys in the air corps will put them where they do the most good."

"Say hello to anybody in Buildings 11 or 13 of Group 1 who still remembers me," was the request of **Pvt. Miles B. Farrell.** "It has been ten months since I was there, so I doubt if anyone knows me. I am in a medium tank company, but I have a job driving a jeep.

"I think your paper is very interesting and you had some pictures not long ago of the very benches where I worked, although girls are doing that job now. We have some guns in our division which *shoot the shells you make in Group 1.* We are on desert maneuvers in the great Mojave Desert. I would especially like to hear from **Supt. Ralph Emerson** and **Asst. Supt. Ivan Spinardi.**"

"Tell the boy and girl employees to keep 'em flying," wrote **Pvt. Ivan C. Nelson,** Army Air Force, Indianapolis, Ind., who said he was taking a specialist's course studying the Allison engine.

Expects Sea Duty

J. Philip Allison, former Government inspector in Group 1, wrote on December 14 that he expected to be graduated December 19 with a third class petty officer rating in aviation ordnance from a Navy school in Memphis, Tenn., and looked forward to sea duty soon thereafter.

"I believe a person enjoys *The Bomb-Shell* more when he is away from the plant than when there," Mr. Allison added. "The pictures are very good and interesting. **John Mazer,** former bay foreman in Building 13, Group 1, is here in aviation ordnance school and in the same barracks as I am. I enjoyed my visit to Group 1 while home back in September and am in hopes I can get a few days home after graduation, but doubt if we will even get the week-end off. I found ordnance work very interesting after my year's work at the plant.

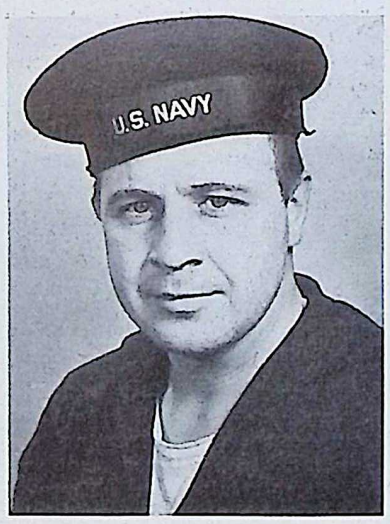
From the Field Artillery at Camp Blanding, Florida, **Pvt. Stephen J. Princko** sent wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to "you all." "I used to be with you boys in Buildings 4 and 16, Group 2, and hope you will *keep 'em rolling because I am one of the Army that will use your product,* especially the —— shells."

Private Princko said he hoped the boys in Group 2 would write and expressed pleasure at seeing his name on the Honor Roll, but announced it was spelled Princko and not Prinko.

Letters and cards also were received from: **Pvt. Harold J. Kapsch,** Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; **Lt. W. J. Durrenberger,** Davenport, Ia.; **Pvt. Sylvester Marchiniak,** Fort Ord, California; **Pvt. Hilbert Nelson,** Austin, Tex.; **Pvt. Joe Zaversnik,** Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; **Pvt. Ernest Kinzer,** Camp Carson, Colorado; **Mrs. Alfred Muzzarelli,** South Wilmington, Ill., who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Alfred J. Muzzarelli,** Fort Sam Houston, Texas; **Mrs. J. Jackinowski,** Joliet, Ill., who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Frank Jackinowski,** Camp Crowder, Missouri; **Mrs. Henry Hop,** Bradley, Ill., who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Henry Hop,** Cut Bank, Mont., and **Inez Walker,** Fairbury, Ill., who wrote in behalf of **George W. Walker,** Portsmouth, Va.

Koerner Selected to Attend Service School

James Edward Koerner, 31, formerly of 109 Schories Avenue, Joliet, Ill., has been graduated from recruit training as honor man of his company at the U. S. Naval Training Station here.



James E. Koerner

Employed for one and a half years as a bus driver in the Elwood Ordnance Plant, Joliet, Koerner left his job several weeks ago to enlist as fireman, first class. Through a series of aptitude tests given the 130 men of his company, he has been selected to attend one of the Navy's Service Schools.

Koerner left the training station to spend a leave in Joliet with his wife, **Gertrude,** and his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. John J. Koerner,** of 228 Richard Street.

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★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Keith Abbott
M. A. Ahlvin
Ralph Anderson
Floyd W. Arnold
W. Blietz
Melwood Dammann
W. F. Feely
Esther J. Finney
Glen R. Gustafson
Robert L. Hamlin
Sylvia Hamper
Robert E. Kasten
Harry Knarr
Fred Lancaster
T. M. Lazio
Raymond J. Marenda
James F. Moore
Henry D. Newlin
John F. Nowak
Francis B. Peterson
Milton O. Picknell
Donald H. Sutton
William R. Turndahl
James W. Walker
Norman White
George Zobel

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

1943 has arrived with all its hopes and renewed ambitions that a new year always brings. 1942 has become just a memory but what a memory. Do you remember?

January, 1942. Reluctantly going back to work after that gay New Year's Eve. Groups 27 and 3-A were being rushed to completion. **Norman White** was the first and only timekeeper to be hired during January. **Edward Balkin, John Zanzola, John Bevis** and **William Fowler** left for the Army. **Chuck DiPeso** was just learning how to cook and **Milton Treitel** was just starting to play handball.

February. The department was astounded to hear that **Robert Reid** was killed in an auto accident. **George Barr, John Donahue** and **Robert Waddell** first made their appearance on the payroll. **Lawrence Voss, Lyman Bidwell, Donald Phillips** and **Franklin Houser** left for the armed forces. Showers were being installed in order to recognize the men after plowing through all the mud. All construction was being rushed to completion.

March. Construction was continued for several weeks before being transferred to Operations. **Thomas Delockery** added his smiling face to the force while history was being made when **Veronica McHugh** became the first woman timekeeper at E.O.P. **Calvin De Fevre, William Stimor, Victor Minarich** and **Kay Frandsen** threw their hats in the ring. Spring was on the way with "General Mud" still in command.

April. Women, women, women. **Emily Kexel, Bessie East** and **Catharine Marin** followed Miss McHugh into the folds and the men wondered at this oddity. But women were taking their places. **Eugene Schuck** and **Frank Skole** joined the department while everyone began missing **Freddie Semitekel** who was flying for Uncle Sam. Easter was celebrated with solemnity in a war-torn world. **James Hynds** began his campaigning for sheriff.

May. The department was taken over by **Angeline Gunnerson.** It also became the month for an all time high in hiring employes. Production was increasing and so was the department when **Norman Ahrens, Zona Bond, Elizabeth Daniels, Maria Darin, Val De Grush, Donald Glasgow, Treva Kane, Frank Kopic, Ethel Lawrence, Eva Lien, Irene Morris, Jennie Murdie, William Rathford, Aura Secor, Anna Thomas** and **Fred West** crossed the threshhold. **Charles Shiffer, Lawrence Ressler, Michael Bollero, Howard Bezold** and **William Norris** were called to selective service.

June. Everyone eagerly looking forward to vacations. Splendid work of **Joe Petroske** in Group 2 explosion. **Kenneth Mitchell** and **Ellis Roberts** looking swell in khaki while **Nicholas Choronzy, Roy Christiansen, Edith Cuno, Clifford Day, Geraldine Graham, Helen Kelly, Stella Saddoris** and **Eva Sweda** became new members of the department.

July. Mr. Treitel, Timekeeping correspondent. Time Office being remodeled and redecorated. **Mary Ryan, Carl Parker** and **Harold Johnson** taking the fatal step. **John Borello, Samuel Briones, Ken Bryant, John Clark, Margaret Fitzhugh, Clarence Peet, Carl Sala** and **Gladys Schofield** being welcomed while goodbys were being said to **Ray Shepley, Harmon Cornelius, Edward Hendry** and **Leroy Shulenberg.**

August. Your correspondent put out his first column. **Judy Smith** taking wings. USO drive well over, timekeepers doing their part. Everyone wondering how they were going to get tires. Summer Carnival dance at Recreation Hall. **Lt. Edward Mack** commissioned as an officer. The fun filled picnic at Wilmington Park. **John Olstrem** returning to the University of Illinois. **Bernard McShane** celebrating his birthday. Vacation trip of Treitel, Sloan, Dames and Couch to New York. New Clockhouse at Group 1 completed. **John Ahearn, Harry Allen, James Bean, Helen Buck, Harold Champley, Helen Otis, Alfred Perley, Agnes Rivard, Alma Salzman, Otmar Senn, Ruth Stites** and **Shirley Van Dyne** discovering what time cards were. **James Brooks, Jeremiah Walsh, Lawrence McCann, Earol Cheyne** and **Harold Johnson** marching in step.

September. The wonderful party at Little Jack's in honor of timekeepers leaving for the armed forces. **Ray Bryant** passing out cigars. Timekeepers setting up fund for boys who leave for service. Round badges became taboo. **Cele Harte** returning to school. **John O'Connell's** vacation in New York. **Joe Fitzgerald, Arthur Howard, Robert Renoldi, Edwin Bentson, Raymond Hastings, Kent Casstevens, Carl Swanson, Robert Walling, Bertel Norking, Donald Riordin,** leaving for Army duty while **Bernard Bellot, Stanly Chapin, Virginia Conrad, Marcella Corbett, Elmer Decker, Marjorie Downs, Charles Gaby, Franklin Guest, LaVern Hahn** and **Lawrence Prodehl** replaced them.

October. **Ben Sloan** and **Norman Ahrens** became men of national prominence when their picture appeared in *Firepower.* Gas rationing in sight. Miss Victory contest begins. Hallowe'en dinner dance at Morris Country Club. **LaVern Hahn's** marriage. **Frank Zupancic** and **Doris Tatro** keeping time together. **T. Albright, Louise Ardolino, William Beamen, Albert Berard, Mary Geiba, Raymond Levenger, Edith Lewis, Raymond Lunkusky, Geraldine Parthun** and **Robert Stalker** punching their first cards while **Robert Vollmer, Edward Bishop, Bill Spiers, Paul Palmer, Ken Windlow, Everett Quayle, Joe Petroske, Lloyd Baltz, Francis Buhl, Robert Hastings,** marking time for Uncle Sam.

November. Celebrating **Homer Smalt's** birthday. **Mary Keene**

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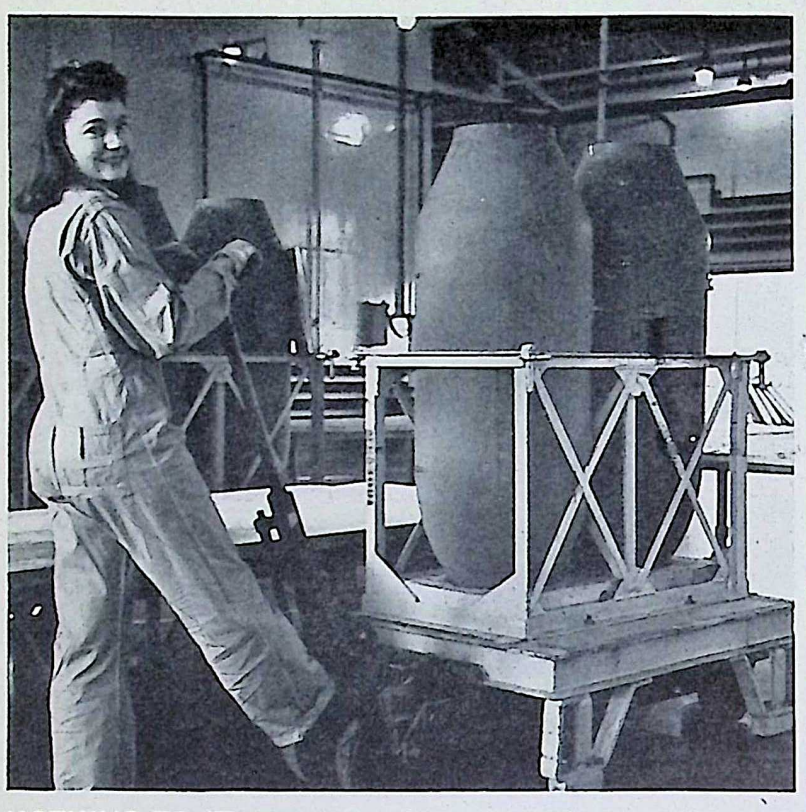

NOTHING TO IT, says pretty 20-year-old Rosemary Maass as she trundles a hand truck filled with bombs along the Group 3-A loading line. She was transferred recently from Group 6, where she had worked since last March.

Timekeeping

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joining her husband in Texas. **Berniece Hagen, Dee Johnson, Ann Kelly, John Mantzuk, James McGowan, Robert Pierson, Vera Timmis** and **Pauline Vismara** additions to the department while subtractions were **Norman White, Fred Stern, Harry Knarr, George Diment, Eugene Telleson** and **Samuel Holzman** who are now in service.

December. Everyone dreaming of a white Christmas. First basketball team commences practice. Christmas party at the main office. **Frances Cain, Irwin Ortman, Lois Parker, Eula Weaver** and **Wayne West** contributing to the war effort on the home front while **Jack Needles, Robert Gehrke, Samuel Eppstein, Russell Murphy** and **Carl Parker** were on the front line of defense. **Paul Donahue** and **Dale Aman** became fathers. New Year's eve again.

A message to all timekeepers and clerks in the Timekeeping Department from Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Treitel and Mr. MacShane.

"Allow us to take this opportunity to extend a hearty thank-you to the members of the Timekeeping Department for the fine spirit of co-operation you gave us during 1942. We know that this spirit will continue and each of us will make a valiant effort to do our part in making EOP one of the finest and most efficient plants in the country.

"Up to date we have maintained a good record in our purchases of War Bonds through pay-roll savings. Let us resolve in the New Year to increase our War Bond purchases so that the boys out there will get the very best and finest of equipment and food. Happy New Year to all."

Sympathy is extended to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Paul Lauer** on the death of their infant son.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Mildred "Mil" Connelly, Columbus, O., and **John Edmon,** Joliet, have joined the laboratory staff. Miss Connelly, a chemist, succeeds **Mrs. Jess Kinser** and Edmond, who came to work the first day in a modified zoot suit, succeeds **Rayford Winters** in the bottle washing and beaker cleaning department.

Also newcomers are Fluff, Boots and Blotto, three kittens who were found in one of the laboratory out buildings one recent sub-zero day by **Ray Hybarger,** assistant chief chemist. Two of the family of five baby cats had already died of exposure when the nest was found. The remaining three, brought to the warm of the lab furnace room, soon learned to lap milk and barring any untoward happenings, will develop into adult cathood.

Charles Clifford returned to work December 14, after nearly three weeks' absence.

Marcia Mitchell, secretary to **Herb Hafele,** chief chemist, until she was transferred to the laboratory, is back in the office again in the absence of **Verneille Holder.**

Nelson Tippett is recovering from an attack of "roup."

Palmer Overholt will attend the wedding of his sister, **Stella,** of Columbus, O., to **Lt. William S. Lysle,** also of Columbus, in the chapel at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, Christmas Day. Mr. Overholt is scheduled to give the bride away.

Ford Teeter is enrolling in a correspondence course in auto mechanics in the hope that it will help him get his car under way these winter mornings.

John "Teddy" Snyder, Ronald Beck, Ellis "Squirrelly" Steinberg, Bobbie Bridwell, Abraham Agamy, Dave Hill and **Alex Becker** are desirous of contacting teams interested in forming an intra-plant centrifugal bumble-puppy league.

Group 63

In a recent conversation with **Paul Hall,** group supervisor, he said he's "just plain loco" from so much work. Therefore, he hasn't had time to dig up any news.

Group 64

A certain little "mail" girl has **Harold "Heggie" Fraher** going around in circles. The little man, **Chris Manny,** is sporting a new *red* cap—and at his age!

Group 66

Bill Haak left for the Army December 9.

Robert Klopp is the proud father of an 8½-pound daughter, born December 6.

Group 66-A

George "Snuffy" Durham has proven to be quite the cartoonist.

Group 68

Just mention Davenport, Ia., and **Elmer Zost,** government inspector, grins from "irium to irium." Lucky girl!

Anyone interested in helping **Frank Perino** name his new dance hall, send your entries to him at Marseilles, Ill.

Matt Rotkivich is spending his time in the book stores. Just ask him the name of his latest purchase. **Anthony Hoffman,** checker, is buried deep in the book, "Army Tests and How to Become an Officer."

An Airedale dog has been adopted as mascot of Group 68.

Wilmington USO Center Now Open For War Workers

EOP Employees Are Urged by Director To Use Facilities

The United Service Organizations' new community center building located on Water Street near the Wilton Theatre is open for enjoyment and use by the community. **Mrs. Anne Lindsay,** director, says that almost all of the interior work of remodelling has been completed and some of the furniture has arrived. The ping pong tables have already been given a thorough work out and the building is open, now from 10 o'clock each morning until 10 o'clock each night except Sunday. On Sunday the hours are 2 P. M. until 10 P. M. All workers and their families are invited to use the showers, the circulating library—there are some fine new books, given to the club by the American Book Campaign, which are ready for use. All that you need to do is to select the books which you want to take out and sign up for them. There are no fees connected with the uses of the building. Towels and soap will be provided for those who wish them for the cost fee of 10c per shower. If you prefer to bring your own, the facility is free to use. There is a shower for men and one for women. This service has been especially planned for workers and families who are living under conditions where bathing facilities are overcrowded or limited.

There is a beautifully equipped kitchenette where groups may prepare lunches for club meetings, or individuals may pack their lunches, if they have no facilities in their rooms, or where "steak hungry" folks can "whip up" a fine dinner when lunch room food begins to "weary." Mrs. Lindsay declares that all that is necessary is to sign up for the kitchen at the time you may care to use it so that you will not "bump into some other people" who are also planning to cook.

There is a reading and writing room, with daily newspapers and current magazines and plenty of stationery for writing letters. No excuse, now, for not writing home or to that brother or son in the service.

A piano, radio and victrola, with new records, are there for your use and almost any time of day or evening, if you pass by, you can hear sounds of gaiety coming from the USO. Every Tuesday night, the women of the Federal Trailer Camp, are hostesses to a card party where every kind of card game imaginable is being played. All folks in Wilmington are invited to come in and join them. They plan refreshments at cost—last week they had a fine salad, crackers and coffee (believe it or not) all for the high cost of 10c per person. If you live in Wilmington or vicinity join up with these fine folks.

Wednesday night—7 to 10—is planned for the high school age group especially. Dancing and singing is to be part of that evening's entertainment. There is also a free period for young folks on Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 6.

Mrs. Lindsay, **Harry Mantle** and **Mrs. Martha Lannon** are USO staff members in charge of the center and they welcome all to use the building. Many volunteer assistants are aiding in keeping the building open for use for twelve hours each day. Anyone who is interested in volunteering service in acting as hostess or host at the building, just stop in and see any worker in charge. All folks who have a skill or interest can be used.

You are urged to take advantage of this fine building and its facilities which the USO has made possible in crowded Wilmington.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The boys in Group 3-A wish to apply to the burning pit boys for permission to share their title "scorchy." It could be very appropriately attached to **Howard Mau.** For obvious reasons, too numerous to mention, the incident leading to the annexation of Howard's new title must be veiled in mystery.

Myron "Tyrone" Champoux has begun to object to working in out-of-the-way buildings since women were annexed to 3-A personnel. His assignment covers only male workers, but obviously wolves must be chained.

Franklin Pitt, perfection-plus inspector of 3-A, had to be bodily restrained to prevent him from committing an act of violence at the Hospital recently. It happened in a flash during the physical re-check, but just a slip in the course of the events of examination led to near disaster. The report ran as follows: tongue—*clear*, eyes—*good*, throat—*normal*, tonsils—*out*, ears—*open*, brains—*negative*. Well, who wouldn't get sore?

Bets were running pretty heavy at the Foremen's Quarters last Thursday. The gang was betting that **Harold Rouff** wouldn't get past the guards at Group 61 with his new striped plaid shirt.

Group 61 has welcomed the return of **Edward Korevac.** Watch their fine safety record continue.

Ray Hill, transfer from Group 2 and recently at Group 61, said the President called him personally. The army is getting a good man.

Joseph Sullivan received a new fountain pen for Christmas, but it doesn't seem to do any good.

Elmer Tolf wishes to make known that he will be available for any and all social engagements after Saturday night. He's changing shifts, girls.

Robert Karges has been declared the best dressed man at an all men's group. The change-house custodian left 10 pairs of overalls in his locker.

LaVerne Gomora has a nickname, "Poochie." Along with a White Christmas and Santa Claus, came "Orange Blossoms and Chapel Bells" Christmas Eve for **Dorothy Maxine Ulbrich.** She became the bride of **Jack Sims** to the strains of the wedding march from the Methodist Church organ in South Wilmington.

Recent arrivals in the Group 8 Inspection Department include: **Beulah Dickson, Janet Bailey, Margie Priutt** and **Frances Thomas,** all from Group 5.

Norma Castle, Group 8, has been receiving fan mail from former EOP workers, now working for Uncle Sam in the army. They saw her picture in *The Bomb-Shell* as a Victory Queen contestant. And, speaking of mail, all know when **Julia Seelinger** gets a letter from her soldier. She's plenty proud of *her man.*

The men of the Inspection Department at Group 62 North hope that everyone enjoyed the Holidays as much as they did.

Cyrille Grandame spent three days at Gillispie, Ill., during the Christmas season and had promised to return with a chicken.

It is hoped **Leslie Cloyd** will not have to walk back from Peoria on his next trip there.

The department is sorry to lose **Harold Smith** who has been here a short time. His Uncle Sam has a place for him in the service.

Andrew McCambridge is a newcomer in the Inspection Department, and has been impressed by the importance of finding lost lot numbers.

John Ney was a lonesome fellow last week when his wife was visting in Wisconsin. With time on his hands in her absence, John invented a new cold weather starter for his car . . . cardboard and dry cell batteries.

It is a rumor around Group 2 that **Frank Malek** is an ex-mayor of Braidwood.

Johnny Merrick's car, "the Cannonball," is a bit crowded since he has a new rider from Group 3-A.

Art Rickett's head is beginning to shine again because Uncle Sam won't give him the material to make his super duper hair grower.

Al Hintrager, the magician, will have to get some new tricks, because all the boys are getting wise.

Andrew "Do Do" Veronda should have been a chef instead of an inspector. He says he does a wonderful job on fried chicken.

Many wonder if **"Les" Brooker** really enjoys his own jokes, or does he tell them just to make the other boys happy.

Walter Britton is all "duked" up these days and especially on Saturdays when he goes into Chicago ostensibly to see his folks.

Everett Thompkins and his wife are seen frequently shopping in Joliet. Thompkins says he finds complete relaxation in it.

Since gas rationing has driven **Bob Heuser** to riding the Rock Island "rattler" between Joliet and Ottawa, his trips are less frequent.

Alex Stein has come to the conclusion that automobiles are like women. The upkeep is terrific.

There is no need for a Christmas tree at South Inert Office while **I. A. Ramsey's** red and green sweater is available.

Skaters Make Use Of Ice Rink

The early cold spell gave skaters an opportunity to get in shape on the new ice rink built on the baseball diamond just opposite the Mess Hall in the Administration Area. The Recreation Department wants to find out just who the figure skaters are who have been using the ice. As all other activities, this rink has been built for you, so use it.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS from W. E. Canniff and presented by R. T. Read, safety supervisor (left), are being read by LaVerne Savoie (center), and Charles Stahl (right), both of Group 1, who saved Harold Robinson, a fellow-worker, from possibly fatal injuries.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Ensign Louise Thompson wrote from the Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif., that she enjoys her work immensely, and has taken care of some recognized heroes whose pictures have been published in the papers. She said, in her estimation, each one is a hero and their one objective is to get this war over with and go home. Those who are acquainted with Ensign Thompson know that she is happy and proud to be of service to the boys who have helped their country abroad.

Dr. A. W. Stassi, formerly here, wrote that he is stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia, serving as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

Closer home we have word from **Lt. Sylvia Hamper,** former nurse, Group 1, reported she is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Lillian Baer, student nurse at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, Ill., spent the week-end with her sister, **Elsie Baer,** x-ray technician here.

Dr. J. W. Spearing, medical director at Kansas City, Mo., ammunition plant, paid us a visit last week.

Congratulations have been given to **Dr. L. N. Cohler,** who recently became a grand-papa. He is the grinningest gramp who ever greeted a glorious grandson.

Clang: Clang: Oh, for a fire siren, Whoooooo—. Up the winding road drove a blue car in front of the Sidell home. **R. R. Sidell** came walking out to the car. The driver reeled her window down and called out "Your house, I mean your chimney is (pant) on fire." Turning around he saw large flames arise. "Oh (with a chuckle), that, I just cleaned out the flu." Miss Baer and her passenger, **Gene Hurley,** breathed a sigh of relief.

By the time you read this each will have had Christmas presents and pudding. Letters from the Hospital staff addressed to Old Saint Nick expressed the following desires:

Dr. H. L. Schultz: Football helmet to prevent head bumps when entering laboratory.

Dr. Bohdan Giel: A book on Esperanto (for telephone conversation).

Dr. George McClure: Van Dyke cigars, love and sympathy.

Mr. Sidell: Christmas shopper.

Ralph Sexton: Someone who can read signs and stay out of his parking space.

Miss Baer: 4F medicine man.

Lorene Motta: Victory for the nation.

Margaret Stalker: A trip to Texas. (She got it.)

Dorothy Busse: Her husband home from Africa.

Tom Moore: Another Year's cooperation from the ambulance drivers.

Elizabeth Russell: A goose (dead or alive).

Bertha Perush: A goose (dead or alive).

Frank Grosey: A teddy bear for his six-month-old son.

Maurice Bremmer: One second alone with Hitler.

Marie Ulrich: A lavender orchid.

Doris McCullom: Too satisfied to want anything (new bride).

Edward McKinney: 5' 2" blonde baby with eyes of blue.

Nellie Lazzio: Christmas tree to hang her presents on.

Mary Philbin: A white Christmas.

Bob Anderson: A female companion.

Ann Johnson: A week off.

Vance Cook: A set of safety engineering books.

Margo Hartong: A Merry Christmas and some *cheer*.

Pete Bucanelli: An automatic broom.

Miss Hurley: A major's visit.

Myrtle Burros: A new re-cap.

Evelyn Doran: A foot to step on.

Dr. McClure prescribes an ounce of super-pyro as an antifreeze for any superman's resistance against zero weather.

The Hospital staff extends to one and all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Photographer Praised For Winter Scene

Compliments galore have been heaped upon **Loren D. Ross,** staff photographer of *The Bomb-Shell,* for the winter scene along Prairie Creek which adorned Page 1 of the last issue of the paper. It was used as a Christmas card by EOP executives for extending holiday wishes to members of the EOP family here and abroad. Mr. Ross also was responsible for the magnificent array of photos of the High Explosives Laboratory activities. In between times he directs two divisions of the Personnel Department.

Three Court Teams Tied for Lead

Standings in the EOP Basketball League after two weeks of play are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Group 62	2	0	1.000
Group 3	2	0	1.000
Bus Drivers	2	0	1.000
Group 1	1	1	.500
Group 70	1	1	.500
Army	1	1	.500
Fire Guards	1	1	.500
Chem. Lab.	1	1	.500
Guards	0	1	.000
Group 3-A	0	1	.000
Inspectors	0	2	.000
Group 61	0	2	.000
Timekeepers	0	0	.000

Games are played every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 4 and 5 o'clock.

The schedule follows:

January 11—
4 p.m. Inspectors vs. Group 61
5 p.m. Group 70 vs. Group 1
January 13—
4 p.m. Bus Drivers vs. Group 3
5 p.m. Chem. Lab. vs. Group 3-A
January 14—
4 p.m. Group 62 vs. Fire Guards
5 p.m. Army vs. Police Guards
January 18—
4 p.m. Group 62 vs. Police Guards
5 p.m. Fire Guards vs. Group 3-A
January 20—
4 p.m. Army vs. Group 3
5 p.m. Chem. Lab. vs. Group 1
January 21—
4 p.m. Bus Drivers vs. Group 61
5 p.m. Group 70 vs. Inspectors

STRIP TEASE DANCERS entertained fellow-members of the Purchasing Department at their annual party December 17. Shown here, left to right, just before the finale, are Ray "Rose" Wengierski, Robert "Mabel" Bailey, Clarence "Flo" Malmsten, William "Mae" Beyer and Wayne "Gert" Heap. Ben Pierson is Santa Claus.

4,500 Rumors Are Traced to Source by OWI

Agency Finds They Feed on Anxiety, Hate and Curiosity

The Office of War Information has analyzed more than 4,500 rumors which have come to the attention of various Federal agencies during the past 11 months.

The rumors analyzed by OWI fall into five general classes:

By far the greatest number may be called "hate rumors"; they express prejudice, animosity, or hostility for groups other than the enemy.

The second group may be classified as "anxiety rumors." They reflect uneasiness or fear and commonly take the form of unfounded reports of Allied disaster or weakness, or of overwhelming enemy strength.

A third group, classifiable as "escape rumors" reflect, in the main, wishful thinking about the progress and duration of the war.

A few can be classified only as "supernatural rumors"; these contain fantastic prophecies of disaster or impending miracles.

Finally, there are a substantial number of "curiosity rumors," which contain amusing or novel tidbits or supposed "news."

Fifth Columnists at Work

A comparison of specific rumors with specific enemy propaganda appeals since Pearl Harbor has shown a relatively low relation between the two. But there can be little doubt that enemy sympathizers and enemy agents in the United States are engaged in planting and encouraging the circulation of rumors which aid the enemy's propaganda objectives. Of these, the most important are "hate rumors."

A list of the groups against which most current "hate-rumors" are directed are, in alphabetical order:

Army administration, business, Catholics, defense workers, draft boards, English, farmers, Jews, labor, Negroes, profiteers, rationing boards, Red Cross (blood-donor service), Russia and unions.

The false information carried by "hate-rumors" is less important than the hatred which the rumors convey. Factual denials appear to have had little effect in stopping "hate-rumors." As one "hate-rumor" is exposed it is replaced by another rumor conveying the same hatred. It seems clear that persons who feel certain hatreds will readily believe and repeat any rumor which gives expression to that hatred. "Hate-rumors" obviously must be attacked at the source—by curing the cause of the hatred. Adequate information can, however, serve to make the repetition and progress of "hate-rumors" more difficult.

The other types of rumors appear to grow out of the public tensions which exist during wartime; they spread because of the virtual impossibility of completely eliminating such tensions through information. Adequate and accurate information about the war—plus the confidence among the American people that they are receiving adequate and accurate information about the war—will tend to allay these tensions, and thus to reduce the volume of rumors.

Citizens Can Help

Some rumors spring up from situations in which certain facts, though known to many persons, cannot be published. OWI is in possession of ample evidence that the enemy, or his agents, often does not know what hundreds of Americans do know about a given war port or war plant; the repetition of facts or rumors, in such circumstances, often make it easier for the enemy to find out what he did not know, or simply suspected.

There are several simple rules which each American can observe:

1. Never repeat a rumor.
2. Do not repeat a rumor verbally even to deny it.
3. If you know the facts which can spike a rumor, cite the facts promptly.
4. If you do not know the facts which can stop a rumor, ask the rumor-teller where he got his facts.
5. Don't give a rumor the benefit of any doubt.

CYCLING CARRIER of the mail is slacked and jacketed Bette Feddersen, one of several girls who have replaced boys in the Mail Department. She is shown here ready for a regular trip.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

From all indications a good time was had at the War Department Christmas Party December 22. Now all everyone has to worry about is how to get started on the New Year. Brushing aside all the aches and pains of New Year's Eve. All can roll up their sleeves and pitch in to make 1943 the best year possible . . . a Victory Year is the best slogan.

Seymour Kurantman of the Administrative Section is now Captain Kurantman, Ordnance Department, AUS . . . congrats.

Speaking of the Army . . . all were sorry to see **Capt. J. I. Bach, Lt. Dale Yeoman, Lt. Maynard Brandon** and **Lt. Carl Beilharz, Jr.,** . . . leave for other duties elsewhere.

Lt. R. T. Johnson of the area engineer's office and **Capt. K. D. De Young** of the same office are now settled in their new "home" in Indiana.

Lt. Robert Stephens, formerly of here, was a recent visitor and as handsome as usual.

Molly Baker, teletype queen, can't do so well when she isn't running the type . . . she tried to get a telegram to her soldier boy friend and darned if she could get it through. . . . That's the way isn't it?

Lois Dix is quite the dancing partner . . . seems she can do the rhumba in no mean manner. . . . **Ray DuClos** took a sight seeing tour the other morning . . . all fooling aside . . . he got his gang to work ahead of buses, etc. . . . even if it did take a round-about way. . . . **W. J. Leeland** sure got a workout on the day of the party . . . looked busier than a bee . . . did a good job though.

Catherine Stortz of Mail and Record got herself all het up with a cold the other day and had to remain in her home town for a few days . . . yep, folksies Streator is the name. . . . Saw **Kay Lohman** the other day and she sure keeps herself in the groove . . . looked pretty as a picture. . . . **Helen Harmon** got herself all dooded up with a new haircut . . . looks plenty all right? . . . **Roy Eckberg** was cutting a rug with **Kay Rosenbaum** at the Christmas Party. . . . Didja ever notice **Clara Brennan's** smile . . . it sure is a nice one . . . also the big eyes that go with that smile. . . . Guess the kids in the station wagon will have to put another star in the window now . . . another rider has ceased riding in it. . . . **Claire Donoghue** is the missing member.

Ed Reichert, the crooning Timekeeper, no longer goes in for the light opera touch . . . oh, no, . . . he's in the lullabye department now. . . . He practices on his new son.

From the Timekeepers

Now that Christmas has come and gone . . . and Santa Claus has distributed gifts of everyone's heart's desire, it is possible to sit back and look at the admiration in everyone's eyes . . . see **Jay Folk** parading his new toupee. . . . **Anita Lambur** flashing her new ring. . . . **Betty Lou Page** parading a new ankle bracelet. . . . **Verne Parry** showing off his new billfold. . . . **John Kolb** telling about his new automatic dishwasher. . . . **Lonnie Richardson** showing the family picture (7 little Richardsons) . . . and **Louis Schuck** showing his studded cuff links.

Advance Dope on Resolutions

Chester Tomes: To eat only one pound of peanuts a day.

George Stevens: To watch his calories and cut down his waistline.

Kenneth Chapman: To teach Betty Page the "things she should know."

Mary Kay Lohman: To watch her rings more closely . . . and not leave them in wrong places more than once a month.

Loretta Franke and **Mary Biernat:** To be with their soldier-husbands before the end of 1943.

Robert McEvoy: To learn to play a better game of ping pong.

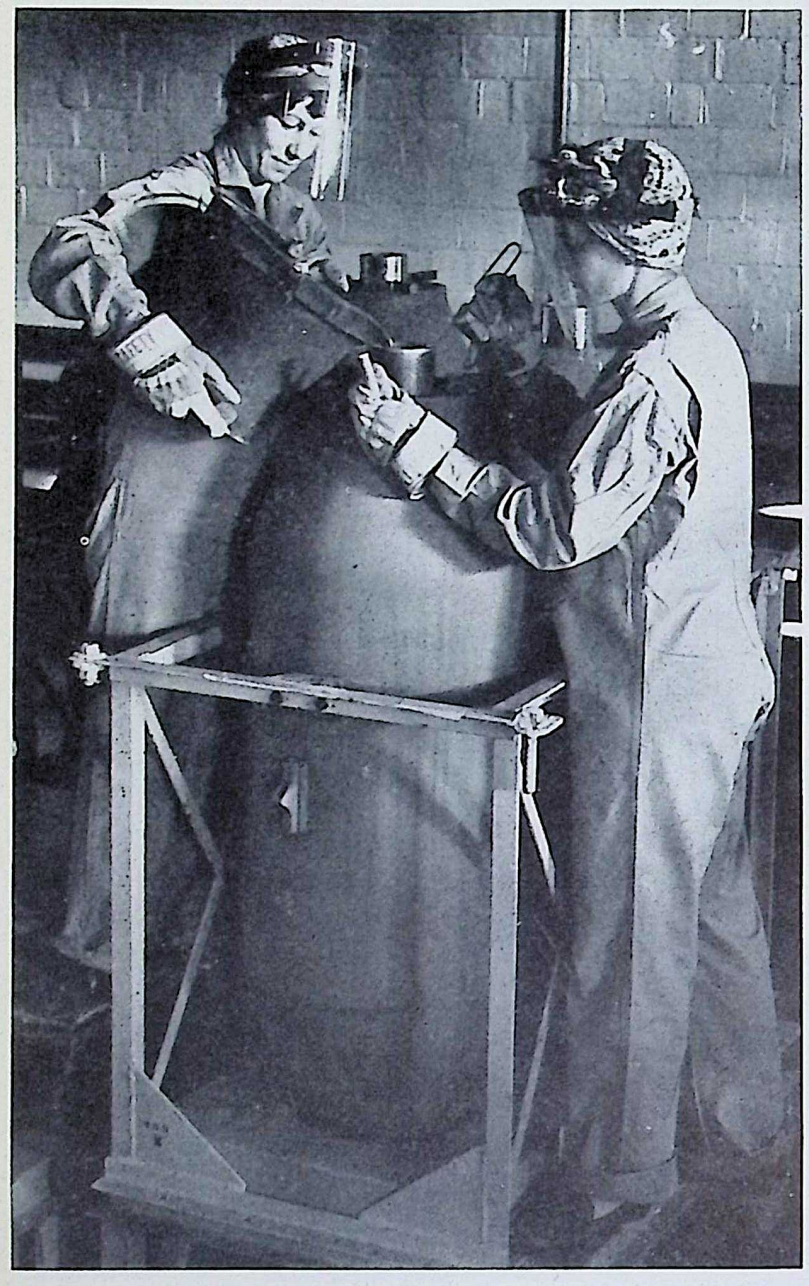
Your Correspondent: To do the best she can to carry on until the job is finished.

Table Tennis Tourney Planned

A table tennis tournament will be one of the first things on the program for the new year. The many good players who are now using the equipment every day in the Recreation Hall are requested to tighten up and get ready for tournament play. There will be men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and, of course, a trophy for the champions in all classes.

Badminton Players Developing Form

Badminton players are getting off to a good start. Some who are playing every week are **Maj. K. M. Haber,** commanding officer; **Capt. G. A. Grant,** executive officer, and a group from the Safety Department headed by **Clement Eiden.**



FEMININE HANDS now do the final topping-off in the loading of bombs in Group 3-A. Two of the first girls to handle a bucket of molten high explosives are pictured here doing their job, Natalie Riddle (right) and Alma Eklund.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Singer's Midgets are now known as **Tom Singer's** Yodelers and are in their 52nd week as headliners at the Friday night entertainments at the Joliet Moose Hall.

Frankie Nolan was spotted under the Christmas tree singing "I got the neck of the chicken."

Hopper Combs and **William Day** have finished a course in "How to Check Cheaters at Checkers." This course was evidently sponsored by Emily Post because the prelude to every move goes something like the old "You first, my dear Alphonse" comic strip.

Now that winter snow has covered the fairways and greens, there is reason to speculate upon the activities of such fine golfers as **Ralph Johnson** and **George Loula.**

"Tate" Ehman reported that all was quiet at the Central Fire Station—due to the absence of **Bob Tures** and **Pat Rodgers.**

All were happy to see the swell snap-shot of ex-fire inspector **Gene Newton** in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

Patrick Rodgers originally toted his own lunch to the Fire Station, but encountered so many difficulties (strained back, overloaded automobile, trouble with the Guards at the gate, and blocking the fire vehicles right-of-way) that he started eating with the Central Fire Station Dinner Group. All are now singing "Who's Sorry Now?" After Pat's initial repast of three steaks, four helpings of potatoes and two loaves of bread, the group was treated to the unusual spectacle of **Fred Habing** singing "I Surrender, Dear," followed by a swan dive.

Another recent dinner group recruit is **Asst. Chief Bill Reichert.** William's entry into the circle coincided with the same day **Mrs. Reichert** started to make home-made sausages.

Wayne Barber tendered his resignation from the diners, effective the day his bride finishes reading the new cook book found in her Christmas stocking.

Nothing can be said about **Asst. Chief Walter Lueder's** culinary problems except that he goes around whistling "Alice — Where Art Thou?"

After several weeks in the doghouse, **Asst. Chief Charles Davis** took his wife out to enjoy a peaceful evening when they ran into **Chief R. W. Mortenson.**

Chief Mortenson: "Hello, Charley, haven't seen you for two weeks."

Chief Davis: "Why, Chief—this is my night off!"

Chief Mortenson: "Night off!" (To Mrs. Davis) "That guy hasn't been working nights for two weeks."

Result—Charley's in the doghouse again.

Asst. Chief Clifford Weiss is seriously thinking of marketing his "Magic Cold Cure"—for persons under 23 years of age.

Engineer Kenny Brooke went swimming the other evening—in **Stu Moloney's** uniform.

Engineer George Philip is quite the sly-guy on a ladder. Many are anxiously awaiting his next demonstration of an arm-less fireman getting hot.

John Harbison is starting a taxicab service between Joliet and the plant. Says John, "I may as well buy a cab, I'm getting tired of keeping those drivers in silk shirts and such."

The "Dog-House Club" has a new member. His moniker is—**Francis Ryan,** alias "Foul Play Ryan."

Esther Heavens: "Did I see you sitting in the park with a gentleman?"

Lola Early: "You did, but he wasn't."

Ralph Rausch: "Whenever I'm in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."

George Rogina: "Oh—so that's where you get them."

Rollin Read: "Chief, were you ever bothered with athlete's foot?"

Chief Mortenson: "Just once—when the fullback caught me with his girl."

The Fire Department extends the season's greetings to all ex-firemen and fire inspectors now in the armed services.

The boys from the EOP Fire Department crave to see **Chief William Bolton** and his department in action.

If he passes his physical successfully **Inspector Art Flahaven** will be in the Army shortly. After a little while, **Inspector Martin Knowles** will follow in his footsteps.

At last **Sgt. John Alar** managed to find a home at Wilmington. Now he can spend all his free time beautifying the place.

It was **Frank Scoma** who, feeling very pugilistic one day, claimed he was the fighting champion of the department (although no official award was ever made). At the end of the day, he retired undefeated.

Everyone was encouraged to suggest ideas for more efficient operation. Fireman Scoma, after much deliberation, announced that he had a plan to make sure that no one would be late in the future.

"Fine," said the Chief. "How does your idea work?"

"Simple," explained Scoma. "The last man in blows the whistle."

Walter "Kid" Williamson is going around with a big smile since his son received a toy fire truck for Christmas.

Vern McKimson is taking an advanced course in first aid since his wife slipped on the ice.

For good American chop suey see **Frank Rutkowski.**

Some of the boys at Fire Station 2 are studying calisthenics. By the end of the week, **Larry Bade** and **Frank Dupuis** will be able to touch the floor with their noses.

Harry Newman has been doing Boy Scout duty with a snow shovel in the Trailer Camp.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

With this issue, **Supt. A. P. Balston** extends his holiday greetings to each and every member of the Inert organization with a sincere wish for a happy New Year. To shake the hand of each and every man as he would like to do is almost a physical impossibility, so he has taken this means of extending his wish. Much credit is due the department for the fine spirit shown and coming through the past year with so few accidents . . . let's keep up the good work in 1943.

Santa must have received a copy of *The Bomb-Shell,* according to the boys who expressed their wants for the Christmas holiday in the last issue . . . no "C" books turned up, however.

Tommy the cat refused to stay at the North Inert office for the winter season . . . he had the best room in the house for a few nights and left on the back of a truck only to show up again at the clock house.

Finishing touches have been put on the clock houses with insulation and mudless walks. They are as warm as toast at lunch time.

Walter Mork of the checking staff spent the Christmas holiday with his daughter, **Mrs. John McCarthy,** and her family in Decatur, Ill.

Group 27 reports the basketball team in tip-top shape, having won their game with Group 70. The final score was Inert 43, with Group 70 tallying 11 points. Games are scheduled with the Bus Drivers and with the Timekeepers. New equipment has been ordered.

Visiting at Inert Storage to discuss world affairs was **James J. Casey,** Engineering Department.

Thomas Delockery, red-haired timekeeper, has been called to the colors and will be inducted December 30. Best wishes go with Thomas.

Lawrence Fox, former advertising specialist, has taken up war production and holds a position at Group 27 in the Inspection Department. Although his work is much different these days, he is willing to make the change to beat the Axis.

Inert Storage men speak through the question of the week. *Question: Do you believe in New Year's Resolutions and, if so, what resolutions did you make?*

Joseph Baudino: To see that all time records are accurate. Too, I resolve to be a better man morally, mentally and physically in the New Year.

John Wald: I believe in them, make them, and keep them. This year I will make them as I see need for them.

Winfield Arthur: I believe in them and am willing at all times to help the other fellow to keep the ones he made.

John Godfrey: Never to be late or tardy through the coming year.

Al Gierich: To carry on my work at Group 27 in an efficient manner all through the new year, taking extra care to avoid accidents.

Sigurd Hansen: I do not believe in them, but some find they help to keep on an even keel.

Group 1

JACK BARRY

Correspondent

This should properly go to the want-ad department, but it is rather important to the party most concerned, so is used here. **Hettie McMillan** lost her purse at the group changehouse. It contained among other small items, including $18, her driver's license and social security card. Bettie knows full well that her purse was not taken maliciously or with felonious intent, but she would appreciate the kindness of someone who might possibly find and return the two valuable cards mentioned.

You can have this with a grain of salt or whatever else may seem appropriate, but the man in the ramp at Building 16 says that **Pete M'Lott** is the sheik of the loading line and that all the girls are simply cu-razy about him.

Giles Boren, known to one and all as Mr. Five-by-Five, has gone to the Army and it is hoped that this issue of *The Bomb-Shell* will catch up with him.

Joe Nicoletti, who studied premedic at college, has been accepted by the Army Medical Corps and has taken up his new duties at the general hospital at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Aalph Bridges was married to **Dorothy Kay** Thanksgiving Day, but feels as though the war will soon interrupt his honeymoon for he expects to be called into the service very shortly. . . . Wedding bells and Christmas jingles come together for **Inspector C. A. Patton** and **Boots Sleezer,** who were made one December 13. When questioned about the probability of the honeymoon they both declared that the pleasure will be deferred until after the cessation of international hostilities.

All in the group extend their heartfelt sympathy to their comrade, **Al Dunne,** and **Mrs. Dunne** whose 4-year-old son was accidentally drowned at Wilmington a short time ago.

It is said on good authority that **Julia Kirby** and **Patsy Fitzgerald,** operators of the fuze truck in Building 13, have donned their red flannels for the duration (of the winter, it's hoped).

Harry Kampf, who bears the title Boy Blizzard of the carpenter shop, is a man of distinction. At the tender age of 16 he joined the U. S. Army in World War 1 and served for nearly two years in the A. E. F. Today at 41 he is still a lad of parts. . . . Speaking of the carpenter shop, that **Ken Chandler,** foreman, and all of his men extend the season's greetings to one and all. . . . **Charlie Anders,** Government inspector, has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the field artillery and will go to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, to attend the school of fire.

Mary Murphy is going to get married, but she steadfastly refuses to divulge when or to whom. . . . **William Wilson** wanted to go into the Army but he had a slight nasal defect which barred him from service. That was no hill for a mountain-climber in the opinion of Bill so he took steps. He submitted to an operation in which a piece of one of his ribs was grafted into his nose and now the Army has accepted him.

Rita Scamene was going to get married, but it can't be learned if she dood it or not. . . . It's rumored that **Helen Webber** and **Helen Christiansen** were recently married but no one seems to know to whom. . . . There were no ifs and ands in the case of **Mary Danser,** one of the Miss Victory contestants. She ups and married her soldier boy-friend and hied away with him to sunny California.

Albert Dauphin has a birthday coming up January 5. His age is a deep, dark secret, but he cannot possibly be the Dauphin Prince who so mysteriously disappeared in France about a hundred years ago. . . . **Jack Connor,** expeditor, missed a couple of days work but he's back on the job complete with smiles and boxes of cigars. Jack became the proud father of a bouncing boy, named **John Patrick,** December 15.

All the lads and lassies in Building 16 wish **Tony Granich** lots of good luck during his Army career which begins with the new year. . . . The girls in the building agree that milk is good for their health, but deplore the effect it has on the figure. . . . As for **Frank Grey,** he will settle any time for a half peck of eating tobacco.

Late flashes—**Leonard Wolf Ireland** and **Martha Mings** walked the marriage trail together November 19. **John Pate** is authority for the statement that **Mary Murphy** was a pioneer in the night life of Joliet but that now she is going to be married.

Housing Applicants Urged to Act Now

Employees who have made application to rent one of the dwelling units in the Federal Public Housing Authority project at Wilmington are urged by **R. T. Bassett,** assistant comptroller, to make arrangements immediately for a lease or to notify **E. C. Fortmann,** manager of the project, they are no longer interested.

Mr. Bassett said Mr. Fortmann had told him a number of EOP workers who had made application and could now be given a lease, since the houses are ready for occupancy, had not replied to his letters asking them to come to his office to make arrangements.

"There is a long waiting list seeking housing in the units," said Mr. Bassett, "and it is unfair to make them wait if those who filed application first fail to complete arrangements. If you are no longer interested in the Wilmington houses, or have found accommodations elsewhere, please notify Mr. Fortmann in writing at once.

Son Is Born to Mrs. Evelyn Richards

The staff of *The Bomb-Shell* extends congratulations and best wishes to fellow-member, Evelyn Richards, EOP Hospital's piquant correspondent, who became the mother of a seven-pound four-ounce son at Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, December 17. The youngster has been named **Gordon Del Mar** for his father, **Gordon Richards.**

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

The Christmas Mixer held at the Recreation Hall December 22 proved to be a real success and this department is proud of **William Van Houten** who played the part of Santa beyond their expectations.

The Ordnance Inspection Department enjoyed a Christmas Party at the Woodruff Hotel in Joliet December 22. Dinner was served at 7 o'clock and a miniature Santa and his reindeer centered the table. Place cards were in keeping with the season. The orchestra dedicated several numbers to certain individuals; "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" for **Capt. A. G. Resch**, "Mr. Five by Five" for **Stanley Eisler** and "Stardust" for **William F. Douville.** After dinner gifts were exchanged. On the threshold of matrimony, **Carl Anker** received several appropriate gifts including

FOUR jolly war workers are this quartet of key employees of the Ordnance Department. They are, left to right, Helen J. Harmon, Rosemarie Lewis, Clara Wehner and Irma Thoms.

a rolling pin. Games were then played prizes being awarded to **Lois Martin, Helen Boula,** Mr. Anker and **Roy Scherer.** Later in the evening dancing was enjoyed by the group. Others present were **Clara Brennan, Delores Dagon, Ethel Dirker, Esther Noffke, Linnetta Parry, Betty Ross,** Mr. Scherer, **Bernice Schroba, Catherine Tomlianovich,** Mr. Van Houten, **Geraldine Ward, Clara Wehner, F. Warren Weithofer** and **Vieana Wheeler.**

This department lost three of its officers, **Lt. C. E. Beilharz, Lt. M. G. Brandon** and **Capt. J. I. Bach.** Lieutenant Beilharz and Lieutenant Brandon were transferred to the Ordnance Officers' replacement pool at Aberdeen, Md., while Captain Bach was transferred to the Office of Chief of Ordnance in Washington, D. C.

Miss Wehner visited her home at Havannah, Ill., the week of December 12.

December 16 not only marked the wedding day of **Kathleen Dugan** but was also the 25th wedding anniversary of her father, **Melvin Dugan,** who gave his daughter in marriage. Mr. Dugan was a very solemn figure walking down the aisle, as he was thinking of his own marriage just 25 years earlier. Kathleen is making her home in Clarksville, Tenn.

The boys in Group 68 heard over the grape vine that Miss Dirker and **Lois Martin,** brunette and blonde beauties respectively, were

SMILING Sylvia Hamper, former first aid nurse in Group 1, has been named a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, it was announced by the Sixth Service Command in Chicago.

substituting on the mail route for Miss Ross, who was absent December 21, because of illness. They immediately obtained some mistletoe and tacked it above the door of the office. Lois stayed at the wheel of the truck while Ethel proceeded to deliver the mail. After entering the office she discovered a group of boys barring the only exit, the door adorned with mistletoe. The boys then had Lois enter on the pretext of a telephone message from the Ordnance Inspection Office. Both girls were in doubt (so they say) as to what procedure to take and called their chief clerk. Miss Wehner said "The mail must go through, so let your conscience be your guide. If I were out there I surely wouldn't crawl out a window. Opportunity knocks but once and he who hesitates is lost." The girls were really amazed by **Elmer Zost** as they had the impression that he would blush if a girl looked in his direction. He proved to be a real Romeo.

Group 2

T. "Sims" Kenner is confined to his home by illness . . . tut, tut, Mr. Kenner, with a nurse in your repertoire of friends.

In the roster of new-comers, the name of **R. L. Bloome** was omitted, but a hearty welcome has been given him. **Max Krup,** recently of Group 6, is also welcomed here.

Friedberg convinced the Navy that he would be a valuable man in one of its V classes. Mr. Friedberg awaits orders to be inaugurated into the intricacies of swabbing decks, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lotz spent a few days giving a hand to the family of Mr. Lotz's sister in Joliet recently.

A smile is again on the face of **Garr J. Burt.** It seems Mrs. Burt has taken over command of the pots and pans—especially their contents.

Letters from boys in the armed forces include those from **Kenneth Palmer, Phillip Grove, Horace O'Kain** and **William R. Turndahl.** Thanks for remembering the fellows here are extended and the best wishes of the season are sent to all the boys at the front.

Group 8

Inspectors in Group 8 miss **Sigmund "Sig" Wysocki,** who is now at Group 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Park Dickey Paxton, who were married November 28, are at home to their friends at 1260 Merchant St., Kankakee.

Many would like to have seen **Helen Ballack's** look of amazement when she entered Marshall Field's recently and pushed a button to stop an escalator.

Ferdie Biegus was transferred to Group 3.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Our Badge

When I was born my folks did say,
Nice looking kid, be president some day,
Later on, I met my first gal.
She says, "Good Looks," please be my pal.
When I started work they said I was nice,
With ability and appearance that did suffice
To keep me happy till I met my wife,
Who said I was the best boy in her life.
Then I started work at the Elwood Plant
To do my job with a vengeful slant
Towards the hateful Axis savage crowd,
Hoping that all of them will wear a shroud.
Then my photo was taken, to look so swell.
But—when I got my badge I looked like H——l.

—**Ralph Turner**
Mechanical Engineering

There'll Come a Day

The Dictators crush with despotic rule,
Their power grips as with a steel band;
But not one there is who can make things cool
When scorching heat covers all the land.

"I am the law" is their ceaseless cry
As their ego they flaunt as we'll see,
But no matter how long or hard they may try,
There's not one who will e'er make a tree.

They care not at all for the lives they take,
Or whether it's right or it's wrong,
But there's one thing certain they'll never make
The birds in the skies sing their song.

They stalk the land in all kinds of weather
As the earth for their plunder they scour,
But show me one who can put together
The colors and perfume in a flower.

The ghosts of their victims rise up and scoff
At their vanity, cruelty and pride:
They know the day is forever far off
When one ever will govern the tide.

The Dictators strike with blood-stained hands
As they rave and rule with iron rod;
They think they can crush the Truth as it stands,
But there'll come a day when they'll answer to God.

—**Clifford Day**
Time Office

"I caught two husbands with cherry pie. Now I'm a WOW and hafta eat it myself outa paper sacks!"

Ode to a Shell Loader

At the crack of dawn the thousands rise,
And scratch their ribs and rub their sides.
Then leap into their pants and coats,
While stuffing breakfast down their throats.

Then to their cars they make a rush,
And air horns shatter the morning hush.
Defying curves where danger lurks,
They speed down to the "Loading Works."

They roll into the parking lots,
And fight to get their favorite spots.
With speed like some avenging fate,
They fight their way thru the Time-Clock gate.

But once inside a change takes place,
A peaceful calm o'er spreads each face;
No more they move with hurried tread,
They use the low gear gate instead!

No need to hurry (not till lunch)
The time cards have that A. M. punch.
And now that time cards all are in,
The big important things begin.

The first thing in the day's parade,
Is to visit Nurses down at the First-Aid.
For good health everybody knows,
Depends on how your system goes.
A healthy man will turn out work,
At which a sickly man will shirk.

Besides it's quite a pleasant thought
That while you are conserving health,
You're also adding to your wealth!

The hours pass—Time Marches On.
Lunch time comes and soon is gone.
Then finally it's half past three!
Men you thought dead turn up alive;
Grab their coveralls and tear,
Like comets hurling thru the air.
Forgotten are the feet that hurt,
They're plenty good for this last spurt.

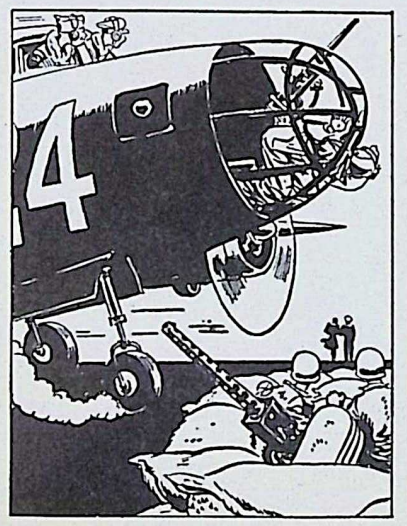
But tho their racing form is fine,
They soon will have to wait in line.
They gnash their teeth, till they punch out;
And gain their cars with a happy shout.
Off in a cloud of dust they go,
And curse the traffic, if it's slow.
With all this haste, just what they gain
Is something that they can't explain.
They eat, carouse, they sleep, and then,
Tomorrow they'll do it all over again!

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition.
Praise the Lord and we'll soon be out of this condition.
Praise the Lord for using EOP's ammunition.
Praise their employees for their ambition.
We'll let the Japs know their up against real fighting competition.
After we give them plenty hell, we'll all lay off and go a-fishing.

—**Leo D. Finlen**
Group 1

☆ **Terry and the Pirates** ☆



Whitney Wins Tribune's War Workers Award

Group 4 Machinist Foreman Named for Crimping Invention

Nicholas E. Whitney, machinist foreman, Group 4, was presented the *Chicago Tribune's* War Workers Award for November in a radio program over Station WGN, Chicago, Tuesday night, December 22. The award, a gold pin studded with three diamonds, was given for the invention of a crimping machine used in making shell fuzes.

Also appearing on the radio program with Whitney was his wife, **Mrs. Mary Whitney; T. M. Burns**, general superintendent of the Fuze and Booster Area; **John A. Lower**, superintendent of Group 4; **J. A. Cocker**, EOP mechanical superintendent, and **Capt. D. P. Tunstall**, public relations officer. All spoke briefly.

Commenting on the award, *The Tribune* said in part:

"Whitney, who is 'Nick' to his fellow workers, is a graduate of Joliet High School. He never went to a technical school. He says a good engineer probably would find a lot of things wrong with his drawings. But his boss, Mr. Burns, said Whitney is a genius when it comes to thinking up things of a mechanical nature.

Invention of One Machine

"Although Whitney's 200 ideas have helped to smooth many operations at Elwood, his award was based on his invention of one machine used in making shell fuzes. The machine crimps the delay plunger on the fuze assembly. It sounds simple, but Whitney's device ended a lot of headaches caused by the redesign of a number of component parts in the fuze.

"The fuze is a highly important item. It ignites the tetryl—a high explosive—in a booster which in turn detonates the shell.

"Mr. Burns said Whitney's machine has accomplished the following:

"Simplified operation so much that 32 men have been replaced by women, releasing the men for use on other more technical jobs.

"Saved at least $6,000 a month for taxpayers. This saving will be increased as production mounts. Further saving is achieved through release of 16 drill presses and arbor presses for use in other departments.

Increase in Production

"Increased safety by eliminating 16 hazards in the old method.

"Increased production by 300 per cent.

"Other suggestions by Whitney have been applied to loading and assembling devices used at the ordnance plant.

"Whitney was born May 26, 1907, in Joliet, where he now lives at 918 Kelly Avenue with his wife and son, **Nicholas Jr.** Nick Jr., who is 12, attends Farragut school in Joliet. Whitney's hobby is tinkering with mechanical gadgets. He worked 11 years for a Rockford machinery company.

Fellow Workers Happy

"His job in the Elwood plant is machinist foreman, where he is responsible for keeping 100 machines working. Whitney said that the plant has had trouble getting certain types of machines so they have built their own.

"When he helps build a machine, Whitney explained, he first talks to the man who is going to make it and then to the man who will use it. Then he makes his drawing.

"Mr. Burns said Whitney's fellow workers are happy over his selection for *The Tribune* award. He said Whitney is ready to help at the plant any time he is called—day or night. And he always appears with a smile. Mr. Burns said the monthly bestowal of *The Tribune* award is helping build morale among war plant workers."

WINNER of the Chicago Tribune's War Worker Award for November is Nicholas E. Whitney, machinist foreman, Group 4.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Chemical Laboratory

Eddie Merrimann is now an apprentice seaman in pharmacy in the Naval Reserve.

The Chem. Lab. team did it again—won another basketball game. Monday night, December 21, they defeated the Group 70 team by a score of 42 to 8.

Group 4

Stewart Craft, assistant superintendent, is leaving for the Army January 5. He will be a commissioned officer in the Engineers Corps.

Group 4 is proud of its machinist foreman, **Nick Whitney**, who has won the *Chicago Tribune's* War Workers Award for his crimping machine, which is so well known and appreciated in the assembly building.

Supt. John A. Lower has returned from a trip down South. He reports that the "sunny South" wasn't so sunny when the plane was unable to land because of a bad snow storm.

Best "get well" wishes were sent to **Geraldine Turner**, who recently underwent an appendectomy.

Lorraine Papach was happily surprised when she returned home from work one day last week to find her soldier husband had arrived for a ten-day furlough.

Florence Taylor left December 23 to spend Christmas in Chicago.

Serena Vehrenkamp left December 22 for good ol' Minnesota to spend the holidays with her parents and sister, **Dorothy**, who formerly worked here.

Rose Stangle claims she quit bowling since she threw her arm out of joint.

Pvt. William Howen is now in Camp Polk, Louisiana. He sent wishes to everyone for the merriest of Christmases and a victorious New Year.

Marion Matrella spent the Christmas holidays in Ironwood, Mich.

Bernice Neal went to Abington, Ill., for a Yuletide visit with her parents. **Mary Lou McHale** visited Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, for the holidays.

It won't be long before **Dorothy Johnson** will be taking the final step with the "candy man," **Warren Kirk**, of Lockport.

Mrs. Howard Cordwell seems to have the "blues" these days. Reason—her husband, formerly a bus driver here, left for the Army.

Earl Frey, formely employed in the shipping room, is now in the Navy, stationed at Great Lakes.

Wanted: New chauffeur! One capable of driving on ice without going into the ditch twice. I give up! Too hard on my car! **E. P. Burns.**

Group 6

This is a happy Christmas season for **Dorothy Linneman**, whose son, **Stanley Robert**, is home on a furlough from Brooklyn, N. Y. **Edith Krzich's** brother, **Frank M.**, will be home for the holidays, too.

Frances Meditz receives letters from her husband, **Edward**, stationed at the Solomon Islands, and **Lois Simpson's** letters from her son, **Carl**, come from somewhere in the Pacific.

Nell Reinert will visit her daughter in Little Rock, Ark., and **Lorene Hoover** is to spend the holidays with her folks in Maryland.

The foremen and foreladies of Group 6 attended a Christmas party which included a gift exchange and a lovely turkey dinner. It was held in the home of **Mildred McKiernan.**

Farewell was bid to **Bernice Finley**, inspector, who left December 26.

Group 7

All wish **Savino Vercollotti** the best luck in the world. He is leaving for the armed forces shortly.

Congratulations go to **Earl Schmalz** and **Don Braghini.** Earl's the proud father of a new son and Don can brag about a beautiful daughter.

Hero is **Frank Ripsch**, clean-up man, for catching the mouse that has been frightening the girls.

Peggy Wagner and **Marie Lafine** returned to work after a vacation. They are feeling fine and glad to be back.

Mary Binzen broke her record and missed a day of work last week. It was the first day since she started.

SMALL but effective is the crimping machine invented by Nicholas E. Whitney. It is shown here being operated by Dora Foreman, Group 4.

Delphine Vota spent Christmas in Standard City with relatives.

Bill Floroplus is finally bringing his lunch, but the boys would like to know where he gets his bread and why he has it cut in the opposite manner.

Surprise! **Hyky Weathers** is spending a week in Abington, Ill., with her husband, who will be leaving soon to go in Navy training.

Kenny Eimen is said to be using up his A gas rationing book to go get his B book.

Janet La Borence is leaving for Kansas City, Mo., to visit her husband, who is in training there.

Mrs. Truka, wife of **Jim Truka**, superintendent of Groups 6 and 7, has been wondering why her husband's left shirt sleeves have been torn and ruffled around the cuffs. When a shirt sleeve is pulled back 100 times a day to show the beautiful new watch he received as a Christmas gift from Mrs. Truka, that poor old left sleeve gets quite a lot of abuse.

Congratulations go to **Mary Valerugo.** It's good to have her back after her recent marriage in Oklahoma. **Mary Jane Clasper** is planning to go to Alaska to join her boy friend.

Mrs. Hilda Stokes is expecting her husband home soon from the Navy on a five-day furlough. He is stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va.

The medal for perfect attendance this month goes to **Forelady Gene Smith.**

Group 8

Two girls of Group 8 have taken the vows: **Ida Allen**, who became Mrs. Bishop, has continued to work; and **Rose Duback**, who became the wife of **Sgt. Ray Bailey**, has gone to California with her husband.

Mike Molnar and **George Elum** "went to town" on those Italian "spags" **Theresa Seno** brought for them!

Sincere expressions of sympathy are extended to **Angela Turk**, whose young sister died.

Alice Goff's soldier is home on furlough.

Supt. John H. Walker returned from his southern trip appropriately on his birthday, and the handsome tribute of welcome tendered him by the personnel of Group 8 was such a surprise that he was at a loss for words to express his appreciation.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Norman Hammerschmidt has returned to the fold after having spent an enjoyable vacation with his parents in Monticello, Ill. Norman likes to boast of his big game expeditions but this time he failed to bring 'em back alive.

John "Scoop" Connors, former material checker, has gained quite a reputation as a pin setter at the Recreation Building. Anyway, this is from a lady's viewpoint. Seems as though John has something on the ball.

Chuck Starman has resumed his duties after a week spent in Joliet. Chuck claims winter vacations aren't as suitable for Picnics in the woods.

Gerald Fitzgerald is always ready to debate upon the subject "The 40-hour week." Fitz has really become so convincing in his arguments that some are grooming him for senatorial timber.

Robert Grady is the proud owner of a big black Buick auto. Bob is the chauffeur for ten lovely ladies.

John Markley is away on vacation. Pinch hitting for John is **Harold Ellis**, veteran material checker at the Hub, who seems to have everything under control.

Thomas Costello, former material checker in Group 70, has finally filled his one ambition. He is now with the Navy Air Corps, stationed at Houston, Tex. All hope to hear from Thomas in the near future and wish him nothing but the best.

Kenneth Pratt, material checker at the Hub, has quit smoking Marvel Cigarettes, now that he can pick up other people's Lucky Strikes lost outside of the groups.

Fred Nelson, the old magician, who used to open his car door and produce a billy goat, has added a new trick to his list. He opened a package in the warehouse the other day and out jumped a rabbit, a chicken hawk and a couple of pigeons.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Six months passed before group sleuths were able to find out what the middle initial "C" in **William Brown's** name stands for. Brown slipped up this morning—the name is **Cuthbert.**

There has been an addition to the **Glenn Yocum** family, an 8½-pound boy.

Following are some of the nicknames used by group employees: Ice Cream Face, Seal Beam, Tick, Simon, Fox Man, The Chief, Two Sections of Corn, Crooked Nose, Blinky, Chef, Effingham County, Butterball, Abe, Stooge, I, Whiskers, Slit Eyes and many others too numerous to mention.

At home ill was **Stanley Slucki.** This time it wasn't from smoking Tuscani cigars.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morey celebrated their second wedding anniversary December 18.

Melvin Moore isn't bragging about the two rabbits he shot, but the big pheasant he missed.

On a 30-cent chance **Bill Busing** won a $15 jacket.

After five trips a person would think that the local draft board should be familiar with **Gilbert Morgan's** blood.

First, it was **Cecil Abbott** married, now he is in the news again as going to the Army soon.

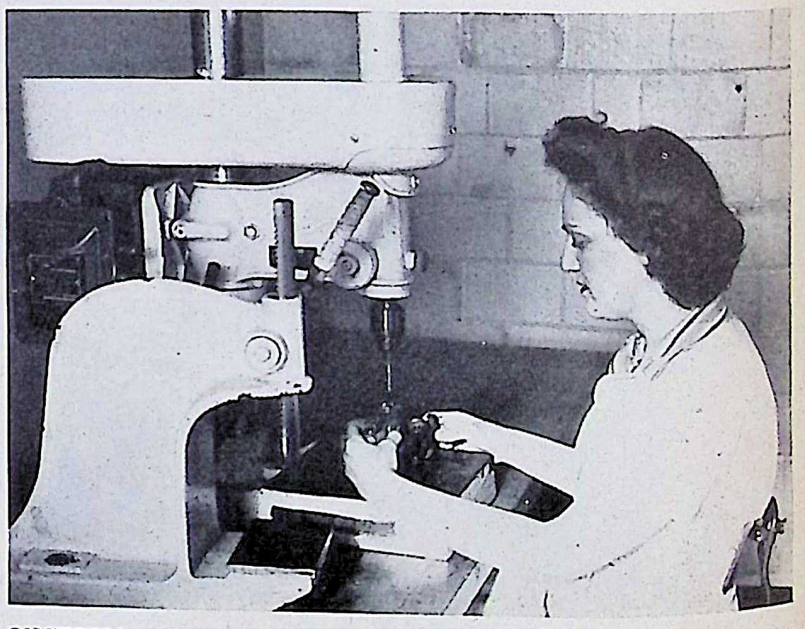
Gene Bradley was complaining about his health, so fellow workers suggested ironized yeast. The next day his complaints were worse. Asking what he had taken, he said "Star yeast."

December 21, shortest day of the year, 61-3 short on help and short on temperature, —4°, **Foreman Ed Schellhorn** *goes laboring.*

Robert Morrison was high point man against the Chemical Laboratory. The Group five lost to a strong sportsmanlike team, but promises to do better.

Clarence "Scotty" Scott is now vacationing. It is doubtful if **Sgt. Leonard Williams** will survive for two weeks without having Scotty to argue with.

It would be nice if . . . **Lemuel Barnhart** knew that eating too much is hard on the stomach . . . on days that he is late, **Lawrence Dobson**, didn't place the blame on **William H. Stilwell** . . . on his dinner table, **Fred Varvel** ate that $5.67 ham . . . **Ray Conway** arose out of bed earlier on week days . . . more people had heard **Lawrence Baudino** make his telephone call to Joliet . . . the other electricians knew that their foreman, **Frank Kachelhoffer**, is repairing an electric train in his spare time at home . . . **Wayne Howard** allowed his child to play with the electric train—toys are made for children to use . . . fellow workers knew which door **William Powers** ran into.



SIXTEEN OPERATIONS like the one pictured here are now being done in the same length of time by Nicholas E. Whitney's fuze crimping machine. The operator is Norma Bottari, Group 4.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Sheet Metal Shop
By Jess Thomas

Leon Parrot, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, is getting along fine and hopes to return to work soon.

Howard Henderson, superintendent of the Carpenter Shop, is improving.

Between heating work and soldering fuzes the Sheet Metal men are all busier than Santa Claus was.

John Hanson is happy about returning to the ironworkers.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Col. Sam Todd and **J. J. Koch** were visitors at the EOP Telephone & Telegraph Communications Building December 17. They were guests of **Maj. Kenneth Haber, W. E. Canniff, Capt. J. A. Hardy,** and **W. A. Buck.** All had a pleasant lunch together and made an inspection of the building.

Helen L. Baker, former employee of this department, was a visitor December 17. She is on a Christmas vacation from the University of Colorado.

John Brewer and **Frank Kuechenmeister** have recently moved into their new homes at the Federal Housing Project at Wilmington.

Eugene Ridenour is the proud father of a son born December 15.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

All were glad to hear from former railroad maintenance employee, **Pvt. Joseph Residori,** Co. K, 2nd Battalion of U. S. Paratroops, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. **Corp. Pete Dinelli** also wrote recently. All of their friends at EOP return their greetings.

Service Garage Spares
By James W. "Bill" Hartshorne

Looking up the family tree of **Ralph Groll,** it was discovered that his great-great-grandfather was an interior decorator. Perhaps that accounts for the different changes in the appearance of the parts department.

Angelo Calcaterra is confined to the EOP Hospital with two broken ribs and all the boys wish him a speedy recovery, so that he may again resume his part in "keeping them rolling."

Some say **Eugene Gorski** and **Ralph Nickleski,** who are seen at the laundry infrequently, are looking for riders so they can get gasoline.

Electric Shop
By Ben Webster

Nope, there isn't a piece of steak under that bandage on **Vera Fellows** eye.

More close shaves and cleaner necks around the Electric Shop lately — especially the Kankakee boys.

Catherine Crane and **Jane Howell** —always wearing riding habits. Where are the horses?

Round House
By Jim Thompson

Bill Weitzel, composer, has a new theme song called "Tires." **L. J. Kearns'** side line is advertising poultry.

Radio Communications
By K. Richardson

Beverly Ashley brings stories of a "broom room" at the Personnel Building. No, there isn't a "broom room" at the Radio Building.

One day **Herb Senter** has a mustache and the next day none—which is quite baffling. One never knows whether to say "Hello Herb" or "Hello," "Herb"? Minerva never complains of the heat or the cold but sits patiently and watches **Percy Miller** do his lathe work. Percy, however, doesn't appreciate the statue's hairdo nor her icy stare.

R. A. Brown and his department would like to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and happiness in the New Year.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Working Sunday at the Pipe Shop is very nice when **Ray Kral** and **Orville Burkhardt** take over as chefs. Incidentally, Joe Roff thought it was generous of the boys to invite him to dinner but he did not think that an invited guest should help with the dishes.

Joe Prisk never complains about the cold weather. In fact, he thinks people that shiver all the time are sissies. But he admits that the *big* coat he wears might make a slight difference.

Joe Harkins is the proud father of a new son. Joe has visions already of seeing the boy play in the Rose Bowl.

Harry Chayer is a very good chauffeur but one night last week, try as he may, he could not get the old Model A to start. Maybe the poor old lizzie was lonesome for one of its passengers, **Tommy French,** who was not at work that day.

Laundry Letters
By Bernadine Meister and "Dickie" Lieb

Rita Coash has been given the nickname "Little Britches" by **George Kinard.** The Laundry supports a mascot, "Sandy," the cat. **Helen Murphy** has been transferred to Shift 2.

Ruby Pinkstaff is back to work after a short vacation and **Violet St. Aubin** is now away. **Irma McCormick** has resigned to accept a position at Pontiac.

Edna Hyatt was made forelady on Shift 2, taking **Claudia Polson's** place. **Billie** and **Dickie Lieb** were home over the week-end visiting their brother who is stationed at Louisiana. **Bernie Meister** expects to visit school friends over the week-end. **Babe Rogers** spent Christmas in the "South."

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

A Happy New Year

A place of contentment . . . marriage . . . and good cheer . . . picnics and free speech . . . sometimes laughter, sometimes tears . . . a cat napping on a pillow . . . a pipe and ash-tray . . . family songs, a Bible . . . children's voices at play . . . flowers at the window . . . Thanksgiving pumpkin pie . . . and cake . . . at Christmas, stockings hanging in a row . . . the jingle sleigh bells make . . . and now in 1943 . . . America is still at war . . . a home here . . . that's something worth fighting for.

When the Chicago papers are brought to the office they are resold to other fellows from other towns and **Joe Luzbetak** places the money in a sealed box. The amount collected is given to the USO.

Orchids go to **John F. Herbert.** He was one of the first watchmen here. He started November 15, 1940—way back when Elwood was a little gopher-hole.

The USO Men's Supper Club had a delightful program at the Methodist Church in Wilmington. The next one is Tuesday, January 12. **Al Scheer** is a member and reports very interesting programs.

A Christmas gift exchange party was held at the Louis Joliet Hotel December 15. Those present were **Margaret Hayden, Frances Gourley, Eleanor Goss, Eileen Jackson, Evelyn Greenwood, Kathleen Conway, Juanita Harter** and **Clara Cline.**

Anna Mae Thompson does not like "White Christmas" so she is spending it with her boy friend in Texas. He is in service there.

W. Rockrohr is preparing now for his Victory Garden in 1943. He has a complete file of catalogs and through study has become expert.

Jack Frost was completely outshone in the Mailing Room. **Betty Fedderson** did a nice job of decorating the windowpanes. Worth seeing!

F. A. Leslie is welcomed back to work after having been ill for some time. **Bob Stewart** of the Mailing Room is off the job due to illness.

Fred "Pop" Poplausky, six feet two and 200 pounds, is a star feature of the Joliet Jewish Federation's show on New Year's Eve. He will be the hula-hula dancer, grass skirt and all.

R. T. Bassett has finally taken off time to enjoy himself for a short time. He and **Mrs. Bassett** will enjoy Santa Claus in New York with his mother.

June Schick accepted the Christmas spirit with a whole heart . . . in fact, she says her heart is wrapped up for good in a blond ensign.

Capt. Thomas Murphy of the Guard Force has convinced several of the boys that *soup* is the thing. Now there are lots of soupy lunch pails.

Persons eating in the private dining room at the Cafeteria are still wondering what it was that came flying in the door about 2:00 p. m. December 21 and left without a word. Those curious enough should ask **Veranice Quade** of the Purchasing Department.

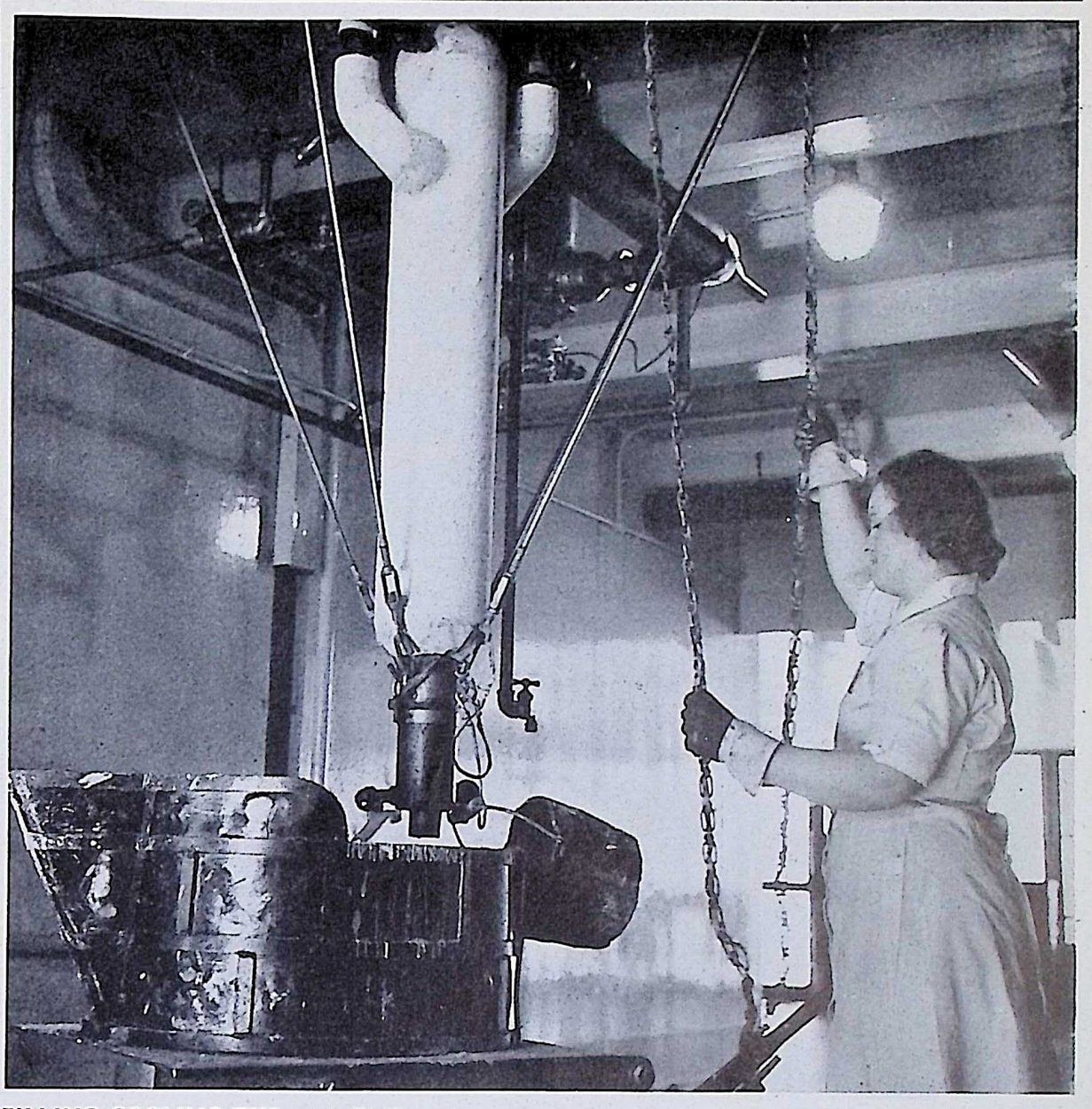
Chuck Connell, formerly of Production Planning, was called to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, because Uncle Sam planned for him.

One department really having the Christmas spirit is the Mailing Room. With so much mail to sort and distribute, **Dagmar Peterson** and **Polly Marston** are to be congratulated for quick service without confusion.

Herbie "Sundae" Burch not only cooked wood in his coal stove to dry it out, but finally blew the stove up. He believes in doing things up brown.

The Labor-Management Committee now has quarters large enough to spread its wings in . . . almost large enough for a bomber's wings.

A Chicago newspaper is sponsoring a contest for ordnance women who offer a suggestion or invention that betters production of the plant in which they work. Specialization is a fine thing; sometimes, however, it is the fresh viewpoint of the outsider which gets the job done.



FILLING COOLING TUB with TNT is the assignment of Victoria Tusinski in Group 1. Attached to the tub is the bucket used for pouring the TNT into shells.

Sgt. Clare Cosgrove and **Elmer Martinson,** guards in the Administration Building, are on the sick list and really missed. **Frank Butala,** guard, will be missed for good . . . Uncle Sam has him in the Army.

Mel Rueck, of EOP bus fame, has got himself quite a title around these parts for safe and sane driving. He must believe that absence of accidents depends upon presence of mind.

Since neighboring KNK has won an "E" Flag, did you ever realize just how American the letter "E" is? Eucharist . . . Equality . . . Eating . . . Ecclesiastical . . . Education . . . Earnestness . . . English (Language) . . . Emancipation . . . Emblem (National) . . . Electricity . . . Easter . . . and Efficiency.

Paul Coppel of the Accounting Department left December 12 for Columbus, O. He received a gift from the office.

When a co-employee is stranded along the road in his car, get out and help him. When **J. C. Quade's** car was stopped because of a minor fault, everyone passed him by, except a stranger who stayed until the passengers were provided for. Why don't folks realize that there is a war and all pull together, not only in this way but at work?

Ronnie "Andy" Anderson and **Art Birsa,** chauffeurs, left December 12 for employment in Joliet.

Pvt. Ray McGuire visited here December 21, in uniform.

Speaking of invisible files, **Wanda Hudak** apparently was the inventor. Her files are invisible—telephone numbers and information all stored in her brain. She took a two-day, well-earned vacation last week.

Letters of thanks for the gift boxes sent them have been received from the servicemen, **Art Witty, Jim Koerner, Clyde Sheridan** and **Ray McGuire.** Letters from the other ten are expected soon.

A word of praise is overdue for the matron, **Bea Mileam,** for good housekeeping and ready humor.

Anita Scott, Mr. Bassett's secretary, has eyed an unopened gift box of candy on his desk until she has almost decided to file it under "T" until he returns. "T" for Temptation.

Ray Shepley of Camp Roberts, California, was unable to take a furlough to come home but reports he has a three-day pass and will be thinking of EOP in San Francisco.

Santa Claus stopped early at the Administration Building. He brought a new blue suit to **R. L. Voss.**

V. M. "Vic" Dagenais was home ill for a half-day December 12 and Room 41 had a resemblance to the Grand Central Station. No one has ever been able to take his place when it comes to settling problems of all kinds.

Ring out the bells and all sort of stuff to announce the swell time the Purchasing, Expediting and Stores Departments had at their second annual Christmas Party at the Hotel Louis Joliet in Joliet December 17. Everyone was so full after eating turkey and laughed so hard at the "Queenies" doing a strip tease act, that they hardly had enough energy left for dancing. Dancing was enjoyed later in the evening.

V. N. "Cuddles" Knudson did a mighty fine job as MC and as usual **Stan Nyren** gave his swell vocalizing, with the help of **Bob Stewart** from the Mailing Room, who did some grand playing for group singing as well as a solo selection. To top the evening off, **"Santa Claus" Pierson** was there with a gift for each and every good boy and girl and everyone had a merry old time. All concerned think congrats are due to the committees who worked so hard to make the party such a big success.

Henry Bale wearing dark glasses on a Monday morning arouses suspicion as to whether he is hiding from the law, or if he just needs a piece of beefsteak.

Something new has been added to "The House of Early" (Lois)—a brand new Scotty named Inkspot.

Gasoline Appeals Are Invited

Employees who have found from experience that the amount of gasoline originally allowed them under the rationing program have the right to appeal for more by appearing before the rationing boards in their respective communities at any time. The boards will welcome such pleas and, in fact, are holding hearings for that purpose several times each week.

Women's Work Spells Victory, Says Campbell

Chief of Ordnance Reports Views After Visit to Britain

War activities of women in all walks of life "spell success for the Allied cause and defeat for the Axis," is the belief of **Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr.**, Chief of Ordnance, as expressed in a letter to **H. H. Hampton**, executive assistant, Safety and Security Branch, War Department, describing his observations on a recent visit to Great Britain.

General Campbell's letter said in part:

"Let me say that every woman in Britain has a part in the war effort. No one is idle. Some work in factories rifling, boring and turning cannon; others operate the same types and often the same makes of machines which we see here in the United States. These include, among many others, milling machines, lathes, gear cutters, planers, drill presses, punch presses, etc. Of particular interest to me was the fact that many of these women do their own setup work and I was told by many of the foremen and those of management that the work performed by the women after a very short training period was of uniformly high character and quality.

"The women are also acting as engineers, draftsmen, physicists, chemists and work of that scientific nature. They work on jobs of the standard forty-seven hour week and have recently been raised to wages of $10 a week, on which, of course, they pay an income tax.

"Many of the women have gone into various semi-military organizations; as for example the Auxiliary Territorial Service. They are equipped with uniforms and live in barracks exactly as do soldiers. These women perform all manner of tasks. One unit which I inspected was used for ferrying large convoys of motor vehicles from the ports for delivery into the interior of the country. This, of course, is done night and day and in all sorts of weather. To see these women on the road swinging along in the invariable blackout, in the rain and cold, is indeed an inspiring sight.

"No one who has observed the various activities of the women in all walks of life can but help but be impressed with the fact that here is determination, a high order of ability, a cheerfulness and loyalty which spell success for the Allied powers and defeat for the Axis."

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

Your correspondents wish to express their best Christmas wishes and sincere hope for a prosperous and victorious New Year to all their fellow employees.

Flash

(Special to the Group 2 Correspondents — from the Middle Change House)—**"Kelsey Brothers Establish Meat Packing Concern."** Yes, this reliable item of news comes from a notice some of the fellows read in the Middle Change House. Apparently, rabbits will be the source of supply. *This is all in fun, so don't take it seriously.*

Harold Spier has returned to work following a week's illness.

Donald "Scoop" Bryant has been accepted by the Naval Air Corps and will report some time in March.

William "Billy the Kid" Stanley, who is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, wrote that the life of an Army para-trooper is no "life of Riley," but involves plenty of hard work and rigorous training.

Jim "Racketts" Brophy, they say, is a wanted man in Wilmington. Racketts says there is absolutely no truth to this rumor and it should be taken with a pinch of salt.

William "Wee Willie" Zauratsky is at home convalescing from injuries suffered two weeks ago. His smiling face is missed.

Asst. Supt. Gene Hunt reports that **"Jersey" Klegman** has replaced **Charles Pierce** and all wish "Jersey" the best of luck.

They say **Bob "Pepsodent" Reid** has the best set of "movie molars" this side of Hollywood. With the new choppers Bob expects to polish off a few steaks and chops.

An explanation was sent to **"Bunny" Obrien**, cute wife of **Danny Obrien**, who found a little note inside the thermos of his dinner pail signed "Babe." "Babe" is just another nickname for **Leo Bell.**

Just a week ago while driving out to work a few of **Don Carlson's** fellow workers spotted Don's car parked in a gas station. When Don was questioned about this he said he wanted to be the first in line when the place opened up. It must be hard to get out of bed at 6 on a Sunday morning just because someone told him that he did not have to use coupons on Sunday.

Grid Wheeler has been trying for two weeks to sell a house trailer to **Archie La Borence.** Archie has a nice home, and besides Grid is the one who always leaves his house key in his other pants so this house trailer would do him more good.

A charming young couple, not from this department, was overheard in a soda parlor one evening, trying to figure out a way for each to get his and her name in their respective papers. The fair damsel is **Annemarie Kinney** of EOP and the dashing young fellow is **Jim Claypool** of KNK. If there is anyone else who wants his name in the paper just contact your correspondents.

Joe Connors and **John Johnson** entered church one Sunday morning and as they did everyone looked to the ceiling to see if it was going to stay intact. It's tough for anyone who gets up so late he doesn't have time to eat his breakfast, but these two fellows were not without something to eat very long. John spied a box of animal cookies on the seat in front of them. The owner, a little miss, promptly removed the box from their view so it would not tempt them.

Two former Murphy's Boys, **Mike Bruno** and **Bob McGuire**, are serving in the armed forces and would welcome any correspondence from all the fellows. Their addresses may be obtained from *The Bomb-Shell* office.

Andy Feeney is expected back real soon. Andy has been released by the Marines.

Congratulations are in order for **Larry McKeon**, who is the proud father of a 10 pound, two ounce son.

After reading **George Zobel's** letter about the 62 men in his platoon getting their hair cut in 15 minutes, perhaps some of the barbers hereabouts aren't so bad after all.

Frictional Heat Can Cause Fires

Attention of workers in the loading lines is called to the fact that frictional heat or impact even from safety tools can cause a fire in explosives dust or material, the Safety Department announced.

"Don't try to find out if this is true," cautioned **Rollin T. Read**, safety supervisor. "Ordnance Department headquarters has proof that it is very true."

Personnel

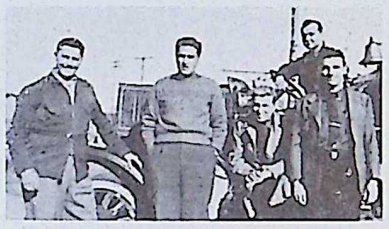
DARA PREW

Correspondent

According to the latest reports the advertisement should still be "Watch the Fords Go By" at the corner of Henderson and Jackson Streets every morning. **Helen Bardi** never has any trouble in discovering which one **Harry Dean** is driving. He says that the car is just incorrigible and winks at every pretty girl it sees; anyhow, it had better take heed or get "Blinkitis."

All the little flakes of snow are her allies, and she loves all the little rabbits and creatures of the field. Yes, it's **Rose LeBeau**, the nature lover of the Personnel department. On one beautiful snowy noon she tramped in the snow down along the fence on the far side of the road. She attempted to bring back a snow laden branch to let the others share her joy, but that was a failure. Greatest of all was her account about the jamboree the rabbits had, she could tell by their tracks.

Francis E. Peck has been aptly dubbed "Mr. Five by Five." A small statue of snow was erected for him the other day right outside the side door with a marker with his name and everything. Good-natured "Chubby" just laughed and said he thought that the head could be improved upon, but that he'd have to admit that the figure wasn't bad.



FIREMEN were wined and dined when they visited Engineer Mike Olson at his dude ranch in Cabery, Ill. Shown here, left to right, are Mr. Olson, Ira Schiek, Gerry Hanlon, George Rogina and Mike Ryan. In the background is the granddaddy of EOP's La-France pumper.

After two years away in the Army, **Bessie East's** son suddenly walked in the door of the fingerprint room the other day and said that he was on a month's furlough. Mrs. East is the timekeeper who takes charge of the new employees every day. Everybody shared Mrs. East's joy in seeing her good-looking son, **Bob**, who is a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps. Stationed presently at Douglas Field, Arizona, he saw action at Midway Island in the first Japanese attack and was stationed at Hawaii for 15 months before that. Mrs. East's other son, **Bill**, is in the Coast Guard and has been for six years. He, too, saw action in the attack at Pearl Harbor.

Helen McGinnis, Ordnance Department correspondent, as she was eating luncheon last Saturday afternoon. Evidently very friendly with a newsboy whom she calls John, she greeted him and he inquired if she was in the Army after inspecting her uniform. Thinking to avoid a long explanation, Helen agreed and then came a real flood of inquiry. If she didn't throw bombs like those on her lapels then she must be an officer and give the orders and what was her rank with two stripes on her sleeve. All of this was discussed so that the whole room could hear and Helen didn't flinch, but she didn't elaborate either.

The newest case of how to grow old quickly has just come to the attention of the department through the exasperation of pink-cheeked **Jimmy Barrowman.** They were new boots that Jimmy came to work in that morning and he was really proud of some of his other togs, too, but they didn't remain clean and shining for very long. He pranced out of the building on an errand and then the car just wouldn't start. He called for a mechanic and waited. When the repairman arrived they pushed it out of the mud and fussed and fidgeted with it. After Jimmy was thoroughly spattered, they finally took it up to the garage. It needed one very important part repaired. *The gas tank was thirsty.*

William Leeland splurged on a 20-cent cigar for the Christmas Party and was promptly informed that it didn't smell one bit better than the one he smoked every day. By the way, he had so much fun swirling about the floor that he had to remove his coat. The whole evening came to a successful climax with the singing of Christmas carols and two solos by **Leona Hagen.**

A collection for a gold medal of merit should be started for **Joyce Enger** in honor of her strict adherence to the truth. Asked just where she got her beautiful black eye, she didn't hedge by saying that someone left a door open and she hit it. Not Joyce, she just came right out and said that her husband, **Bob**, gave it to her. Seems that Bob is a very heavy sleeper and as she was trying to wake him, he turned over and hit her with his elbow. Now, he won't believe that he did it. Joyce spoiled the whole effectiveness of her veracity about the many-hued orb by declaring there was no use in telling any fibs because Personnel would find out sooner or later anyhow.

Capt. D. P. Tunstall and Mr. Leeland challenged **George F. Bent** and **Floyd Schauland** to a bowling match Saturday afternoon, December 19. It was not learned who won, but Mr. Bent turned in a fair game of 234. Previous high scorers of Personnel Department — Mr. Schauland, 225, and the mighty strike bowler, **Howard Hauze**, 251.

Quiet, even-tempered **Vivian Jones** of the reference room, who never raises her voice and goes quietly about her work without disturbing anyone, walked into the lounge one day and calmly announced that she wasn't worrying about Christmas—all she was worrying about was herself. It seemed someone had been very annoying that morning and "still waters run deep."

There's a discussion class every noon among the girls who eat lunch in room 13. **Bernadine "Barney" Keenan** can give a dissertation upon her Irish setter, Peggy, upon a second's notice, while **Kathryn Smith's** son, **Jimmy-Boy**, is another facet on the jewel of conversation. **June Fors** and **Cora Adelman** add that original touch of "dead-pan" comedy, while **Lorraine Nichols** describes her grandfather in his night shirt. **Rita Cooney** is versatile and can insert her Irish wit into most any of the subjects and manages to eat some little thing left from somebody else's lunch.

Well, as one man wrote in his application, your correspondent is anxious "to become a more important *clog* in the defense industry."

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN

Correspondent

The Bomb Loaders' Frolic, a party given by Group 3-A December 12 at Recreation Hall, was a grand success. Dancing, entertainment and music were enjoyed by all. Many went home carrying prizes won at the bingo table and chance booth. Among those lucky on the turkey raffle were **Capt. D. P. Tunstall, John J. Cole, J. C. Schmeh,** and **James Grady. Hanz McGinnis** held the lucky number for the door prize—which was a turkey — and from appearances was nearly paralyzed from the shock of hearing the announcer call the number he held as the winner. For a moment there was a question whether Mr. McGinnis won the turkey or the turkey won Mr. McGinnis.

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick greeted the guests as they arrived and was pleased with the large crowd that attended this affair in spite of the zero weather and gasoline rationing. A good time was had by all and much credit is given to him and to the various committees that made this event one of the most outstanding of the season.

When **Tom Wheeler** was questioned about news for *The Bomb-Shell*, he replied he had none, but was willing to offer his picture if the paper ran a comic section.

The wife of **Charles "Parlay" Zogus** has presented him with a book entitled "How to Clean Up on the Horses." Anyone wishing free instructions on the art of sweeping can contact Charley at Building 10.

On December 11, at Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, the population of Lockport was increased by one with the birth of a seven-pound son to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Gilbert Simmons.** "Pop," Building 12 foreman, has fully recovered.

A parody on a popular song—entitled "I've Got a Touch of Tetryl in My Hair" is credited to **Harold Koehler.**

Mr. Fitzpatrick's dog, Chin, is getting more than his ration of meat these days, but since rabbit is on the unrestricted list, his liberty is still safe.

Darrell Liles left the group for the armed forces.

Margaret Scardina, on a trip to visit her husband, has had her return trip delayed by lack of transportation facilities.

The boys in Building 12 wonder if **Edna Alexander's** husband knows that she is quite an acrobat with a mop.

A daughter, **Kathryn Ray**, was born to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Louis Paul** of Pontiac December 3.

The boys in Building 4 miss **Francis Joho**, known to them as "King" Joho, who left for the Army December 14.

Many are wondering which building **William Heylek** really works in, Building 12 or Building 16-A.

Fred Rigoni, known as Glamour Boy, is said to have been put on the auction block recently by a Government inspector.

It has been asked how a *man* with a *name like* **Lowell Hansen** can come to work in a green shirt and red necktie.

Glen Mistead, "whip man" at Building 5, accompanied by some of his crew, had a little Christmas party at Wilmington. The boys had a swell time—so did several of the fairer Government inspectors.

Dominic Fassino gave Wilmington a demonstration of "How Not to Be a Tumbler". Dominic would like to know where he can buy a new gas can and also where there is a good osteopath.

Charles "Arkie" White, assistant foreman of Building 12, who recently came from the land of hills, scare holes and shot-gun dwellings, confides that he has now thoroughly adapted himself to northern civilization.

Hazel Byrum is proud to announce that she is the grandmother of a baby girl.

Guard Roy Gentry took leave of absence to make a trip to Kentucky for an Army examination.

Wilcox and Deylitz Shine on Alleys

On December 8 Team 2 defeated Team 1 of the executive group two games to one. High man on the winning team was **C. J. Wilcox** with 570, high game of 217.

The score:

Team 1			
Bent	153	131	104
Knudson	172	162	192
McAloon	53	86	131
Pierson	119	118	172
Dougherty	124	136	156
Grant	157	144	162
Team 2			
Peterson	176	197	160
Evans	102	101	112
Dagenais	95	177	106
Stark	116	142	161
Wilcox	170	217	183
Balston	89	128	97

Team 3 defeated Team 4 two games to one. High series was shot by **P. L. Deylitz** with 481.

The score:

Team 3			
Read	148	108	176
Buck	104	104	132
Carlson	140	131	151
Deylitz	135	152	194
Schauland	127	161	221
Team 4			
Cartright	114	135	107
Barclay	135	115	132
Frosch	102	168	146
Baughman	111	145	127
L. Score	104	104	132

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

January 4

Beatrice Berge, Ordnance; **Clyde Boyd**, Utilities; **Margaret Cacello**, Group 8; **Lilla Clyne**, Group 4; **Rollie Conkle**, Group 3A; **Rena Dandurand**, Group 4; **Lucretia Davis**, Group 7; **Russell Dunham**, Guards; **Roy Gabriel**, Utilities; **William Gram**, General Operations; **Otto Heap**, Material Warehouse; **Antoinette Johnson**, Group 7; **Katherine Kessler**, Group 7; **John Kolb**, Ordnance; **Wilfred Lanoue**, Guards; **Joseph Luzbetak**, Engineering Dept.; **Catherine Martin**, Accounting; **James Murphy**, Timekeeping; **Ralph Nickleski**, Utilities; **Lucian Petih**, Group 3A; **Charles Phelps**, Group 9; **Nile Robinett**, Group 3A; **George Scherzer**, Fire Dept.; **Merlin Sorensen**, Group 1; **Lennie Sorrells**, Group 1; **George Walsh**, Inspection; **Gordon Weaver**, Utilities; **Nora Wright**, Group 1.

January 5

John Allie, Utilities; **Minnette Arter**, Ordnance; **Floyd Covil**, Inspection; **Lea Dalton**, Ordnance; **Albert Dauphin**, Group 1; **Julia Elekes**, Group 5; **Angelo Fazio**, Utilities; **Frank Feely**, Utilities; **Clifford Fisher**, Accounting; **Grace Foster**, Group 9; **Dorothy Fusco**, Group 8; **Juanita Gordon**, Group 9; **Alec Graham**, Inspection; **John Hedges**, Group 3; **Henry Hequet**, Group 1; **Shirley Hoeller**, Group 7; **Ruth Hoke**, Group 6; **Joseph Juhant**, Group 1; **Marie Juricic**, Payroll; **John Knauer**, Group 8; **Robert Lee**, Inert Storage; **Robert Livsey**, Group 9; **Kenneth Magruder**, Group 1; **Willis Maltby**, Inspection; **Mary Martonchik**, Group 9; **Harold Moriarty**, Group 4; **Geneva Ouellette**, Group 4; **Charles Palmer**, Group 3; **Mary Plut**, Group 4; **George Reid**, Group 1; **Richard Richards**, Utilities; **Bernadine Ruddy**, Group 9; **Walter Sack**, Guards; **Wesley Shrigley**, Group 1; **Charles Smith**, Group 9; **George Strawkas**, Group 2; **Stanford Tallman**, Guards; **Robert Thompson**, General Operations; **Frances Vaughan**, Group 8; **Hugo Vicini**, Inspection; **Dortha Walker**, Group 5; **Evelyn Walker**, Group 7; **Maybelle Ward**, Group 5; **Earl Way**, Guards; **Anna Marie Weir**, Group 5.

Lloyd Mosley of the Marine Corps, stationed in San Diego, Calif., formerly worked in Group 3-A.

January 6

Martha Craig, Accounting; **Casper Dorich**, Utilities; **George Hart**, Utilities; **Margaret Hermes**, Group 4; **Dale Mann**, Group 1; **Bertha Matzen**, Group 7; **Franz Miller**, Utilities; **Alfred Paquette**, Group 3; **Lucille Petrowski**, Group 5; **Nettie Reid**, Group 9; **Helen Reitz**, Group 5; **Rita Schwab**, Group 7; **Bernard Schossler**, Utilities; **Grace Stilley**, Group 9; **Joseph Szpiech**, Utilities; **Doris Tatro**, Group 9; **Charles Tierney**, Maintenance; **Raymond Whalen**, Group 61.

January 7

Goldie Babzak, Group 7; **John Bowles**, Utilities; **Mel Canaday**, Inspection; **Jeanette Carlson**, Group 8; **Ira Chandler**, Inspection; **John Cinotto**, Group 4; **Anthony Darin**, Utilities; **Lucille Garner**, Group 5; **Marcella Godin**, Group 9; **Charles Hendrickson**, Guards; **Robert Hendricksen**, Group 1; **Edward Hodina**, High Explosives; **Ethel Jones**, Group 8; **William Lynch**, Group 3; **Mary McHale**, Group 4; **Betty Murphy**, Group 7; **Nels Peterson**, Group 3; **Dorothy Pomatto**, Group 7; **Esther Rorem**, Group 9; **John Rutkowski**, Group 1; **Ray Sewell**, Group 1; **William Stor**, Inert Storage; **Mary Thompson**, Group 5; **Alvin Troupe**, Inspection; **Ivan Watters**, Group 1; **Marion Weber**, Ordnance; **Thomas Whalen**, Utilities; **William Young**, Group 1.

January 8

Albert Agnich, Group 3A; **Lloyd Bailey**, Group 1; **Joseph Baldwin**, Group 61; **Roman Bertrand**, Utilities; **Luther Bransetetter**, Group 3A; **Lorin Cain**, Safety Dept.; **Donald Coldwater**, Group 61; **T. F. Costello, Jr.**, Accounting; **Loretta Countryman**, Group 7; **Helen Donahue**, Payroll; **Josephine Donna**, Accounting; **Martha Evans**, Group 9; **Essie Hafner**, Group 7; **Robert Hayes**, Group 1; **James Hendershott**, Utilities; **Nolsey Hunt**, Group 4; **Harold Jackson**, Group 2; **Esther Keagle**, Group 9; **Anthony Kirinich**, Group 1; **Joseph Lepacik**, Utilities; **Mary Mahoney**, Plant Protection; **John McDermott**, Group 7; **Hettie McMillin**, Group 1; **Delno Meece**, Utilities; **Wilma Murphy**, Group 7; **Billie Nicholson**, General Office; **John Odchodnicky**, Ordnance; **Raymond Potter**, Utilities; **John Proffit**, Inspection; **Marie Rice**, Group 8; **Whitney Schultz**, Timekeeping; **Marjorie Sperling**, Group 8; **Walter Stanick**, Utilities; **Robert Thompson**, Group 1; **Elizabeth Todd**, Group 9; **Milton Treitel**, Timekeeping; **Anthony Tusek, Jr.**, Utilities; **Peggy Warren**, Group 5.

January 9

Curtis Angell, Maintenance; **Clarence Batson**, Guards; **Patrick Beauchamp**, Guards; **Anna Brouillette**, Utilities; **Doris Dickens**, Group 9; **John Fassino**, Group 3A; **Kathryn Fitzgerald**, Group 1; **Fred Frericks**, Utilities; **Robert Gibson**, Group 2; **Stanley Gibson**, Fire Dept.; **Charles Hakey**, Group 3A; **Alice Hanlon**, Group 9; **Elizabeth Moore**, Group 6; **Lillian Nesst**, Group 7; **Charles Pierce**, Group 4; **Elizabeth Russell**, Group 4; **Raymond Stehlik**, Group 3; **Robert Wessels**, Group 4; **Marcella Zajac**, Group 4.

January 10

Naomi Apgar, Ordnance; **W. N. Aschenbrenner**, Utilities; **Edna Borg**, Group 4; **Perry Bruno**, Utilities; **Genevieve Buzkiewicz**, Group 9; **John Campbell**, Utilities; **Theodore Carlson**, Accounting; **Norma Castle**, Group 8; **Rita Cooney**, Personnel; **Robert DeGrace**, Utilities; **LeVerne Erickson**, Group 5; **Vivian Francis**, Group 4; **Harold Hextell**, Group 1; **Fred Johnson**, Plant Protection; **Edyth Joy**, Group 5; **August Koehne**, High Explosives; **Harry Lund**, Group 2; **Frances Miller**, Group 9; **Henry O'Reilly**, General Operations; **Myrtle Porterfield**, Group 6; **Clarence Roberts**, Group 3; **Forrest Sloan**, Ordnance; **Grant Stitt**, Timekeeping; **Lloyd Tennant**, Group 2; **Antoinette Vanisko**, Group 7; **Reed Voight**, Utilities; **Helen Weerts**, Group 1; **Wilba Willows**, Utilities; **Mary Wynne**, Personnel.

January 11

Cecil Abbott, Group 61; **Elvin Abrams**, Group 1; **Helen Anderson**, Group 9; **Arthur Bane**, Group 61; **Virginia Bortoli**, Group 7; **Howard Crites**, Group 1; **John Eich, Jr.**, Group 9; **Deward Elliott**, Group 61; **Joyce Enger**, Personnel; **Georgiana Flavin**, Personnel; **Julia Flori**, Group 4; **Margaret Gall**, Accounting; **Irwin Jones**, Inert Storage; **Josephine Kauzlaric**, Group 5; **Doreen Larrigan**, Group 4; **Delphas Mattingly**, Group 2; **Jasper Middleton**, Group 2; **Sylvia Neilsen**, Ordnance; **Leonard Nelson**, Group 4; **Clifford Nussbaum**, Group 1; **Betty Palmer**, Group 6; **Joseph Patrick**, Group 4; **Robert Romine**, Utilities; **Frank Renchen, Jr.**, Group 3A; **Virgil Stoalton**, Group 9; **Mildred Styck**, Group 1; **William Vice**, Utilities; **Frank Yarbrough**, Group 2.

January 12

Lowell Andrews, Group 61; **Otto Bauman**, Utilities; **Herman Bertchie**, Utilities; **William Beyer**, Purchasing; **Cecilia Bolognani**, Group 7; **Dale Cornelius**, Fire Dept.; **Elmer Dames**, Timekeeping; **Edwin Daniels**, Group 6; **Francis Davidson**, High Explosives; **Anna Dickson**, Group 9; **Iorwerth Edwards**, Watchman; **Hazel Eells**, Group 9; **Charles Ehrhardt**, Group 61; **John English**, Utilities; **Frank Evans**, High Explosives; **Joseph Gibbons**, Utilities; **James Gulliford**, Group 1; **Maye Hadley**, Group 5; **Seenl Hambleton**, Group 1; **Sam Hansen**, Group 1; **Lee King**, Group 66; **Mary Klein**, Group 1; **George Lane**, Utilities; **Lillian Len**, Group 7; **George Morrison**, Assistant Superintendent Fuze & Booster Area; **Matthew Plese**, Group 3A; **Alfred Pope**, Inert Storage; **John Pulliam**, Group 1; **Royce Quayle**, Timekeeping; **Edward Ravens**, Group 8; **Mildred Shamrocke**, Group 5; **George Steinke**, Utilities; **Frank Wilson**, Group 66; **Lillian Wooline**, Group 4.

Harold O'Keefe, formerly with the Ordnance Department, Stores and Transportation Division, is finishing his basic training in the Army Air Corps.

January 13

Emerson Ahrens, Group 3; **Mae Burke**, Group 7; **Clarence Cline**, Utilities; **Leola Denby**, Group 4; **Victor Enoch**, Accounting; **James Falbo**, Group 2; **Veronica Gordon**, Group 8; **Edward Haake**, Group 1; **William Irving**, Group 5; **James Kennedy**, Guards; **William Kilgore**, Group 1; **Mildred Lasswell**, Group 5; **Robert Leroy**, General Operations; **Viola Lohmeyer**, Group 7; **George Long**, Group 2; **Dorothy Long**, Group 4; **Patrick McGrath**, Group 2; **Emely Noramczyk**, Safety Dept.; **George Paxton**, Utilities; **Barbara Petrilla**, Group 7; **Florence Randle**, Group 5; **Walter Rasmus**, Group 3A; **Arthur Sampson**, Group 3; **Loretta Shine**, Group 9; **Susan Spang**, Group 4; **Walter Sprague**, Utilities; **Frank Underwood**, Group 3; **Clarence Warning**, Purchasing; **Wesley Warriner**, Group 3; **Leonard Ziegler**, Utilities.

January 14

Mary Beam, Group 5; **Carl Cornelius**, Group 3A; **Frank Dvorak**, Group 3; **Richard Franklin**, Fire Dept.; **Hazel Gauger**, Group 9; **Margaret Gilbert**, Group 5; **Anthony Granich**, Group 1; **Herman Hammell**, Group 3; **Frederick Harris**, Group 1; **John Harzheim**, Group 3; **Alice Hess**, Accounting; **Virgil Hornickel**, Group 1; **John Koerner**, Group 9; **John Lenke**, General Operations; **Agnes Matis**, Group 7; **Wilbur Matthews**, Group 2; **Mary O'Connor**, General Office; **Emery Ogden**, Utilities; **Frank Platt**, Group 2; **Aloysius Pyszka**, Guards; **Dorothy Reichenback**, Group 6; **James Reynolds**, Group 4; **Mary Richards**, Group 8; **James Robertson**, Guards; **Robert Schultz**, Group 1; **Charles Stokes**, Group 1; **Florence Taylor**, Group 5; **Clarence Ward**, Group 4; **Omar Weatherford**, Group 1; **Harold Wilkins**, Group 61.

January 15

Antonin Bajt, Group 5; **Roger Cirrencione**, Utilities; **Franklin Depperman**, Group 1; **William Dilling**, Group 8; **Timothy Donahue**, Inert Storage; **Marie Donisch**, Group 5; **Reba Duncan**, Group 9; **Thomas Duffy, Sr.**, Guards; **Ann Fordyce**, Group 9; **Tony Glavas**, Utilities; **Dorothy Gunnison**, Hospital; **Frank Jarosz**, Inert Storage; **John Kelch**, Utilities; **James Littrell**, Group 3; **Richard McCallen**, Accounting; **William McGovern, Jr.**, Group 3; **Harry Neilsen**, Fire Dept.; **Frank Norris**, Utilities; **Joseph Oldani**, Group 3; **James Paul**, Utilities; **Amelia Racich**, Group 7; **Alexander Robertson**, Group 3A; **William Rogers**, Group 2; **Russell Schelter**, Ordnance; **Roger Smith**, Group 3A; **Rose Stevens**, Group 7; **Michael Stokes**, Group 3A; **Orvil Trueblood**, Group 3; **Myrtle Turner**, Group 6; **William Venema**, Group 3A; **William Ward**, Utilities; **James Wilson**, Safety Dept.; **Fred Wolf**, Group 3; **Edward Wren**, Group 2.

January 16

Antoinette Barthelme, Group 5; **Harold Bergeson**, Guards; **Leo Blottiaux**, Group 61; **Mary Carey**, Group 8; **Richard Clanahan**, Group 3; **Raymond Conway**, Group 61; **Robert DeFrees**, Group 2; **Joseph Dunn**, Utilities; **Judd Durham**, Group 1; **Vivian Elfving**, Group 4; **Raymond Godsil**, Group 1; **Barbara Greenwood**, Group 6; **Rita Groshans**, Group 6; **Arminta Jordan**, Group 8; **Edith Keggen**, Group 9; **Arthur Krause**, Group 9; **Ann Machino**, Group 7; **Leota Morrison**, Group 7; **Alonzo Noland**, Fire Dept.; **John Parks**, Group 1; **Jess Pinkston**, Group 2; **Marvin Rasmussen**, War Dept.; **Alfred Sonnenberg**, Utilities; **Charles Weeks**, Group 3A; **Albin Zielen**, Group 1.

January 17

Roy Benson, Utilities; **Robert Bodley**, Guards; **Helen Briske**, Group 9; **Anthony Cemeno**, General Office; **Kenneth Chandler**, Utilities; **Robert Kievendorf**, Group 1; **Robert Duncan**, Group 66; **Marion Erickson**, Group 5; **Fred Foster**, Group 3A; **Tony Gomora**, Group 3; **Helen Kachelhoffer**, Group 6; **Genevieve Karpel**, Group 7; **Theresa Kucer**, Group 5; **Eleanor Loucks**, Group 1; **Gordon McQuiggin**, Personnel; **James O'Connor**, Utilities; **John Parker**, Group 1; **Pearley Seng**, Maintenance; **Thomas Singer**, Utilities; **Otto Stallman**, Guards; **Mildred Stump**, Group 9; **James Terzick**, Group 2; **Arthur Towles**, Group 8; **Thomas Turner**, Guards; **Perle Waller**, Group 61; **Joseph Wetterhahn**, Guards.

Girls Plan Bowling League for Friday

Groups which want to use the bowling alleys are requested to call the Recreation Department in advance to reserve alleys. Since the leagues have been dispensed with in preference to the present plan, more individual bowlers have been provided for. Novice bowlers have an equal chance with the experts and they have been taking advantage of the plan.

The girls are planning a league for Ladies' Day—Friday—line up your bowlers and send your lists to the Recreation Department.

Do you sing? Would you like to be in a chorus? A mixed chorus is now being organized and will make its debut caroling around Christmas time. Further plans will be discussed at the rehearsals. Invitations have already been received for the appearance of a choral group from EOP. Many good voices in the groups have been waiting for this call, so mention your interest to your Employees Activity Committee representative or call the Recreation Department, Line 4109.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Service bars have been inaugurated in the Guard Department. For each six months of service a guard is awarded one service bar. The bars are worn on the left coat sleeve. Many of the boys in the office are thinking of wearing their coats, while on duty, so as to display their service stripes.

Two more guards left recently to assist Uncle Sam's armed forces. **Leroy Hawk** is in the Army and **John Nicholson** enlisted in the Navy.

Guards' Sports World

Members of the Guard Department have formed an "Early morning Keglers" session. The latest member to join was **Lt. Emmett Bantner**, and more are welcome to join by contacting any one of the keglers mentioned here. The latest results were: **Lt. Harry Dowden, Lt. Emmett Bantner** and **Ennis Ryan** defeated **Sgt. Thomas Cerre** and **Albert Atwood** and **Fred Dutter. Dowden** was high man with a four-game total of 777 and high single of 241.

Jim Stiglich, who bowls with the EOP Guard team in the Industrial league, hit a high single game of 265 and a 601 series.

The Guards would like to have a few match games with any team in the area, if arrangements can be made. Call **Capt. Walter Bayer** at Guard Headquarters.

The best match game so far this season involved **Chief M. C. Baughman** and **Lt. Richard "Curly" Boylan.** Bashful Boylan contends his game was hampered by the weight he was carrying (overhead) that is: the constant threats of his future. Post 13 came close to being reopened.

The Basketball League is now in full swing. The Guards' basketball team, managed by Lieutenant Dowden, is planning to give many surprises to opposing teams this season. The biggest surprise will be when they blossom out in new uniforms. The co-operation of all in the department aided the boys in looking their best. Now . . . to win a few games.

Quick results have been reported since the last publication. **Walter Britz**, with the assistance of this column, has disposed of his two goats to **Gottlieb Plock.** Guard Britz reports that Plock barbecued the kid and is milking the goat (one quart a day).

Recent rumors that **Sgt. Claude Hogan** is soon to become a proud daddy have been confirmed. A very nice Christmas present, says Claude.

Remember when: Everybody was knocked down trying to change clothes in the old Guardhouse (Forsythe Farm) . . . Distinguished Posts included "The Dynamite," "1¼ South RR," Post 13, Post 16 and Group 62 buildings. . . . The old country phone hung on the wall in the chief's office. . . . The theme song was "throw a couple of more shovels on the fire."

With the Ladies

Last minute Christmas shopping didn't prove so successful for **Hermie Bidgood.** Her purse was snatched as she was entering a city bus in Joliet last week. However, Mrs. Bidgood, an efficient policewoman, spotted the culprit and immediately had him arrested.

Villa Eggleston is soliciting orders for her new business, interior decorating, and if anyone doubts her ability, they are invited to visit Headquarters to see the charming Christmas decorations she arranged so artistically.

Marian Qualls fell last Monday and broke her ankle. All sympathize deeply with Mrs. Qualls and look forward to the time she will return.

New women added to the Police Division include **Johanna Sullivan, Bessie Hunter, Elizabeth Bottomley, Grace Bourguignon, Mae Glade, Berneice Jiskra, Elizabeth Malek, Pearl Marshall, Alma Mattox, Ethel Million, Louise McDermott, Anna Mae Singer, Ida Ann Stocker** and **Geneive Turcotte.**

Ellen Nugent, who selected Christmas for her wedding day, has the best wishes of the policewomen.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

It is now known why **Harlan Kadow** let his hair grow. He was Santa Claus at a Christmas party in Aroma Park.

Scott Soper reports that many a wife has found that hugging her husband is the best way to get around him.

Arthur Voss received a letter from his son, **La Verne**, who is with an Ordnance Corp somewhere in North Africa. He was a timekeeper in Group 64.

Congratulations are extended by this group to **E. J. Egan** on his birthday, and for the fine dinner and entertainment at the last fellowship meeting, of which he was chairman.

Ben Sloan remarked that he found that the best reducing exercise is to shake the head violently from side to side when offered a second helping.

Michael Doyle, Sr., has just received a letter from his son, **Michael, Jr.**, who is in the Hawaiian Islands.

Caphas A. Eads, Tony B. Mintillo and **Dom Astarino** are welcomed to the staff.

Your reporter is just getting under the wire for a vacation and will return at the start of the new year.

Two Clyde Bakers Have Their Prides

A photograph of an appealing youngster published in a recent issue of *The Bomb-Shell* under the caption . . . **Pride of Clyde Baker**, electrician, is his 3-year-old son, **Kenneth**, shown here with pipe in mouth . . . brought the picture shown here to the paper with this explanation **Pride of Clyde Baker**, carpenter, is his 9-months-old grandson. just a coincidence.

The EOP Guide Post

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Lost—Near Fuze and Booster gate or on bus, a light tan billfold containing driver's license and social security card. See **Harriet Perschnick, Group** 1, building 10.

For Rent—Large front room with twin beds. Well furnished. Will pack lunches and make breakfast if desired. Gentlemen preferred. See **Mrs. Ida M. Green,** 214 Bartleson street, Joliet. Telephone 3-1194.

For Sale—'36 Plymouth coach. Good condition. Heater. Good tires. Very reasonable. Call **Joe Smajd,** Line 4162.

For Rent — Furnished rooms at Braidwood with hot water and heat. See **H. E. Barrett,** Government inspector, Group 1.

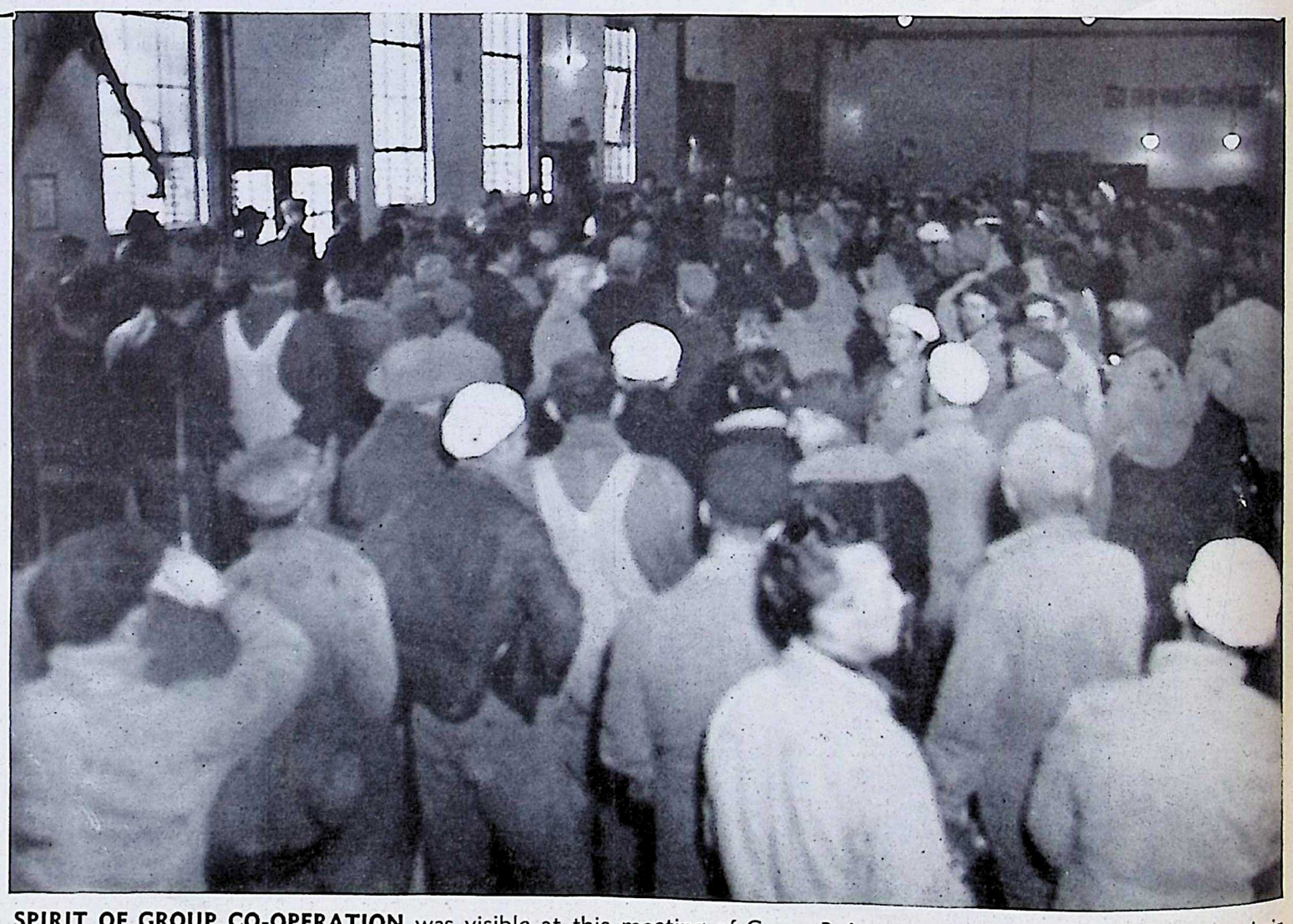
ELWOOD ON PARADE

SPIRIT OF MERRY-MAKING was plentifully in evidence as the Purchasing Department, pictured here, held its annual Christmas party at the Joliet Hotel December 17.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS marked this dinner gathering of head assembly line workers from Building 11, Group 8, at the Woodruff Grill, December 17, with Mrs. Anita Burke as leader.

SPIRIT OF CONCENTRATION is shown in this picture of Thelma Uppling, gauge technician, at her interesting job in the office of Nicholas E. Whitney, machinist foreman, in Group 4.

SPIRIT OF CHANCE appears dramatically on the faces of those shown here watching the spin of the wheel of fortune at the Bomb Loaders Frolic of Group 3-A December 19.



SPIRIT OF GROUP CO-OPERATION was visible at this meeting of Group 3-A workers as they were addressed by their superintendent, John J. Fitzpatrick. Similar meetings stressing safety are held from time to time for group shifts.

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EOP GETS ARMY NAVY "E" FLAG

Buy $50 Bonds To Save Money For Uncle Sam

95% of Bonds Bought by EOP Are $25 Value

By U. S. America

Hey mister . . . and you, too, sister! This is your Uncle Sam and I need your help.

First, let me say thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the War Bonds you are buying. You've been swell, and all my nephews in North Africa, New Guinea, Alaska, Iceland and throughout the South Pacific join me in expressing appreciation to you.

Not only have you kept the bombs and shells rolling to the battle fronts, but you have sent your dollars to war, too. And, oh, how they are needed.

You know, my dear people, in this total war, every little thing counts. There is one little thing further you can do to help. It won't cost you a cent, but it will mean a lot to me.

You know, too, that I had my Secretary of the Treasury, **Henry Morgenthau**, send you a "T" flag because you have bought so many War Bonds. It flies proudly from the flagpole in front of your Administration Building and I am glad to see it there. Now, the officers of my Federal Reserve Bank tell me that if you buy $50 War

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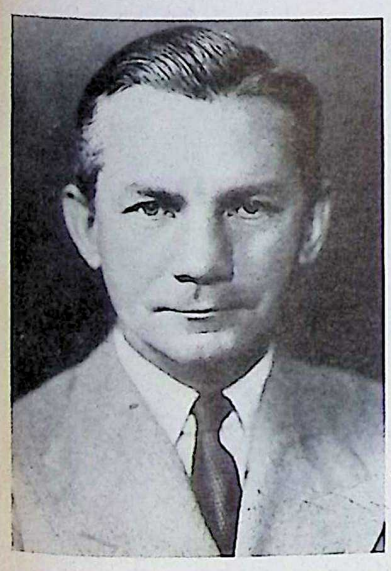

James V. Forrestal
Under Secretary of the Navy

"This award symbolizes your country's appreciation . . ."

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 9, 1943

To the Men and Women
of the Elwood Ordnance Plant
Sanderson & Porter
Joliet, Illinois

This is to inform you that the Army and Navy are conferring upon you the Army-Navy Production Award for great accomplishment in the production of war equipment.

This award symbolizes your country's appreciation of the achievement of every man and woman in the Elwood Ordnance Plant. It consists of a flag to be flown above your plant, and a lapel pin which each civilian employee may wear as a sign of distinguished service to his country.

I am confident that your outstanding record will bring victory nearer by inspiring others to similar high achievement.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War

EOP'S SOLDIERS OF ORDNANCE take pride in this letter from Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, which pays tribute to their accomplishment in furnishing bombs, shells and anti-tank mines for the far flung armies of the United Nations.

Robert P. Patterson
Under Secretary of War

Presentation Planned for February 12

General Harris to Represent U. S.; Pins Go to Employees

The men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant have been awarded the highly-prized Army and Navy "E" in recognition of their splendid accomplishments in war production.

Bestowal of the award was announced January 10 on receipt of a letter from **Robert P. Patterson**, Under Secretary of War, reproduced in an adjoining column.

Presentation of the award has been set for February 12, birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln.

Major General C. T. Harris, Jr., Commanding General of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., has been designated by **Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr.**, Chief of Ordnance, to present the "E" flag to EOP in behalf of the Army and Navy. General Harris was Chief of Industrial Service, Ordnance Department, during the time EOP was being built and placed in operation and is well acquainted with the plant and its personnel. Management and employees of EOP are gratified over General Campbell's selection.

A committee on arrangements, composed of representatives of management, the Ordnance De-

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Cut Out Absenteeism and Keep Your Bonds

The record of War Bond purchases by workers of Elwood Ordnance Plant has received the commendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, as evidenced by the "minute man flag" which flies immediately below our post flag. It will be harder for us to maintain this record with the added Victory Tax now in effect, but it can be done in one easy way, by doing away with absenteeism!

This plant is being operated on a 48-hour week basis. You would be surprised, however, at the number of employees who work only 40 hours a week, or five days. Work on the sixth day adds 12 hours to the 40 hours, and 30 per cent to the week's wages.

If absenteeism is done away with, workers can maintain their 10 per cent War Bond purchases, pay the Victory Tax, and can either increase War Bond purchases or save for income taxes.

Don't let anyone influence you to cash your War Bonds. You bought these bonds for two good reasons, to help win the war, and to create savings as insurance against adversity and for comfort in later years. These two good reasons are just as good now as they were when you made your subscription! Should you cash your bonds before the war is won, you will defeat the whole purpose of War Bond sales, and will destroy the good which you have already done; and, of course, your savings will quickly vanish.

This good old U.S.A. is still known as a *free* country. You *can* sell your War Bonds! But, let's keep it free by doing whatever may be necessary to support our Government, and enable it to buy the supplies needed by us and our allies to crush our enemies.

Stop and Think

Never before in the history of the entire world has a nation been faced with such a gigantic amount of trials, troubles and tribulations as our Nation is facing today. We are in the most bloody and gruesome war that history has ever known. Fighting an enemy who will resort to every and all methods to accomplish his selfish and brutal end.

The men in the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Corps, the war plants, the women connected with our fighting forces, those in the munition plants, those in the homes, are all dependent on each other. Each and every American citizen has a special job to do.

Yet, after knowing most of these facts, some of us are not doing our part. The war isn't as bad as we read—"We'll win as soon as we open up," is the thought with which some of us go to work. I believe it is time we all "opened up," and come to the realization that we are fighting for our very lives; a fight in which our job plays an important part. Every day missed puts the enemy one day nearer his goal.

We must all sacrifice, think, work and act together. If we don't—we are a house divided and ruination is inevitable. Fellow workers, stop and *think, think, think!*

—**B. C. Wollan**
Inspection Department, Group 3

"Hey, Martha, tell idle man power his slip is showing."

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

Having polished off 1942 and packed it away for Posterity (that guy Posterity is going to be awfully surprised when he finds all the wornout stuff his friends have packed away for him), it is about time to take a deep breath and go to work on that kid '43 and really make a man out of him. "Scorchy rushes in where . . . fear to tread."

Recent changes in assignment have brought your learned correspondent into closer touch with the lunch rooms, change houses and other centers of higher thought at EOP. I have been listening. You may not believe it but there is a surprisingly large number of our fellow workers (that last word with some hesitation) who seem to have developed a mental impenetrability (there's a dandy—had to go to the book for that one) about what is going on in the world. The thought suddenly came to me that here is the opportunity to start a printed lecture course in these columns for their benefit, in the hope that maybe a few might be brought out of their self-indulging fog into the real daylight that surrounds us all. It is admitted that there are many who do not need the course so they will be promoted to 7A and allowed to eat those sour apples that the other palm-greasing students bring to teacher in lieu of their last evening's homework. I don't like apples anyway. So here goes.

All good correspondence courses need a Preface so I will preface my 20 easy lessons with the reminder that all efforts will be made to keep the ideas down to one-syllable words because seemingly the most eligible candidates have been unable to grasp the long Websterian tongue-tanglers that have up to now been used to tell the story.

Believe it or not, you won't believe the subject of this course. To most of you it will seem so unnecessary to talk about that you will question the sanity of your combination reporter, and what now? . . . yes, Professor. Here it is, brace yourself . . . we are AT WAR. There's the biggest one-syllable word of the course.

After listening to the bellyaching of so many of our shoulder-rubbers about the inequity of their having to give up this, do without that, or get along without some other what-not, the time is here to put them straight.

We hear them talk about some OPA restriction as being an infringement of their "rights." Phooey! There are a lot of better Americans out Pacific-way who would be glad to have their "rights" still connected to their elbows. As to our old friend "Absenteeism," that is being taken care of a few picas to the left, so we will assign that as collateral reading, with an essay to be written at the end of the term before you can pass the course.

Then there is the super-patriot who complains that his health is being ruined because he doesn't get enough sugar. Sit alongside of him in any lunch room and watch him shovel the stuff into a cup of coffee (about which he has also been short-changed). By the time he gets through his excavations in the sugar bowl, the erstwhile brown liquid has long since ceased to be a beverage and resembles more closely the stuff we see the cement-finisher applying with a trowel. Maybe our crying sufferer never thought of omitting one or two of those last four spoonfuls.

We also find the trophy-winners that approach their foremen with the World War II classic, "Gee, Boss, I have been at this job for an hour-and-a-half and haven't been promoted—what does a guy have to do around here to get some place?" You know him, don't you? And also the expert who can get his time card into the time clock every morning just as the type is moving from 7:30 to 7:31, which leaves the poor timekeeper with the problem as to whether it is 7:30¼ or 7:30½ or, to hell with it, make it 7:31, and chalk up another chiseler.

And as to "beefing," if it were possible to draw some relationship between it and the real sirloin that we are not going to eat so much of from now on, I tell you there would be enough of the stuff to feed the whole world, and bring Wimpy's prices down to about 3 cents a copy.

And if you have read this far, you know whether you are eligible to enroll in the course.

Absenteeism Editorial Is Praised

Mr. Harrison Smith, Manager
Sanderson & Porter
Elwood Ordnance Plant
Joliet, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smith:

A copy of the editorial, "A Few Words to Absentee Employees," which appeared in the January 1, 1943 issue of your publication, *The Bomb-Shell,* has just come to my attention.

You and the editorial writer should be congratulated for the plain, forceful language used in denouncing excess absenteeism in your plant. It happens that at the same time the editorial was referred to me a mimeographed copy of experiments tried for reducing absenteeism gleaned from various sources, also crossed my desk. I am attaching this material for your information and the possible application of some of the ideas to your situation, if they have not already been tried.

In return, I would appreciate receiving from you any plans you are now using which differ from those contained in the attached.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) **Chester W. Hepler**
Acting Area Director for Chicago
War Manpower Commission

Ordnance
HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

The holidays have come and gone . . . and as Mothers all over the land are saying "I'm glad to have the kids home, but it sure seems good to have peace and quiet again."

The snows brought on usual woes . . . people missing rides and looking sadly at the crowded buses. . . . Saw **Lois Ressler, Agnes Hatting, Evelyn Greenwood, Billie Nicholson, Betty Kane** and **Sadie Atkinson** all stranded the other morning. But thanks to the Mail and the Plant Bus everyone arrived eventually.

Didja know that **Hazel "Adjutant" Kossak** calls her husband, **Art,** "My little boy." . . . Cute, don't you think?? . . . Guess the gang had a good time over to their house New Year's. **Helen Harmon** got a very nice Christmas present from (sh-sh—not a word), but it begins with a "B." . . . **Bea Berge** from Personnel returned from God's Country, Superior, Wis., after what was supposed to be a pleasant trip home to see "Ma" for Christmas and turned out to be an ornery trip to the dentist . . . spent practically all the time home in bed.

Jim George is what **Tommy Haigh** calls the model husband . . . doesn't he build model airplanes for his two sons??? . . . course no one can figure out whether Pa enjoys them as much as the kids or not, but recalls the story of the lady who went to a downtown store during the holidays and asked the clerk to suggest some toy for her child which the husband could play with.

Dara Prew, the perennial kid, was having the time of her life building a snow man outside the Personnel Building during the blizzard.

Many wonder what happened to **Anne Kakara's** diamond . . . it was among the missing the last time she was seen.

Erny Aeschbacker, formerly of Timekeeping, sent the gang a Christmas card from the Navy Signal Training School at the University of Illinois.

Art Koch is still on the unavailable list . . . many wonder why. **Kay Rosenbaum** of Auditing has been having a hard time getting over a *cold, but who hasn't?*

Evelyn Tecotsky, the rascal, has hidden her talents from everyone—she can draw and play the piano and is not an amateur in either. . . . **Marjorie Glover,** the teenie weenie, visited her boy friend lately. . . . Perhaps that accounts for the gleam in her eye.

Hazel Koller of Payroll had a nasty boil on her chin . . . and did she mind . . . and how . . . but 'tis better now and she is her jovial self again.

Kay Cusick hasn't forgotten her badge in a long time. **Dick Dean** of Payroll is in line for the well known call from our gray bearded uncle.

If you'd like to bowl a good game try a match with **"Tommy" Tomlianovich** of Inspection . . . she can sure show you a few things.

Mara Puett, the glamor gal from Auditing, had the "Number Kings" up to her house during the holidays . . . everyone had a marvelous time and unanimously agreed that she was a perfect hostess.

Donald "Handsome" Butts is another candidate for the armed forces . . . he is one nice boy . . . and nothing is too much trouble for him to do.

Pat Haley has returned to work after having her appendix removed . . . looks swell too . . . now **Gerry Kestel** can relax.

Bernie Jones sure has fun teasing her sister. . . . By the way, she and her gal friends are going up to see "The Merry Widow." **Helen Boula,** cute little gal from Lemont, has a new theme song . . . "Wonder When My Baby's Comin' Home."

Jo Kush from Mail and Record has a big secret . . . it has to do with something to wear . . . but to find out the details one must ask her. **Bob Kennedy** is in the armed forces and likes it . . . but **Betty Wilhelmi** doesn't. Many wonder what has happened to **Charles Webster** . . . he hasn't sent word to any of the kids since he went back home.

Home Morale Needs Spurt Says Soldier

Number of Letters Indicates Many EOP Men Across

Many former EOP employees now in the armed forces are overseas, it is evident from the number of letters received from North Africa, the Middle East, New Guinea and England. All former workers do not write directly to *The Bomb-Shell*, but from the number who do it is easy to judge there are many of them fighting on foreign fronts.

They all think of home, even those still stationed within the States. This is illustrated by a moving letter from **Pvt. Harold E. Johnson** at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, who advises that the homefolks should look after their own morale and not fret about the spirit of the fighting men.

"Maybe I'm off the beam," said Private Johnson, "but on a recent furlough back to the old homestead I learned that the morale is a lot worse than it is here. It's easy to understand, my Mother, sister and wife worried about their loved one (Harold) in this nasty war. Everybody is practically killing themselves worrying about their loved ones away at camp or overseas.

Works No Harder

"But here we are grabbing our training under the best of conditions, going to an occasional show, drinking malts every night, sleeping and eating like a king. You can't beat that life. Sure, I'm working, but no harder than I did for **John O'Connell** at EOP.

"Most of all, I'm learning to be a soldier—which is going to be the most precious thing in the world to me when I get on the battle front. Nope, as I see it, I think the morale of the soldiers is okeh. It's the morale back home that needs a lift.

"I would like for you to pass this on to the readers of *The Bomb-Shell*. If not, please say hello to all former boys who worked in the Timekeeping Department for me."

"Just a line to let you know I have received two editions of the plant paper," wrote **Pvt. James F. Walsh.** "The first was last month somewhere in England, and the second one of November 20, I received December 12 somewhere in Africa (and many thanks to you).

Censor Uses Scissors

"It seemed good to look at the pictures and read about so many people one knows. My best wishes to you and all my friends at the plant, **Charles Herbig,** Material Warehouse, and **Ed LaRoque** and **Homer Peters** at Group 63. Once again, many thanks. (Everything is OK.")

A letter censored with scissors was received from **Sgt. Louis Dante,** member of a bombing squadron, from somewhere in England. Sergeant Dante said, "When I was back in the good old U. S., I received my copy of *The Bomb-Shell* regularly. Now that I am overseas, I would appreciate it more than ever. I worked in the Guard Headquarters and I really looked forward to *The Bomb-Shell* to keep up with what goes on."

Two and a half lines were cut out of the letter, but it continued on the next line like this, "shells. Let me say that they really do the job. So you can convey this message to the people of the plant . . . You keep them coming off the assembly and we'll polish off the enemy. But don't forget my address."

From Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, **Corp. Tech. Russell Thompson,** wrote that "with the soldiers of the fighting line and those of the production line, victory shall be short coming. I wish to urge the soldiers of production to buy bonds and give generously to War Chests and relief."

Praises S & P Group

"I left Group 3 November 25 for the Army," penned **Pvt. Charles J. Shipp** from Camp Wolters, Texas. "I can say that I have missed the plant and the fellows I worked with. I worked in Building 16 as assistant foreman on **Stanley Kroger's** shift. I had worked in Building 16 for 11 months and it was hard to get along without the place. Give my regards to all the fellows in Group 3."

"I was employed by you March 14, 1941, and worked with you until I was drafted into the Army October 7, 1942," wrote **Corp. Joseph T. Haley** from Camp Adair, Oregon. "I never in my life worked for a company I liked better and would like to be with the rest of my life than Sanderson & Porter. I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year."

Pvt. Donald F. Wendel, writing from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, asked that his regards be sent to "all the gang" at Group 8 with a request that they write to him as he enjoys "mail call" every day.

"Well, here I am in the Medical Division of the Army," said **Pvt. Timothy J. O'Donnell,** Camp Grant, Illinois. "One year ago today (January 7) I was working in Group 1 in the carpenter shop. How are all the boys in Group 1? I sure would like to see some of the boys as I will be here for just four more weeks. Then I will be sent away, as we will finish our school."

Mothers Also Write

Pvt. Harvey H. Senter, who is with a bomb squadron at the Army Airdrome at Cut Bank, Mont., wrote that he would like to hear a little more about the night shift at Building 10, Group 1, where he worked before joining the Army.

Mrs. James Shaw, Joliet, mother of **Pvt. John J. Shaw,** who is with the Bomber Command somewhere in Australia, said her son receives the paper about once a month. "I thank you again, for he is so thrilled about receiving the paper I just had to write and thank you for him," said Mrs. Shaw.

Letters and cards also were received from **Pvt. Raymond V. Hansen,** Big Springs, Tex.; **Francis Aspel,** Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. Leo Walters,** Camp Elliot, California; **Pvt. James H. Hudson,** Camp Wallace, Texas; **J. Philip Allison,** Virginia Beach, Va.; **Martin R. Engel,** Camp Hill, Idaho; **Pvt. Louis J. Peters,** Camp Robinson, Arkansas; **Pvt. G. E. Potter,** Camp Roberts, California; **Pvt. Wayne Bezold,** Kearns, Utah; **Pvt. Stephen V. Biro,** Fort Knox, Kentucky; **Pvt. Edward L. Kurth,** San Benito, Tex.; **Pvt. Harold F. O'Keefe,** Springfield, Ill.; **Joseph F. Ambrozich,** South Truro, Mass.; **Pvt. Tony Tamazaitas,** Fort Bragg, North Carolina; **Pvt. Charles J. Maly, Jr.,** Eagle Pass, Tex.; **Pvt. Clarence L. Hank,** Camp Hale, Colorado; **John K. Zopf,** Richmond, Va.; **Cpl. Joseph J. Kopczick,** Camp Edwards, Massachusetts; **Mrs. F. Joho,** Joliet, Ill., who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Francis Joho,** Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and **Mrs. Leslie Stacy,** Dwight, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her son, **Pvt. Francis Stacy,** Camp Hulen, Texas.

Why Worry in '43?

You have only two things to worry about—

Either there'll be more rationing or there won't be more rationing. If there isn't more rationing, you haven't anything to worry about. And if there is more rationing, you still have only two things to worry about.

Either there'll be more taxes or there won't be more taxes. If there aren't more taxes, you haven't anything to worry about. And if there are more taxes, you still have only two things to worry about.

Either we're going to win this war or we're going to lose this war. If we're going to win this war, you haven't anything to worry about. And if we Americans plan on not losing this war we'll be kept so dog-gone busy this year we won't have time to worry. . . . So why worry?—**Arlene Schloendorf.**

Ann Lipsar of Operations and Transportation is sure a busy gal these days . . . sorta gets around though. . . . Ask **Helen Benson** of Transportation how many *blank* of what kind of *blank* she got for Christmas . . . also what she did with them.

Barbara Jo Johnson, at left, is the 18-months-old daughter of **Paul Johnson,** foreman in Group 4. The Johnsons live at Pontiac, Ill.

EOP Shells Thrill Fighter in Africa

To the Editor:

Having received no word from our son, George E. Dohm, Jr., since October 18, we were considerably worried, especially since several of his buddies had informed their folks that three weeks ago they had safely landed at Casablanca, Africa. This information, along with the Government's release of the news about the sinking of five transports at this invasion point, cast a depressed feeling of doubt over us as to his safety.

However, on Christmas Eve two letters arrived from him and dissipated into thin air our fears and instead we were overjoyed with the grandest feeling of happiness we ever experienced.

This unexpected news was like a message from heaven and reads in part, as follows:

Dear Mother and Dad:—

A few lines to inform you that I am safe and well and am here in Casablanca, French Morocco, Africa.

We made a fighting landing from our voyage from the States and had a taste of real action. Our Chicago and Joliet bunch are still intact and talk always of home. I believe you can learn more from the papers of our doings than I can say or tell you. Please save all the clippings of this campaign for me to read later and talk over with you.

The greatest thrill of all was that most of our shells *(size censored)* were marked EOP from our home town and did excellent work. Maybe Jule Meyer and some of my other friends had their hands on a few of these.

Gosh, that sure made me feel good to see that name on those shells, and will ever remind me of the co-operation my pals back home are giving us boys here at the front. It links the civilian and the soldier and gives us the courage through the knowledge that we all are doing our part in our own way to win this war.

No matter what happens or what the future has in store for me, nothing, dear folks, can change or take your place in my heart. The best of luck and loads of love,

George.

Before entering the Army, George was employed by Sanderson & Porter in the construction of the plant. He was inducted June 24, 1941, and was stationed at various camps in California and finally Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he was stationed for six weeks before embarking for Africa to open the second front.

Yours very truly,
George A. Dohm, Sr.,
817 Clement St.
Joliet, Ill.

Service Album

Now with the Ferrying Command at Love Field, Dallas, Tex., **Pvt. Frank Branger** formerly was with the Ordnance Supply Department here.

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Formerly of Group 2, **Pvt. Wilfrid Ward** entered the Army October 9, 1942.

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Pvt. Thomas Reay, formerly of Group 27 and a brother to **Matt Reay,** South Inert, is in an Army Anti-Aircraft Battalion at Angel Island, off the coast of California.

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Jimmy Walker, formerly of Stores and Transportation, is in the financial battalion of the Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. **Pvt. Lyle Ingraham,** former Government timekeeper, is in the Air Corps, stationed at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Tex. He enlisted in October, 1942.

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Former timekeeper here, **Fred Semitekol** is taking Army pilot training at Mira-Loma Flight Academy, Oxnard, Calif.

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Pvt. George E. Harrop, serving Uncle Sam with an engineering battalion at Lebanon, Tenn., formerly worked at South Inert.

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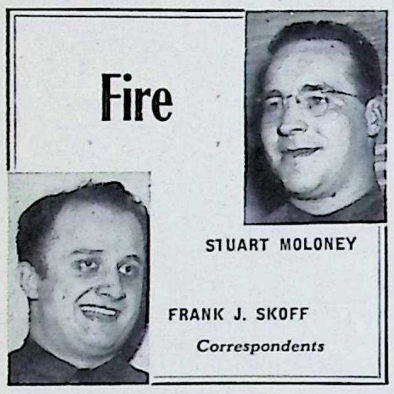
Pvt. Lyle Ingraham was formerly in the Ordnance Department here.



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STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

The Fire Department Dribblers tangled with the Chemical Lab Quintet 'tother evening and lost by the modest score of 32-16. Alibis have been flying thick and fast ever since. **Larry Dailey** said, "Perspiration got in me eyes." (He tossed the ball to an opponent waiting at the basket, a gift of two points.) In addition he kept feeding the ball to the wrong people during the game. **Sgt. Ed. Stricklin** claims that two of the Lab forwards were All-Americans, or some other such drivel . . . others say the referees were crooked . . . strangely enough, no one blamed the scorekeeper; after all, if he'd kept his mouth shut, all would have been well.

Norm Lubs: "I see in the paper here that a woman who speaks twelve languages is to become the bride of a chap who speaks seventeen."

Frank Goldenstein: "That's about the right handicap."

Jim Dillree said: "I'm the guy who never gets lost, because I never know where I'm going when I start out."

Johnny Alar said: "Cash money is the jack of all trades."

Lynn Boman: "Do you dance?"

Alexis Smith: "Yes, I love to."

Boman: "That's better than dancing. Let's."

Millie Connelly: "Don't jab the clothes brush into little Jimmie's face. What's the idea?"

John Connelly: "I'm just getting him in practice for kissing **Frankie Nolan.**"

This issue's "Singin' the Blue's Department" is headed by **Frank Doyle,** who moaned: " I wrote to her every day for three years, so she ups and marries the postman."

Roy Wright has been doing some intensive training for his forthcoming enlistment in the Navy. **Larry Dailey** tells the one about that recent training jaunt on Lake Michigan where Mr. Wright, after a deep bow over the rail, was heard to beg of the skipper, "Let's go back. After all, when you've seen one wave, you've seen 'em all." This, however, is not **Donnie Jones'** opinion of the Waves.

Virgil Thompson may be down and out, but he's never all washed up.

Frank Clark said that Jesse James would have been a better bandit if he could have listened to some of those radio serials in his boyhood.

In these days of communiques, the following is reported from **Martin Hanson's** home front. **Mrs. Hanson** reports: "Martin is a fine man — no bad habits — doesn't drink or swear and spends his evenings at home. He doesn't smoke very much either, just a cigar after a good dinner, although I don't suppose he smokes two cigars a year."

Dispatcher Virgil Hidlebaugh has a new winter hobby—All it takes is a plentiful supply of paper and a nice sharp pair of scissors. **Chief Roy Mortenson** threatened to use the Thomas splints on Virgil, who counters with, "Well, I only play with the *paper* dolls!"

Note to **Grover Alexander** and **Mike Ryan:** A.W.O.L. could stand for 1—Always walk on left; 2—At war on land, or 3—Another way of living.

There is one person on this Department who can vouch for the elegant New Year's Eve behavior of **Chuck Jiskra, Jim McGinnis, Ed Stricklin** and **Mr. Connelly**—the best part of playing drums is the nice people who drop in to see you, and put up with the racket.

Frank Skoff, fire inspector, plays a mean game of chess. Anyone is welcome to test his ability.

Foxy Teddy and Smokey enjoyed their New Year's dinner very much. The department sends thanks to Post 17 for the chickens.

Frank Scoma has found a way to beat the Income Tax—"I'll just marry a widow with ten children."

Bill Reichert: "Where's **Willie Day?**"

Cliff Weiss: "He's 'round in front."

Reichert: "Sure he's round in front, but where is he?"

This column's motto: "Sacrifice Spice, Keep it Nice."

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY of the Personnel Department was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bent (shown at extreme upper left). Mr. Bent is personnel director. Robert C. Wilhemi played Santa Claus. Yes, the lower right group is singing.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA

Correspondent

Leaders of the "Good Behavior Club," composed of foremen, voted unanimously to keep out of this column names and happenings on New Year's Eve. The chiefs claim that at least once a year employees should be allowed to go out and have a good time without having their names appear in print. The judgment of such men as **Harvey Steffes, Allen Mayes** and other prominent leaders is respected and New Year's Eve will not be mentioned any further on the scandal side.

Welcomed into the organization is **Wilbur O. Wagner.**

Pvt. Loren Horrie, in a letter to the boys at Building 2, writes that he is getting impatient pounding nails at carpenter work when he could be pounding Japs.

Carl Puswaskis had a birthday December 28 and it was not in *The Bomb-Shell.* **Norman Johnston** thinks that, due to rationing, the printers were scarce on s's for Carl's last name.

If you are troubled with your mathematics call **J. Decker,** mathematician of Group 61.

While vacationing **Clarence "Scotty" Scott** received many post cards from Chicago friends. **Leonard Williams** terms that a "post card shower."

The new pipe fitter foreman is **Norman Johnston.**

Anyone not knowing would think that **Scott Whalen** and **William Biggs** are the worst enemies. The two are consistently arguing.

Building 1 employees made a New Year's resolution—"we will have no animosity toward anyone."

Lester Tammen made eight baskets to make him high point man against the Fire Guards, although the Group 5 lost. However, **Robert Plese, Joseph Sarti, Robert Karges** and **Tammen** let the Fire Preventers know that they had been in a game.

Allen Mayes, Jr., son of the chief oiler, was called to the service January 12.

Bowling recently, **P. L. Deylitz** nosed out **V. L. Knudson** by two points with scores of 204 and 202, 201 and 203 respectively.

Frank "King" Ariagno's laundry establishment should commence operating any year now.

Winds come and winds go but the wind that always blows is the hot air generated by **David "Skinny" Bumgarner,** who, it is rumored, even talks in his sleep.

Students of 61-2 have thanked **Mrs. William Dooley** and **Mrs. Steve Juricic** for pies they sent recently.

Rumors have it that **Charles Hinz** was to be examined by the Selective Service Board—Mick is over the age limit.

Funny, but it is true that **Larry Johnson** stored his buggy at the Mazon Fair Grounds.

Even the brightly shining sun took a back seat in brilliance to the flashy suit worn by **H. O. Cadwell** (he of the curly locks) the day the Group picture for *The Bomb-Shell* was made.

Pvt. Chester Monik and **Pvt. Donald Sharp** sent post cards to their former fellow-workers.

Alan Heavens and **Scott Whalen,** electricians, are known as Arc and Spark or Chief Electrons.

Believe it or not, but **Clyde Fuller** has a toothache that caused his jaw to be black and blue.

Harry Brown has a way of making one feel at home. Your correspondent recently visited Production Planning Department and Harry allowed his secretary time off to entertain him.

It would be nice if . . . interested persons knew that **Nicholas "Astaire" Warren** had his dancing shoes on New Year's Eve . . . riders in **Louis Dobovsky's** "Blue Flame" knew where the heat was. . . . **James Glade** and **Harold Rouff** brought their lunch instead of eating the Crusher out of food . . . more knew that the Insepction Department will no longer have use of the Timekeepers' desk—they are moving. . . . **Charles Johansen** gets enough sleep . . . children knew that **J. Condon** is called the Janesville, Wis., Santa Claus . . . everyone was a gentleman especially on New Year's Eve.—**R. Laver** is.

Pilfering Canteens May Bring End to Service

Unless pilfering of the canteens in the various group change houses is stopped, this candy and soft drink service for employees will be discontinued, according to **Guard Chief M. C. Baughman.**

A number of the dispensing machines have been looted of money and supplies and, in one instance, the canteen was practically demolished in breaking open the cash box, **Chief Baughman** said.

"This service was installed for the convenience of workers and it has been most popular," continued the chief. "All of us should look upon the machines as we would any other EOP property and treat them as such. We will be forced to discontinue the service if we fail to get the co-operation of all employees."

Personnel

DARA PREW

Correspondent

The movie, "Transport," is one all members of the Personnel Department will make a special effort to attend. **Robert Hamlin,** former interviewer and a marine somewhere in the southern Pacific at present, sends word that if a sharp watch is kept he might be seen.

Bob wasn't the only member of the armed forces to remember his old associates in the department, however, as **William T. Bryant** sent his greetings from Officer Candidate school. First word from **Bernard Lipsey** came from Oregon and genial **John Koch** sent his regards from his camp in Wisconsin. **Larry McCann,** former timekeeper, vows that he spent the quietest New Year's Eve in the hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was sent after he had pulled ligaments in one leg. Most unexpected was the letter from former interviewer, **Sgt. Lindsey L. Gordon** containing news of his recent marriage.

After **Byron Mills'** car stalled in the snow **Jane Schnepper, Georgiana Flavin** and **Dorothy Kaldem** hitch-hiked the rest of the way to work in a pick-up truck driven by one of the new women chauffeurs. Georgiana's coat was rather dirty and someone suggested that she might have slipped, but facts verify her tale that it was only the dirt in the back of the truck.

If you want to please **June Morgan,** just ask to see her prize letter that accompanied one of the return badges. Apologizing for keeping the badge so long, the former employee expressed regret for the necessity of parting with it as it was the only object he had which he was sure would frighten the "devil out of the neighborhood kids" at a moment's notice. He could absolutely guarantee its effectiveness.

Without any forewarning to his fellow-workers, **Frank Yarbrough** was married January 2 in Kankakee. His sweet young bride is the former **Lorene Mayfield.**

The volume of mail to the department has swelled considerably since little **Rita "Rusty" Cushing** decided to wear a diamond on the correct finger, and the man in question, **Robert Gato,** left for the Marine Corps Base in San Diego, Calif. She receives at least two letters a day and usually more.

Al Dearth used to sell Oldsmobiles and he let that fact become known in the building through his enthusiasm for the one he drives and any of the same make which he may sight. One morning he was stalled in his much lauded "Olds" and had to make a mercy plea for rescue to **Clinton Matteson** in his Mercury. Now the recommendation for Al is to buy a Mercury, a mule or a different kind of gasoline.

After a week's illness, **June Fors** has returned to the force with brand new vim and vigor. Recently she gave three blood transfusions to a dear friend who was very ill. Shortly afterwards the Red Cross wanted to know if she would be a donor to the blood bank.

From the latest report, **Jimmy Barrowman** will leave here on Wednesday, January 18, for his medical examination and induction into the Army. Typically, Jimmy doesn't say much about going, but bemoans the fact that they couldn't take him January 12 or 14. **Organizer Jim** promoted a sleigh ride in the new fallen snow and everyone had a rolling good time.

It was all the result of a misunderstanding, but to **Guard Don Kane** it was almost too much to bear. A former woman employee came into the building seeking to be rehired. While one of the interviewers was reviewing her work record with her, reading: "You were hired on this date and separated AWOL on that date, etc.," he glanced up and saw her crying. Inquiring if he could help in any way, he received this reply, "I've been married 14 years and my husband and I still love each other. We've never been separated." After a little explanation that what was meant was separation from her job, the woman left wreathed in smiles.

Kathryn Smith's new motto is get that for which you are striving and she follows it rigidly. Running wildly after the bus and fearing that it might somehow escape her, she made an extra spurt. Her flying tackle was beautiful if not graceful and she will inform you, if you give her the chance, that the only way the bus could have left her behind was to run right over her. Score at the end of the play remained—one bus ride, one torn stocking, one scratched knee and a terrific teasing in favor of an indignant "Katie." Retracing her steps to turn off a kitchen light was the cause of her downfall.

J. Thomas Haigh was wearing a red face during the Christmas season to contrast with **William Leeland's** new green sweater which was one of his presents under the tree. Seems that "Tom" has been bitten by the inquisitive bug. As he passed a glass door day after day unusual symptoms of the malady increased. Big black letters read "PRIVATE." At last his fever rose and in a fit of delirium he gave way to temptation, turned the knob and discovered the girls' rest room.

With the new year come helpful suggestions, but **Carmen Oldani** received one of the most pertinent. Several people inquired why she didn't buy a commuter's ticket to Alabama where husband **Jim** is stationed at Camp Rucker. Of course, it was all good natured teasing but Carmen was mighty thrilled to be able to spend Christmas in Montgomery, Ala., with him.

Between 65 and 70 members of the Personnel and Investigation Departments, including the Honorable **Donald J. Kane,** gathered in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bent** on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, 1942, for a Christmas party. The whole house was decorated in the Christmas spirit and between eating, singing, dancing and playing games the evening passed so quickly that no one could believe that it had come to an end.

Many were the resolutions floating around the building the Monday following New Year's Day, but only a few can be reproduced here. Notable among them are those from **Helen Bardi**—to write to boys in the armed services more frequently (she's written eight letters to them already); **Gordon McQuiggin**—resolved not to make any resolutions and stay out of the column; **Francis Peck**—never lose his temper; **Marcella Burnham**—not to complain and never talk about anybody behind his back (she suggests that it will be a quiet year); **Jeanne Hershey**—to be as mean(?) and contemptible(?) this year as she was sweet and agreeable last year.

Bomb-Shell Honored by Press Group

EOP Paper Wins Award of Merit In 1942 Contest

Honor was bestowed upon *The Bomb-Shell*, published by and for the employees of Elwood Ordnance Plant, when it was awarded a certificate of merit by the Industrial Editors Association in its annual competition for 1942.

Competition is divided into several classes and *The Bomb-Shell* won the second award for newspaper-style publications published for employees. The *Graphic News*, a 10-year-old tabloid published for employees of Sears, Roebuck & Company, which won second award last year, was given the first award in this division in the 1942 contest.

Winners were announced in Chicago December 3 and awards were presented at a dinner meeting of the association January 7 at the Chicago Bar Association. **Vernon C. Bailey**, editor, and **Capt. David P. Tunstall**, public relations officer, were present to receive the award for EOP.

Out of 500 industrial publications in the contest, 85 were in the division in which *The Bomb-Shell* won second award It was the sixth such annual competition.

Officers of the Industrial Editors Association are **Dean M. Clark**, editor of Grain, president; **Frank P. Spalding**, Poole Bros., Inc., vice president; **Stephen E. Korsen**, the Borden Co., treasurer; **Nadia Monberg**, American Maize Products Co., secretary, and **Garth A. Bentley**, The Seng Co., director.

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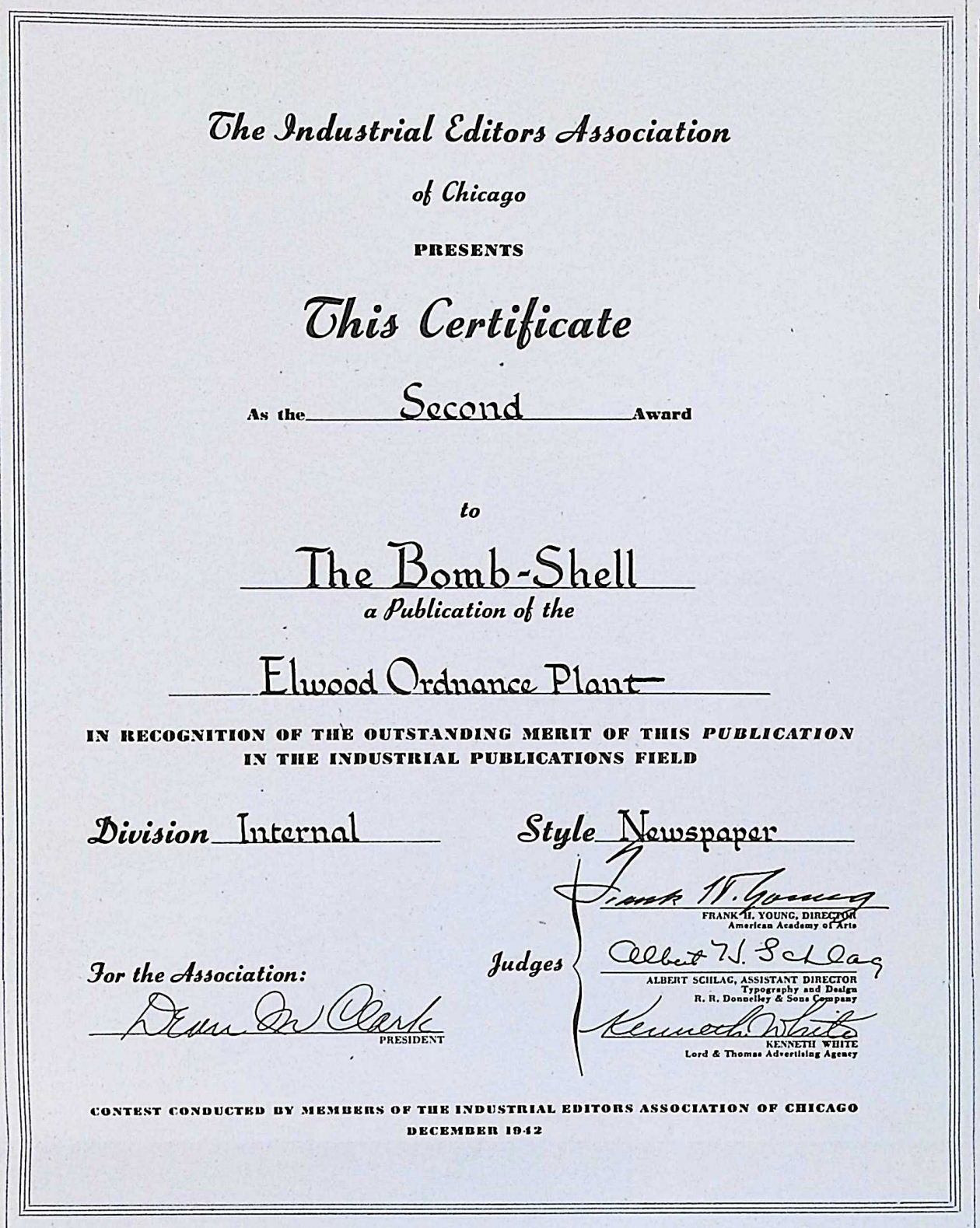
War Lingo

R.A.F.—The Royal Air Force.
Rat-trap — Balloon barrage. (Br.)
Roller skate—Tank. (Br. RAF)
Savoia—Italian make of plane.
Scramble—An air fight. (Br.)
Screamer—German bomb with whistle, or siren attached. (Br.)
Scrounge — Petty pilfering of public property during blackouts. (Br.)
Spitfire—British made pursuit plane. Also called Spits.
Sprog—Recruit. (Br. RAF)
Sprout—Gun barrel. (Br. RAF)
Stationmaster — Commander of an airfield. (Br. RAF)
Stirling—British bomber.
Stuka—German dive bomber.
Sunderland—British flying boat.
Take a dim view—Disapprove. (Br. RAF)
Teedup—All set to start. (Br. RAF)
Thumbs up—Gesture of cheerfulness.
Ticketty boo—Perfect. (Br. RAF)
Tin fish—A torpedo. (Br.)
Titcems—English people (Fr.)
Torps—Torpedoes. (Br.)
Vackie—Short for evacuee.

Fellowship Meet Set for Jan. 21

Fellowship meetings have been resumed by EOP staff members after a recess for the holidays. A record attendance marked the one held January 7 and an equally large turn-out is expected at the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday evening, January 21. Dinner will be served in the Cafeteria and the meeting will be held in the Recreation Building, according to **A. E. Frosch** and **E. A. Evans**, co-chairmen.

Members of the committee in charge of the next meeting are **E. "Calendar" Carlson**, chairman; **Capt. D. P. Tunstall**, assistant chairman; **W. A. Buck**, steward: **F. M. Smith**, assistant steward; **J. J. Machias**, **John Johnson**, **George Elum**, **Paul Stazel** and **E. L. Walkup**. Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations with Mr. Buck by noon, January 16.



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Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Now that the New Year has been formally introduced, empty aspirin boxes are lying about in ashcans, and New Year resolutions have been broken. Everyone has, with the exception of perhaps a few who are still celebrating, slipped back into the old routine of normal meals and regular sleeping hours, all of which tend to make all wide-awake and healthy and which in turn helps in efforts to do the very best in this great struggle for freedom.

Catherine Martin's ship came in when she visited her sister in Washington. Together they took a group of sailors on a tour of Washington. They showed the fellows a fine time, including dinner and a show.

Thomas Delockery and **Frank Kopic** have been inducted into the Army. This makes a total of 87 former employees who are now serving in the armed forces. The department at full-force employes a total of 170, so that more than half the department has been replaced by new employees, many of whom are girls.

Ben Sloan, the time department's "Mr. Five by Five," has asked **Andy Vail**, Salvage Yard correspondent, how he enjoyed that assumed trip to Florida.

Homer Smalt, small time egg and sausage dealer, has offered to treat all the key timekeepers to one of those rare sausage and egg breakfasts. The question is now before the fellows.

Donald Glasgow emerged from the fog long enough to tell the one about a midget who went into a funeral parlor on New Year's Eve and ordered a short *bier*.

Do you have a hog that you would like butchered or perhaps an old gray mare? If so, call 4125 and ask for **Paul Donahue**. Paul and his father can skin and butcher a hog faster than you can wink your eye. This is really a job of skill and ranks high in proficiency.

A new theory has been conceived by a good friend of **Joseph Smajd**. The theory resulted from an experiment on New Year's Eve and is supposed to work wonderfully. It begins when you first are introduced to a girl, instead of saying hello, you kiss her and, if it is responded to, then you will want to know her but if it is not responded to, then you won't want to know her. All of which boils down to this. If you want to get a red face, don't go to all the trouble of going out into the cold but merely practice this new theory.

Can you imagine . . . **Bert Rydman** engaged in a heated debate . . . **Bernard Smago** not being interested in women . . . **John O'Connell** not consenting to giving a speech because of a lack of choice words . . . **Ray Bryant** or **Lennie Bottomly** refusing to help each other with their work . . . **Chuck DiPeso** going to a restaurant for a home cooked meal . . . **Milton Treitel** okaying all the overtime anyone wanted . . . **Dwight Reitz** not laughing at a funny joke . . . **T. V. Brennan** not enjoying a good game of poker . . . **Arch LaBorence** getting lost in a blackout?

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Mike Doyle, historian, reports that the numerous rebus signs—the barber pole, watch, boot, three balls—record a period when illiteracy prevailed and it was necessary to identify every trade by its symbol. The emblems of political parties are similar survivals.

After the war is over, **Harlan Kadow** is planning to open a sandwich shop in Aroma Park. They are a masterpiece in black.

Caphas A. Eads said that his home town was so small that when the train stopped, the engine was out in the country.

January—this is one of the peculiarly dangerous months for spreading rumors and loose talk about the war. The others are July, May, September, April, November, October, March, June, December, August and February.

Alvin Smerker remarked that a day off is usually followed by an off day.

Art Voss says some parents are rude, but others have learned to keep still when the kids are talking.

Joe Green claims that Wilmington has the largest little popcorn stand in Illinois.

It is hard to believe that **Bob Cohen** was hauled in for speeding after watching him trying to get his car out of a slight depression in the snow.

George "M. E." Sangmeister, mayor of Frankfort, has put in his first appearance here since last election.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN
WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Inert Storage boys enjoyed the holidays and are now back in the saddle again. The problem now is to keep their New Year resolutions. The most puzzled over the holidays was **Noel Cox**. His birthday was Christmas Day and he wonders what gifts he received for Christmas and if the givers will follow through with a little light on the matter.

Gilbert Gould has had a variety of nick names in his squad at Group 27. Among them are "Jitter Bug," "Slacks," "Chicken," "Goiter Tail," "Bob Cat," "Buffalo Bill," "Lightning," "Sweet Man" and "Slim." **William "Big Stoop" Hufford** would sooner stay home by the fire with his kitten than go out in the cold.

Robert "Lefty" McGraw paid $80 for new uppers and asked **Walt "Pete" Peterson** how much he paid for his. Lefty didn't know that Pete's were grown that way.

Santa Claus may have fooled some this year, but the basketball team is not fooling. They won four games and lost none. Their victims were Group 70, Inspectors, Timekeepers, and Bus Drivers. Next on the list is the Army and then the Fire Guards.

Slower than molasses in January is a good way to say what happened to those tid-bits of news that should have rolled in this past week. It appears that the holidays were the center of interest, but possibly by next issue some spicy events will come to light. Many new scarfs and gloves are being sported around, but **Sidney Bennett** says he will swap the best pair of gloves for some of that good old summer time.

Highest prices are being paid by the Inert Storage boys for two cylinder vehicles and motor bikes.

Jay Hancock of the Inspection Department is wondering if the draft board will consider his false teeth in assigning his classification.

Charles Gorham reports his infant presented him with two gifts over the holidays . . . one tooth for Christmas and one for New Year's Day.

Infant's wear will soon be on the shopping list of **Richard Ashworth** . . . the problem now is should he buy a dress or coveralls . . . time alone will tell.

Speeding production is no longer a problem . . . one gallon of turpentine went to South Inert.

Nice fresh snow can be had for the hauling at the North Inert clock house . . . bring carts, wagons, or bags. They will gladly exchange it for snow shoes or a cutter.

The Sewing Girls of 14

Thread a needle, and sew
A disk on a powder bag,
Eight hours steady we go;
A good worker doesn't lag.

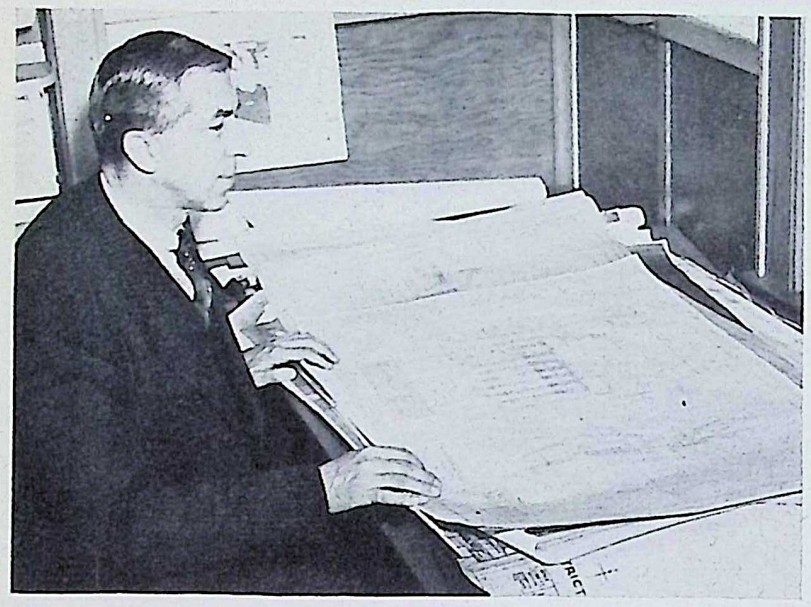
Our fingers may grow stiff,
Our wrists get very sore—
Still brasses we must lift—
And then sew on some more.

This is work which must be done
To make a shell for the soldiers,
True it's not thrilling fun—
And it causes aching shoulders.

Though our muscles ache and pain —
Onward still we go;
More our victory help to gain
With each little stitch we sew.

And deep down in our hearts
We're glad that we can do it;
In this war we have a part
And we're going to help win it.

—Ella Jane League
Group 1, Bldg. 14



FRIENDLY FAREWELLS were bid January 8 to E. K. Cortright, assistant chief engineer at EOP since November 9, 1940, by his associates when he left to become assistant chief engineer for War Materials, Inc., a private concern set up to operate under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Pittsburgh. Mr. Cortright, shown here examining blue prints in his office in the Administration Building, received a testimonial gift as well as the best wishes of his co-workers.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Lilla Clyne's nephew was killed in an airplane crash in Arizona. He was a first lieutenant and was to have completed his training by the first of February after which he was to have gone overseas.

Betty Foster's boy friend is home on a furlough from Alaska. His name, incidentally, is **Bob Foster.**

Mrs. Harold Peyer, the former **Jean Stahler,** returned to work this week after a two-week visit with her husband at El Paso, Texas.

Pvt. Harold Johnson, former timekeeper in Group 5, left January 3 after spending a ten-day furlough with his wife, **Josephine Johnson.**

Genevieve Bjekich, forelady in 4-14, came back to work January 4 after having spent two weeks in San Diego, Calif., visiting her fiance, **Pvt. Joseph Surinak,** of the Marines.

Dorothy Stahler was home ill last week.

Ruth Casselman, Group 5, is ill with bronchitis.

Juanita Butzow, forelady, Group 5, spent Christmas and New Year's in Texas.

Anyone desiring to learn fundamentals of skiing can ask **Mary Foster** for her instruction book.

Group 7

Congratulations go to **Elaine Cartrecht** and **Orville Burch** who were married December 22.

The girls of Group 7 received a card from **Judy Wilkinson,** formerly of this group and now in the WAVES. She is stationed at Cedar Falls, Ia., and states: "Navy life is hard but interesting."

Amy Banks left January 8 for Cheyenne, Wyo., to visit her boy friend in khaki.

Group 8

Frank Zupancic, timekeeper, is building a new home.

Eleanor Fisher and **Ann Northcutt,** who went to South Dakota and southern Illinois, respectively, because of illness in their families, are certainly missed. All hands miss **Dot Lehman** from 8-8 stockroom.

Group 8 employees celebrated the New Year, but they were back at work Monday morning, all of them.

Mary Vint and her soldier fiance, **Pvt. Eddie Majcina,** cover the distance between here and Oregon easily, by long-distance telephone.

Marge Sperling writes that she is enjoying life, traveling with her husband, who is in the Army.

Ed Evans and his wife celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last week.

Hazel Boyd had the pleasure of talking with her daughter in Florida by long-distance telephone. The weather is so nice and warm in Florida, Hazel reported.

Group 9

Some will never forget when **John Neely** talked **Dan Bryan** into letting John take **Dorothy Murphy** out on New Year's Eve. John not only got the girl, but Dan's car as well.

John Clark ushered in the New Year with a few of his Group 9 friends, at a party at his home.

The New Year brought **Pamela Marcotte** back. Her friends are glad to see her well again.

"Bunny" Partridge and **Lanadele Menozzi** of Wilmington will be married January 23.

Wilma Lewis, blonde beauty of 6-B, spent Christmas with relatives in Newton, Ill.

Dolores Bambula spent the week-end in Chicago.

Augie Pubintz visited her brother in camp at Kansas City, Mo., over the Holidays.

Eva Espy and **Mary McKarg** went home for Christmas.

Marion Richards and **Pvt. Alden Schreffler** will be married January 16.

The **Mahalick** twins, **Evelyn** and **Florence,** will be attendants at a wedding this month.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Wedding bells rang New Year's Eve along with the bells for 1943. . . . **Larry Peterson** took for better or worse that sweet little girl, **Verla Reiter** of Joliet. They spent a short honeymoon in Milwaukee. Verla was once employed in Group 6 at the Plant. Uncle Sam took Larry in his arms January 6 and decided that he wanted him for his Army so Larry left for service January 13.

O. K. Madson proved up as an expert chef, preparing, according to a Danish recipe, roast turkey with all accessories (not trimmings). **Max Wolfson** and family were guests and they still talk about the splendid service.

Mrs. Harry Mellinger, Auditing Department, was called to Kansas City, Mo., when her father-in-law died. She was absent for a week. Sympathy of her associates went with her.

Larry Layton was welcomed to the Engineering Department.

Veranice Quade of Purchasing answered the home call and went to Spring Valley, Minn., for a visit with her folks. When Veranice is absent at any time . . . gee, but she is missed.

Fred Poplausky was a "howling" success as a Hula dancer New Year's Eve at the Jewish Federation. Anyone who knows anyone that knows anybody in Hollywood . . . can get numerous recommendations for him.

There is a mystery in the Administration Building. Anyone who can take the place of **Sherlock Holmes** should discover why **Dorothy Maxwell** of Production Planning wears a 10 cent piece fastened in her hair with a paper clip. It's been there for nine months.

Leo Gaffey, Purchasing Department, went to Mankato, Minn. (his home), for a vacation over the holidays.

Lucille Ambrose went to St. Louis for a vacation. She gets a half score because it is about half way to a winter vacation in Florida.

Emily Voegtle, bit 'o honey in the Purchasing Department, is writing to friend hubby, **Al,** because he was accepted for Army duty. He worked in Group 6.

Annamarie Kinney is reported *so* interested in Kankakee Ordnance. The answer: **Jim Claypool**

General Offices put out the welcome mat for **Joe Bebej** and **Otto Wehr,** two new chauffeurs.

Corp. Kenneth Somers of Aberdeen Proving Grounds, a former EOP employee, was home for the holidays, according to an interested party, **Dolores Kane.**

Richard Russell is engaged to **Juanita Harter,** secretary to **Gen. Supt. T. E. Burns,** Fuze and Booster Area.

FEEDING her dolly, Lynne Hack, 16-months-old daughter of M. Durell Hack, safety engineer at Group 2, is shown here busily engaged.

Margie Zarley observed her birthday January 14 and her co-workers staged a surprise party for her and for **Mary O'Connor,** Production Planning, another celebrant. Cake, pot luck dinner and gifts helped them to know it was one year younger for them.

The gentleman strutting up and down the halls around the holidays showing off his son was none other than **Frank M. Smith** letting you know that the handsome boy by his side was **Staff Sgt. Frank M. Smith, Jr.,** of Luke Field Arizona.

Marion Shelley of Purchasing Department is going to miss teasing her brother, **Frank Richard,** because he is Army bound. To those on the know, he will always be "Zeke."

Howard Vox and **Le Roy Anderson** left for the Army on January 13. **Howard** has announced his engagement to **Maxine McBride,** former secretary to **E. K. Cortright.**

George Karas, one of the promising lunch hour ping pong players, let a heavy back swing bring up the uproar of the crowd. A seamstress repaired the damage. Since then he is bowling . . . believes it is safer.

Tex Jackson has six stars on a service flag for the boys in his office who are fighting for victory.

Foreman's Son Gets Commission and Wings

Aviation Cadet Philip J. Sweeney, son of **Russell H. Sweeney,** Electrical Shop foreman, Group 70, has been commissioned a second lieutenant, Army Air Force, and awarded the wings of an aerial bombardier. He is reported to be the youngest man ever commissioned at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Gilbert "Slim" Simmons isn't fooling anyone with his camouflage of a western hat, lone star stride and a hail of El Rancho Grande melodies. The fact is, Slim happens to be a respectable, home-grown, aged-in-the-wood, dyed-in-the-wool hillbilly from Fredrickstown, Mo., and is known as one of Missouri's best mule-skinners.

Apologies to **Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reardon** for missing the announcement of their ten-pound son in the last issue. Congratulations are extended to the parents and all are glad mother and baby are doing well.

Felix Mikaitis left January 9 for the armed forces.

It was evident that there was a holiday last week as **Sidney Reeve** was sporting his Saturday shave on Thursday.

Edward Beasley, famous promoter in Building 13, would like to match his muscle man, **Joy Fabijanski,** with the battling bachelor, **Joe Haley.**

Congratulations are extended in advance to a young lady from Kankakee who will soon march down the aisle with **Orville "Casanova" Naese.**

Catherine Rastello's birthday was celebrated during the lunch period with a "hanky" shower. Birthday cake and ice-cream were served.

Congratulations go to **Mr. and Mrs. William Heylek,** proud parents of a new son.

The boys of Building 16-B hope to see the happy day when **Gladys Pierce,** also known as "Tug-boat Annie," the Mercury driver, will go through the building without stopping to say "Any Bonds."

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Events During 1942

Capt. A. G. Resch was promoted from first lieutenant to captain.

William F. Douville, chief inspector, visited the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., several times.

Lt. Sol J. Jacobs, divisional inspector of operations, Division II, was commissioned as a first lieutenant, U. S. A., and assigned to EOP.

J. Thomas Haigh, group inspector, Group 1, and **James G. George,** chief clerk of Ordnance Inspection, were transferred to **Capt. D. P. Tunstall's** office.

Clara I. Wehner, secretary to A.I.O., was promoted to chief clerk of Ordnance Inspection.

Robert M. Harbison, group inspector, Group 7, **Paul R. Smith, William H. Peterson** and **Melvin M. Dugan,** divisional inspectors, were promoted to assistant chief inspectors. **Kermitt L. Long,** group inspector, Group 3, was promoted to assistant to **Paul R. Smith,** Division I, Group 3-A.

Stanley L. Eisler, chief, Technical Division, completed training course in quality control at the Chicago Ordnance District Office.

Departure of following officers from EOP: **Lt. D. E. Hornbeck, Maj. A. C. Johnston, Capt. P. C. Irvine, Lt. C. P. Bohannon, Lt. D. A. Yeoman, Lt. F. J. Weis, Capt. J. I. Bach, Lt. C. E. Beilharz, Jr.,** and **Lt. M. G. Brandon.**

Forty-six male and two female employees of Ordnance Inspection entered the armed forces.

Betty Ross was employed as the first girl chauffeur to handle collection and distribution of mail in the EOP Area, replacing **Ralph C. Weiss,** who joined the Navy, and is now at Camp Farragut, Athol, Ida.

Eloise O'Quinn, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. B. D. O'Quinn,** Lufkin, Texas, became the bride of **Carl L. Anker,** son of **Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Anker,** Cambridge, Ohio, Sunday evening, December 27, in the University Chapel on the Northwestern University Campus, Evanston, Ill. The **Rev. Lowell McCoy,** a friend of Mr. Anker, officiated. The couple was attended by **Stanton Anker,** brother of the bridegroom, and **Mrs. Clifford Lott,** both of Evanston. Mr. Anker attended Muskingum College at New Concord, Ohio, and did post-graduate work at Ohio State University, where he received his Ph.D. degree. He has been employed as Chief in the Statistical Section of the Ordnance Inspection Department since April 1942. The bride is a graduate of Texas State College for Women, and until recently was educational director for the Pulaski County Tuberculosis Association at Little Rock, Ark. They are residing in Joliet, Ill.

Bernard A. Kapsch has been very faithful in corresponding with his former co-workers in the Ordnance Inspection Department. He completed his training at Great Lakes, Ill., and is now stationed at Navy Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

J. Leo "Wiggles" Waldvogel did not go hungry Christmas Day. Leo, a former inspector in Group 1, now stationed at the Marine Barracks, Hawthorne, Nev., sent his father, **Max Waldvogel,** an EOP employee, a Christmas menu which included turkey and all the trimmings.

New Year's Resolutions

Helen Boula—to continue to receive orchids . . . **Clara Brennan**—to keep smiling . . . **Delores Dagon**—to be true to the one and only soldier boy . . . **Ethel Dirker**—to increase correspondence to Alabama and send less to Scott Field . . . **Esther Noffke**—to keep 'em flying . . . **Linnetta Parry**—to partake of more vitamins to bring up body temperature . . . **Bernice Shroba**—to look for bigger and better farms and farmer boys . . . **Catherine Tomlianovich** — more bowling and less candy . . . **William A. Van Houten**—to spend more time at home with his wife . . . **F. Warren Weithofer**—to reduce budget where meals are concerned . . . **Lois P. Martin**—less trips to Aurora and more correspondence to Panama . . . **Geraldine M. Ward**—to wear uniform more often.

Group 2

In the welcome roster are **Alexander Becker,** formerly at Fuze and Booster Laboratory; **Harry Abel,** recently at KNK, and **John B. Conlin.**

Louis Shuler has returned from a pleasant vacation in Pekin—a suburb of Peoria.

The story is told that Uncle Sam is hot on the trail of our **T. Simms "Dogpatch" Kenner.** If the comics prove their point, the Army may gain a sharpshooter from "them thar' hills."

Stanley Drigot has sought, to no avail, a vice-admiral's commission, but one thing is lacking in the man—or are pedal extremities part of man?

Tommy Shanks wonders why the Government inspection office of Group 2 doesn't have a two party phone, instead of two phones which occasionally get on the wrong rest.

Think of the predicament **Roger Lotz** was in on Shift 1 Christmas Saturday with **G. L. D. Barclay** as the only man to see to production.

A thing to behold is **Lester Kammerer** putting the contents of a letter to grandma into an ordinary envelope. Parcel post would be cheaper.

Andrew Plym wants a list of easy-to-keep New Year's resolutions.

Group 4

Instead of sending an invitation to a party to **Anna Mae Harvey, Lillian Gunderson** mailed a cross word puzzle.

John Habes refers to two girls as gold bricks. They may be **Catherine Kemp** and **Anne Chorak.**

Edward Kluza and the girls from Group 5 are welcomed.

Tillie DelRose and **Vera Peck** were transferred to Group 9 and then back again.

Jean Gunderson is in the height of her glory when working on rejects . . . and fuzes are not meant.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Something new has been added. The fortunes and vagaries of wartime have at length brought this reporter to the midnight or graveyard shift. Much has been said and there has been great speculation about what happens on a shell loading line in the wee small hours. Are they elves, pixies or gnomes, those folks who forego the downy pillows for these nights of toil? Can their eyes pierce the darkness like those of an owl or are they blind like moles and do they burrow around in strange subterranean passages?

First-hand knowledge proves that none of these speculations falls fair of the mark. Now it may be said that the grave-yard shift is made up of men of brawn; industrious to a fault, as well as women of rare beauty and accomplishment. From **Robert E. Kelly**, assistant superintendent in charge of the shift, through the entire line there is no let-down in the determination to keep-em-rolling and through the efforts of Kelly's gang, life is made a bed of roses for the shifts which follow after.

One would think that such strenuous exertions would wear these persons out and that they would be exhausted after completing each nightly stint. However, as may be seen, they have plenty of pep left for extra-curricular affairs.

Take **Peter Patecek** for instance. Known far and wide as "Huck," Pete goes round and about trying to sell a two-bottom plow. . . . **Henry Weppler** of Wilmington comes to work each night in a car of 1929 vintage. Wags hung a sign on the car to-wit, "Don't junk me, I can still run," but Henry gets there just the same.

Lt. Claude Hogan of the guards, who gets around on all three shifts in this group, became the proud father of a nine-pound son December 29, and vows that he will never mete out corporal punishment to the boy. . . . **Inspector Edward O'Neill** is also a recent father and on January 5 he left for the wars. He went to Nashville, Tenn., to take up his duties as an aviation cadet. . . . Former **Inspector Bob Wittson** is also a cadet. From his present station at Iowa City he sends greetings to his friends in the group. . . . **Government Inspector Harvey Barrett** finds that he was born on the same day, month, and year as was **Robert Blaine**, genial pick-up driver.

William Henry, assistant foreman in one of the magazine buildings, takes a chance of smashing his thumb 10,000 times a night, but never yet has dood it. . . . **Marion Murphy**, who guides the activities of the girls in one of the melt units, remains jolly in the midst of all her responsibilities and rumor hath it that soon she will wed.

George Mulligan and **Glenn Wright**, of the Virginia Wrights, keep the boosters moving and both the lads have many boosters on the line. . . . **Robert R. Stevens** (he of the checked shirt), just as though it were the only one in the place, doesn't care to be called "Tennessee" but shows a preference for Springfield. . . . 'Tis said that **Robert Doyle**, night impressario of Building 3, is a fresh-air fiend the like of whom has not been seen for lo these many winters. Bob rolls his window down at the outer gate to show his badge to the guard and even though the temperature be zero or less, his passengers consider themselves fortunate indeed if the window is closed before they get to town.

Eddie Knezevic conducts the affairs of the office through all the hours of the night. Eddie knows just what the score is at any stage of the game and knows the answers to any little questions which may come up. . . . **Dominic Pastori**, a line foreman, has been on the night-watch for more than nine months and says he kinda likes it.

Just about 70 per cent of the entire shift are veterans of the watch. . . . Speaking of regulars, there are three sisters, who will remind you of the song, **Dixie O'Malley, Joan Murphy**, and **Yvonne Hartman.** All have husbands in the armed forces, the Navy, the Air Corps, and the Army, respectively. More than that, their only father is now in the Navy and was a test pilot in World War 1.

It is rumored here and there that wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Jimmie Belton** and **Alberta Gregory.** Who was it that said wedding bells were lemon peals? . . . Comes now **Gaylord Eugene Mullins 2nd**, son of a stalwart guard, who was ushered into this prosaic world December 13. . . . **Sgt. Kenneth Jenkins** at Camp Croft, South Carolina, sends greetings to his friends on the night shift . . . **Pvt. Alfred E. Brandt**, brother of **Eloise Brandt** of Building 16, was killed in an Army plane crash near Columbia, S. C., November 25.

Isabel Reaves has a husband in the Army in Africa and Margy Anderson's husband, **Arnold**, is serving our country in Australia.

Pop Swisher, known to one and all as the grandpa of the shift, enjoys the unique reputation of never being found in the change house. . . . **Chuck Connors** has just celebrated his first wedding anniversay and sems to be bearing up bravely.

Art Salvatore, foreman, says he hated to lose **Cricket Varvel** and **Paul Arseneau** from his building but is sure the other fellow got a couple of good men. . . . **Bernie Brockett** and **Edward St. Clair Farrel** do the night honors as component expeditors. Eddie was due to go to the Army January 15. . . . **Bob Wiley** says he hasn't had his name in *The Bomb-Shell* yet, and so here it is.

For hospitality there are **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrand** of Simmerton, and it *is* hospitality.

So there, folks, you have the grave-yard shift and they are fine persons one and all.

Incidentally after listening to the phenomenal stories of hunting prowess with never a wing on which to sharpen teeth, your reporter finally cashed in in a big way. He had some of **Mrs. Robert Kelly's** homemade chili and soup with real meat in it and made as only Mrs. Kelly knows how.

It is hoped a return engagement on the dog-watch can be played some other time.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Malcolm Stenstrom, a Group 70 stores keeper, has been on a diet for the last few months. He stepped on the scales the other day and was surprised. He weighs two pounds less than his last summer's straw hat. His clothes are so large and loose that his wife asked him the other morning if he dressed himself with a pitchfork.

Edward Delaney, material checker at the Clock House, Group 70, is back on the job again after a vacation spent in New York City. Eddie said the lights in old New York are not quite as bright as they used to be. He found out on his arrival there that he had just missed a blackout.

Dyer Vaillancourt and **Harley Harsha**, warehouse laborers, were four hours late getting home Monday evening, January 4. It seems the car that Dyer drives will not run on water. He never thought of trying gasoline, and to make matters worse, while they were sitting in that old car on the roadway waiting for it to start, some dizzy kid opened the car door and told Dyer his Daddy had a car just like that one and it never would start until the old man gave it a couple of drinks of 17-year-old Black Gold.

Material Checker **Louis Kalina's** friends and fellow employees all wish a speedy recovery for his wife who fell down stairs just before Christmas, suffering two broken ribs. Louis was home over the week end and reports that his wife is getting along nicely.

The Hub material checkers welcome **John Markley** back on the job after an enjoyable vacation over the holidays.

Warning has been given to **John Baldon, Ronald M. Bennett, Clinton H. Jones** and **Perry Bruno** that **Herman Guard** is on a rampage, looking for a set of teeth which can be adjusted to fit any one needing them.

If Herman waits to receive that kind of a set he will be drinking soup the rest of his life.

Powder Mill

You ground the roof,
You ground the sills,
You ground the motors, vents and grills,
Why don't some bright inventive hound
Just build the darn things *underground!*

—**Aleck Trishan**
Group 9

Chief Praises Most, Chides Some Drivers

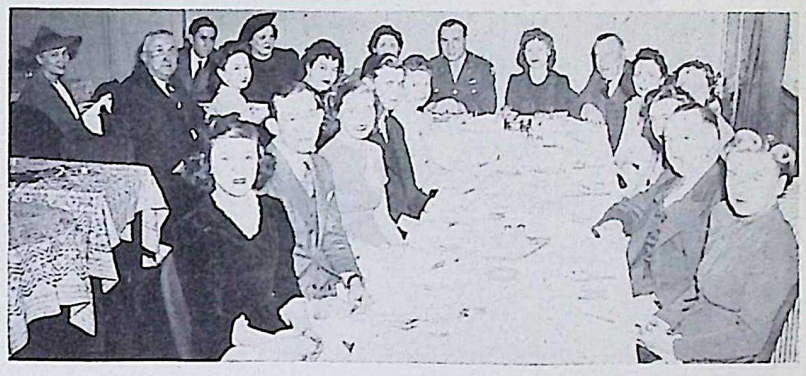
Drivers of Government cars and trucks about the EOP area and workers who drive to and from work are to be congratulated on the care they have exercised while roads have been covered with snow and ice for the last several weeks, according to **Guard Chief M. C. Baughman.**

"Very few accidents were reported despite the hazardous condition of the highways," said Chief Baughman. "However, some drivers are taking big chances in driving too close to the car ahead of them. This is a dangerous practice, because brakes just won't work quickly on ice such as we have had.

"Another dangerous practice is that of passing cars in the same lane of traffic under the conditions we have had recently. Those few drivers who do this are guilty not only of endangering themselves and their passengers, but show an entire lack of consideration for their fellow-workers. An entire lane of traffic can be slowed down by just one driver following this practice.

"The name or license number of such drivers should be reported to the Guard Headquarters. We will report them to the Tire and Gasoline Rationing Committee, the members of which have assured me they will take such reports into consideration in future applications for gasoline and tires."

SAME work is being done today by E. J. Walsh, general superintendent of EOP loading lines, as when this picture of him was taken 25 years ago. During World War I, Mr. Walsh was general operating superintendent for the Atlantic Loading Company at Amatol, N. J., largest shell loading plant operating in 1918. This photo was reproduced from a book written by Victor F. Hammell, chief engineer for Atlantic.



HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES for the Ordnance Inspection Department were climaxed with a dinner party at the Hotel Louis Joliet.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Machine Shop
By Marie Studer

Gerry Utley has returned to work after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Merle Jones are the proud parents of a son, born last week.

Most accommodating and willing to serve at all times is **Erva Willford**, only girl machinist employed at the Machine Shop.

Glen Bick left recently for Uncle Sam's armed forces.

J. A. Cocker, mechanical superintendent, who was heard recently on a program over WGN, Chicago, sounded like a veteran at the mike, although he insists it was his first time on the air.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

W. A. Walters returned from his vacation in East Liverpool, O. According to Walt, the Ohio River flood held him up in one town for longer than 15 hours.

The Transportation Department extends deepest sympathy to **Switchman "Jeff" Kearns** on the death of his father.

All EOP trains maintained regular schedules and ran on time during recent snow storms.

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

Frank Zembruski and **John Moon** have joined the armed forces.

Latest additions to the Motor Pool are **Marie Armstrong, Ruth Dyrby, Zelda Boyd, Naomi Munger, Olive McDonald, Doris Brackett** and **John Fisher.**

Joe Elledge and **Del Jensen** are due to go to the Army within the next 30 days.

Radio Communications
By Kathryn Richardson

Larry Jack is having a duplex dog house built so that he won't have to put his poor dog out in the cold so often. A suggestion from one of the boys in the shop, said Larry.

When a voice is heard saying "Did you ever hear the one about . . .?" it isn't necessary to look up. It is taken for granted that **Ken Storch** is on duty, but definitely.

The tree surgeons, who were at work on the grounds near the Radio Building, and **Kathryn Richardson** seem to have different ideas as to which trees should be cut down. Katie got that "Woodman, spare that tree" look in her eye and the apple and mulberry trees still stand.

If prizes were offered for the best "coffee spiller" **Beverley Ashley** promises to take them all and wouldn't even have to try.

Another member is welcomed to this department — **Al Johnson**, Joliet.

Sheet Metal & Blacksmith Shops
By Jess Thomas

The boys received a letter from **John Hanson**, who was called into the Navy two days before Christmas. John is at Davisville, R. I., and said the training is tough and the hours long, but he likes it.

Howard Rub is passing around cigars. It's a girl and is **Bill Ryan** smiling! He's grandpa now.

Charlie Webb has a portable garage to keep the snow off his car.

Both shops sympathize deeply with **Clarence** and **Floyd Rynearson**, whose father died.

George Schlegel made a trip to Wisconsin over Christmas.

Harry Misewicz is wearing a big smile these days. He is another proud father. The same goes for **Phil Watkins.** Phil has a brand new daughter.

Service Garage Spares
By James W. "Bill" Hartshorne

Ralph Grace has seen to it that a new sign, "No Dogs Allowed," has been put up in the parts room. He had to turn *janitor* the other day.

Joe Ardoling left for the Army last week after all the boys wished him the best of luck.

Lionel Senesac and **Ralph Nickleski** have received their *greetings* from the President and will leave soon. The gang will miss them, too.

Love has been the general topic of conversation in the front office lately. It seems that **Russ Benway** isn't well versed on the subject. However, he is young yet, and has plenty of time to learn.

Bill Briddick returned to work after spending several days in bed with a wrenched back caused by slipping on icy steps. **Boots Shepherd** gave a sigh of relief when Bill got back.

C. I. Wilson and **S. J. "Kelly" Kukulski** must have received an over-abundance of Christmas cigars. They were passing them out lately. This is the first time anything of this sort has ever happened and probably never will again.

Laundry Letters
By Violet St. Aubin

All winter vacationers have returned and a complete crew is now at work.

Orville Wolfe has been promoted to foreman.

Arnoldine Ballard is now working in the Lockshop, the first girl employed there.

Julia Ursettie is leaving to accept a position in Chicago.

Babe Rogers is displaying a new sparkler. **Helen Pennington** is mixing acrobatics with her roller skating. Many wonder if **Veronica Curry** has learned to weigh chickens properly.

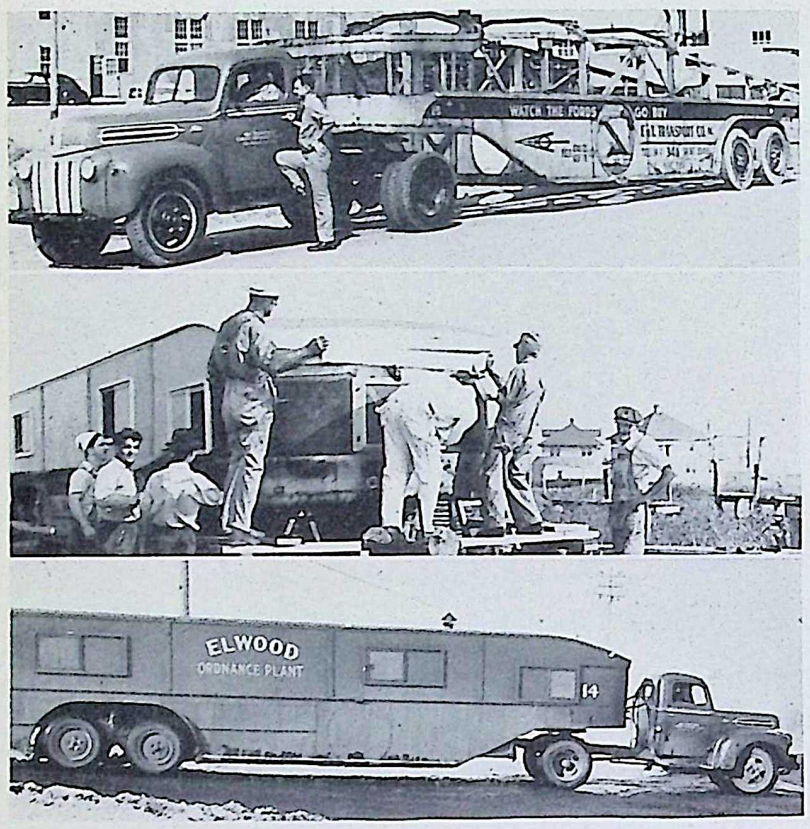
Line Department Lines
By Ray Curtis

Chubby **Clark G. Rood** passed out cigars last week and announced that he took unto himself a wife New Year's Eve.

Whitey Kennington has seen the light and moved from his Wilmington trailer to a home with **Jack Marietta** in Joliet. He said the Wilmington lights were too bright and southern comfort too hard to get.

"Mr. Five by Five" Ray Nicholson was a beautiful baby, 'tis reported, and as he grew older had beautiful, long, golden curls, some of which are still kept in the family archives. The neighborhood women used to fight for a chance to sponsor him in "Beautiful Baby Contests." Now the girls fight for a chance to decorate his bald head with lipstick.

Katie: Did you see the guards near the high school last night:
Ken: No, how come?
Katie: They found dynamite in the dictionary.



CAR HAULING TRAILERS have been converted into carry-alls for transporting employees around the EOP Area. Shown with the trailer at top are Jim Yates (inside cab) and Clarence Wesoloski. Workmen pictured in the center include Leo Minnito, Ed Elias, J. Seybert, Charles Hull and William Evans. In the completed carry-all at bottom are Bob Hayes and Lee Schonert, one of the girls being taught to drive the large vehicles.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Guard Paul Clawson, veteran member of the force, reported for Army induction January 7.

Word has been received from former Guard Joe Russell. He is enjoying *The Bomb-Shell* immensely, and wishes all the boys to write.

Sgt. Joseph Chavez (Hello there, old timer) is the proud daddy of a new son.

Either there is an equestrian on the force, or Capt. Walter Bayer is getting ready for spring gardening.

The members of the Guard Department were very generous in presenting veteran guard Herbert Weber a fine Christmas gift. Guard Weber has been confined to the hospital for some time.

Anyone wishing to argue that the world is round, see Capt. Joseph Killian. Guard Joe Wolf will introduce you to him.

Joke of the Week

Janitor William Thompson: "I bet I can tell you how old you are, Morgan."

Janitor Norman Morgan: "How old?"

Janitor Thompson: "You are 48 years old."

Janitor Morgan: "How did you figger that out."

Janitor Thompson: "Well, I have a nephew, 24 years old, and he is only half-nuts."

With the New Year at hand, the following resolutions were made: Chief M. C. Baughman—to bowl a perfect game; Capt. Thomas Murphy—to re-arrange shifts for goodfellowship meetings; Capt. Joseph Killian—not to take advantage of foolish gamblers; Capt. William Maskel—to have every guard qualify on the range; Lt. William Bantner—bigger poker parties; Lt. Harry Dowden—to win a few basketball games; Lt. Joseph Trecker—to originate 1943's best joke; Lt. John Sullivan—to continue on malted milk diet, and Lt. Owen McCarthy—to win more War Bonds.

Lt. William McClellan — to punch clock card—in and out; Lt. Eylar Brunskill—to refrain from being noisy; Lt. Clarence White—bigger and better fowl; Lt. Edwin Selle—to be Minooka's idol citizen; Lt. Clarence Baker—to streamline his old Ford; Lt. Frank Pate—not to miss a goodfellowship meeting; Lt. Frank Harrelson—to forget to 10-08 when leaving Guardhouse; Lt. Richard Boylan—to market his new hair tonic; Lt. William Krueger—more match games in bowling; Lt. Robert Bodley—to economize by saving orange peels, and Lt. Leo Boyle—to enjoy the coming year.

Lt. Herman Walter—in(crease)d spending money and carfull of cash customers; Lt. Joseph Noel—to be where the free cigars are passed out; Lt. Don Hoffman—a good man who never makes any or breaks any; Dispatcher John Welch—to entertain the boys at an endless poker game; Dispatcher Carl Kornmeyer—continue his friendly "How do you do"; Dispatcher Casimir Klafta—play no jokes, make no bets (except sure ones), and Dispatcher John Smith — celebrate next New Year's on the 4th of July.

Dispatchers Jack Farber, Paul Stacel, Ed Ritchie, David Baker made the same Resolution—when dispatching, to sound like Fred Allen.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Written by Julia Doran during the absence of Evelyn Richards.

The Hospital greeted the New Year with a new Red Cross flag.

First visitors of the New Year were Dr. Donald J. Birmingham and Dr. O. F. Hedley from the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Dorothy Busse, Nell Lazio, Marge Hartong, Elsie Baer, Lorene Motta and Marion Lee Schoop attended the Ice Follies at the Stadium in Chicago. They left Joliet by bus and had dinner at the Stadium Grill. To tell the truth, from their conversation, there doesn't seem to be anyone who could compete with Sonja Henie. The only flaw in the successful evening was that Mrs. Busse's car key refused to unlock the car door.

Flash! Flash! Girls, what is your bowling average? Believe it or not, but it *is* the truth. Dottie Schoop bowled 194.

Patriotism is ever present. Pete Bucanelli has a large ball of string saved from the laundry packages. Saving means defense.

Margaret Gergovich has returned from a trip to Texas.

It's good to see Earl McKinney on the job again after having had a slight case of pneumonia.

Nurse Elizabeth Spears was on the sick list for a short time.

Myrtle Burrus was a victim of sinus and virus for four consecutive days. Cold as it was, she had a temperature of 102 degrees. Imagine, when others have been closely associated with zero weather.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Dick Vickers is the new sparring partner for a certain foreman in Building 4, Group 3-A.

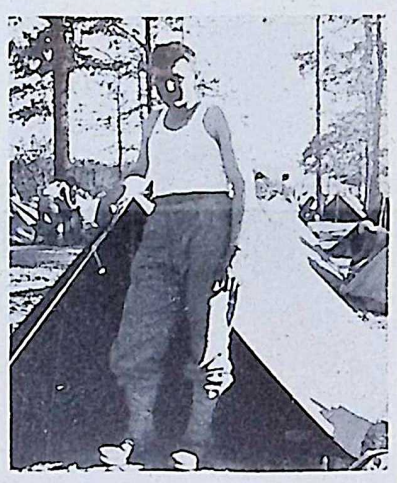
The composer of the song "Mr. Five by Five" got the idea when he caught a glimpse of Grandpa Spiers, inspector at Group 3-A.

Since the rationing of gasoline, Paul Jackson, shift inspector at Group 3-A, can only dream of seeing his shoeless girl friend from Indiana.

Imagine Sophie Makovich getting lost in Group 4.

Everyone thinks Eddy Burns of Group 5 is doing his job well at Group 4.

Don Leonard, former general foreman of Group 5, is now general foreman of Group 4.



TENTING is part of the life of a soldier as shown by this picture of himself sent in by Pvt. Raymond D. Gaddo, former employee, from Camp Butner, North Carolina.

Kathleen Poutre and Liberty Roberts are powder girls in Group 4.

Between cigarette smokers, match carriers and prize fighters, Al Bailey, shift inspector, has his ups and downs on the midnight shift at Group 3-A.

Myron Champoux would like to know if one of the assistant superintendents wears an overcoat or an Indian blanket dyed black.

The Inspectors' bowling team has entered the Merchants Major League in Joliet. They bowl every Thursday night at 9 o'clock. The team is composed of Tony Lutkus, Harold Troupe, Lloyd Changnon, Wilfred Spiers, Colby Erickson and Bob Walsh.

If Ray "Moe" Brennan lives up to the reputation he has at Group 3-A, the Inspector's Basket Ball team's sleeper play should be a sure thing.

All the girls at Group 3-A call Leroy "Tarzan" Parsons "Pretty Boy."

If you want to see something cute, let Albina Zndarsic show you the toy panda she received from her boy friend who is in the Army at Camp Sam Huston, Texas.

It is wondered if "Bud" Nesius would know just how expensive a perfect diamond is.

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★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Leland B. Ahlstrom
Armel C. Arseneau
Robert W. Askew
Francis Aspel
Christ M. Athas
Knut O. Axelson
Anthony J. Baran
Harry C. Barrie
John P. Barry
James D. Batson
Jesse M. Bennett
Peter J. Bercolos
Vito R. Bertoldo
Oswald Bieber
Loren J. Blazer
Henry R. Blackmer
Nick Boomsma
Fairel J. Borchelt
James J. Bray
Edward Brenczewski
Milford Browman
Mike Bruno
Francis C. Buhl
Dale D. Burnham
Russell H. Butts
Robert T. Byerly
Marino W. Califello
Louis L. Callegaro
Albert B. Cassani
Richard M. Cassani
Edward D. Cassidy
Robert E. Cole
Charles Connell
Richard E. Court
John T. Dandurand
George W. Davy
George M. Diment
Richard H. Dobczyk
Lewis H. Donaldson
Donald E. Ennis
Howard E. Feldman
Maurice I. Fleetwood
William A. Fraser
Gordon H. Gabriel
Phillip C. Gardner
Robert Gehrke
Arthur L. Gordon
Guy A. Green
Theodore A. Groskreutz
John D. Grubbs
Jerome K. Hancock
George Harms
Russell A. Harrison
Roy O. Hawthorne
Clifford H. Hebert
Merville E. Helle
Richard F. Helmus
Jack D. Henderson
Clyde Homan
Henry L. Hyde
Earl F. Johnson
Esther Johnson
Theodore E. Johnson
Arthur J. Kapchinske
Harold J. Kapsch
Anthony P. Katsenes
W. A. Kern
Elroy E. Kile
Michael W. Kimak
Clarence D. Kinkin
Ernest Kinzer
Fred Knop
Joseph P. Kolich
Anthony M. Kuzma
Paul E. Larkins
Lincoln V. Linn
Gerald E. Lowman
Phillip Luginbill, Jr.
Willis G. Maltby, Jr.
John L. McCann
Patrick K. McDonnell
R. H. McGuire
Robert J. McLaren
Lloyd C. Medaris
Elmer J. Metzke
Gilbert J. Miller
Ralph D. Miller
Leo F. Minnito
Frank Mitchell
William M. Moore
William H. Mosey
Kenneth P. Mott
James L. Mulligan
Clifford W. Muncey
James P. Mutz
Raymond H. Myers
Jack Needles
Ernest S. Nelson
John J. Nicholson
Lawrence L. Oakley
Stephen J. Panzarella
Robert I. Parz
Herschel W. Peterson
Louis J. Peters
Andrew L. Pomatto
John Porvaznik
Daniel Pounovich
Charles Recchione
Frank Reichardt
Joe Santucci
Joseph P. Scardina
Anthony S. Schlais
Edward D. Scobell
Archie L. Sharp
William A. Sharples
William C. Sheridan
Raymond Shortsleve
Joseph Gilbert Simon
Arthur W. Singleton
Homer Austin Smith
LaVerne R. Smith
William J. Stanley
Francis W. Stemke
Dwight E. Stephenson
Fred E. Stern
Carl E. Strickler
James Stuver
Carl R. Sundberg
Frank O. Taylor
Ardell F. Thomas
Francis A. Tibble
Frank Verba
Denis E. Vitzthum
George W. Walker
Wilerio L. Ward
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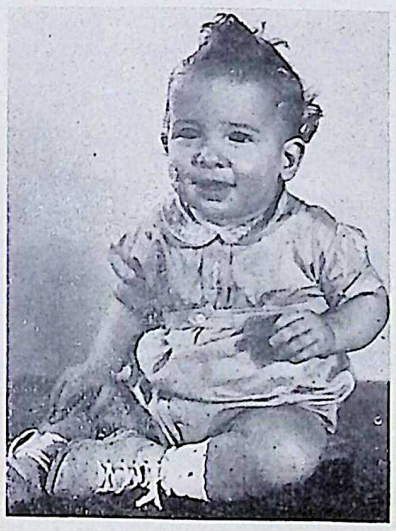
John J. Wetterhahn
Norman R. White
Charles M. Whitfill
Charles V. Wood
LeRoy J. Wright
Floyd W. Zebell



ROMPERED Jackie Proffitt is the 11-months-old son of John Proffitt, inspector in Group 1.

SISTERS three of the two brothers shown here are employed here where the two boys worked before they joined the armed forces. The war family of Vilt consists of Joseph J. Vilt (left), formerly of Group 1; John A. Vilt (right) former Administration Building maintenance man; Barbara J. Vilt, Group 4; Mrs. Josephine Kaiser, Group 4, and Veronica Vilt, Group 8.

Famous Names for EOP Family Members

Famous names represented in the EOP family includes Pvt. Winston J. Churchill, who left here last September for the Marine Corps. He is in a machine gun battalion at Camp Oceanside, Calif., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Churchill. Another EOP worker bearing a famous name is Abraham Lincoln.

I have written . . . a poem!

Blast the Japs

When a Det is made
It is put in a box
With a little sawdust
To ease the hard knocks.

And loaded in a buggy
By two pretty girls
Wearing blue coveralls
And windblown curls.

And taken to the rumbler
To be polished and shined
Until the blemishes
You scarcely can find.

They are sent on to Inspection,
To be looked over with care
And if there is any bad ones
They will sure find them there.

They are inspected and counted
And packed in a can,
Then placed in a Bomb
To blow up Japan.

Now, girls, be very careful,
Remember, no taps,
For we need those Dets
To blast out the Japs.

—**Leona Owens**
Group 9, Building 14

Buy $50 Bonds To Save Money

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Bonds instead of $25 ones, you will be saving just as much money without having it cost you any more and you will be saving money for me, too. Remember, if you should have to do so, you can cash in part of a bond as well as all of it.

You see, it takes 11 different operations to get your War Bonds to you after you've paid for them. And it costs about 17½ cents to mail each one to you. Most of you are buying $25 War Bonds by saving so much each week out of your wages. In fact, EOP's comptroller, **John J. Cole**, tells me that 95 per cent of the bonds you all are buying are $25 ones.

Well, here's my idea. How about agreeing to buy a $50 bond instead. Save just the same out of each week's wages as you are now doing. Of course, it will take twice as long before your bond is delivered to you, but that won't make any difference to you. It will make a big difference to me. The cost of the labor necessary to get the bonds to you and the postage required to mail them to you will be cut in half. In your own case, it's true, it won't amount to a great deal, but multiply your case by thousands, by millions of other cases and you can see it will amount to a great deal. In fact, I will be able to buy several Flying Fortresses, maybe build another battleship with the saving alone . . . and it won't cost you one cent more.

I've talked with the management of EOP and they have agreed to help me to help you to save money. Within a few days, you will be handed a slip by your foreman . . . a slip like the one shown below. When he does, please sign it for me. When you help me, you know you are really helping yourself.

How about it, my nieces and nephews? How about devoting the same amount of money you are now saving each week to buying a $50 instead of a $25 War Bond? Thanks a lot . . . I know I can depend on you . . . as always.

Our Duty

Our duty is:
To hush our lips,
To keep afloat our gallant ships,
To squash a rumor
Before it causes a tumor.

Our duty is:
To keep on the jobs,
To help our soldiers, marines and gobs,
To give a hearty hand
To help whip a dirty band.

Our duty is:
To rid the world of rats
Like Hitler and his brats,
To make all countries free
To sail the seven seas.

Our duty is:
To hope and pray
For an everlasting peaceful day.
So let's all take up our duty now
And keep our faithful vow.

That's our duty.

—**Howard Rub**

The Unseen Aid

An operator's work is really fine,
We try to be courteous all the time,
We're always happy and we have our fun,
But only after our work is done.

We're the unseen aids behind the boys,
Who will bring us victory, freedom and joys.
To each of these pals, we'll be loyal and true,
And help them keep safe our red, white and blue.

Operators will be on their job alright;
Whether it's morning, noon or at night.
They're always willing to do what they can
To help every woman, child or man.

When this war is over and we know we've won,
And God has sent home every Mother's son,
The colors in Old Glory will never fade,
We'll know we did our best being an Unseen Aid.

—**Gertrude Gierich**
Telephone Building, Operator

"Out of the Night"

I see the lights of the area
Beam out of the fog and mist,
I'll make a shell to slap a Jap,
He'll be lovingly EOP kissed.

A feeling of sorrow comes o'er me
Like the stab of a dagger of pain,
And I breathe a prayer for all of our boys,
Who fight in the wind and rain.

The day is done; the light has waned;
Through the velvet blackness of night
I hear the hum of an Army plane
As the pilot continues his flight.

We are fighting a mighty battle
From the skies; on the land; o'er the sea,
And I'm thrilled from the start that I, too, have a part
In this struggle to keep us free.

—**Elizabeth P. Le Beau**
Group 6

SANDERSON & PORTER
ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT

WAR BOND DEPARTMENT:

Please change the maturity value on my War Bond Subscription from $25.00 to $50.00 (cost to me to be changed from $18.75 to $37.50).

It is understood that these instructions do not change the amount to be deducted from my weekly wage check.

_____ (Signature)_____
Clock No.

From a Marine

And if our lines should form and break,
Because of things you failed to make;
The extra tank, or ship, or plane,
For which we waited, all in vain,
And the supplies that never came . . .
Will you then come and take the blame?
For we, not you, will pay the cost
Of battles you, not we, have lost.

—An American Marine
Somewhere in the Pacific
Submitted by **Lorin Cain**, safety engineer, Group 1.

We're Proud of You, Sam!

You have left us, December the first,
But we cannot take it for the worse.

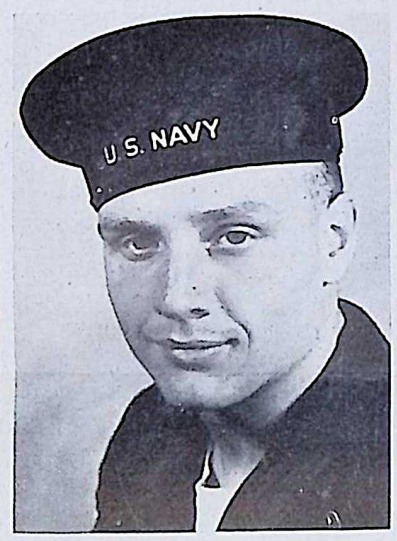
It was very hard to see you go,
But your country needs you, that we know.

We'll really miss your friendly smile,
The kind for which we'd walk a mile.

Hold up your chin and keep that grin,
Now that you're in, we're bound to win.

Loads of luck and hurry back.

—**Mitzie Kovacik**
Forelady, Group 6



SELECTED to attend a Navy Service School, Howard Earl Feldman, former explosives operator in Group 61, was honor man in his recruit training class at Great Lakes, Illinois. He enlisted November 5 after six months service here. (*Official U. S. Navy Photograph*)

Bonds and Cash

Kaiser Bill claimed he could win
Any war under the sun
Provided he had enough money,
The dough, to load every gun.

But Hitler, with all his thunder,
Just doesn't seem to know
That sabotage, murder and plunder
Are poor substitutes for dough.

Then let's use the lash, to cook Hitler's hash
He'll go overboard with a splash
If we light every pass with bonds and cash
We'll choke Hitler's game, by gash.

—**George M. Newton**
South Inert Storage

To Group One

Group One is the place to work,
We must do our part and never shirk;
We have brothers and husbands who are across,
So let's do our part so they won't be lost.
We all know we've a war to win,
Just work hard, you women and men,
And do your best in every way,
For we are working for the U.S.A.
We'll make the shells to fire the guns,
And keep up their spirits till the war is won;
Now is the time for us to be brave,
And our Stars and Stripes will forever wave.

—**Emma Clements, Fay Hasseman, Mary Roe**

CLOSE INSPECTION of booster cavities in bombs is the task of Herman Steinman (left) and James Musso, shown here at work in Group 3-A.

"He'll Always Be My Brother"

The Navy's got my brother,
They've had him for two years,
He may be a first class seaman,
But he's still my brother dear.

He may glory to Bermuda,
Or in Rio gaze at the "sights,"
He may have beans for breakfast,
Or thrill to Hawaiian nights.

The ocean wide may separate us,
The ship may be anchored at shore,
Breakers may roll against the ship.
Or come to his very door.

He may sing out "Chow" to dinner,
And "stow it down the hatch,"
He may call spaghetti "worms,"
Or supper may be "sling the hash."
He may have pet names for coffee,
Like "Java," "mud," or "jo";
Spinach may be "Popeye,"
Or his letters end in "Aloho."

Downtown may be "gone ashore,"
Or "punk" may be Mother's bread;
Pepper may be "fly specks,"
Or catsup may be "red lead."

Salt may be "sea dust,"
Sugar is just "sand,"
But still he is my brother,
Whom I'll always understand.

I may be kid sister to him,
His nickname may be "Spook,"
But he'll always be my brother,
I know, for it's down in the Book.

God has given him six years
In the Navy of Uncle Sam,
But he'll always be my brother
Even though he's a Navy man.

—**Violetta Gibbons**
Group 6

A Touch of Tetryl

I've got a touch of tetryl in my blood,
I've got too much of tetryl in my blood.
Oh, this place will be my ruin
If these guys don't quit their fooling,
Take me back to W. T. Grant.

I've got a touch of tetryl in my hair,
I've got too much of tetryl in my hair.
Oh, the mud at EOP
Is too much for me,
Take me back to W. T. Grant.

For I've seen every part of
Every part of what Group Seven is deep in the heart of.
I've got a touch of tetryl in my talk,
I've got too much of tetryl in my talk.
If it wasn't for this war
I'd be slaving in that store,
Take me back to W. T. Grant.

—**Genevieve Karpel**
Group 7

The Inquiring Line

Q. Is mail to servicemen in foreign countries censored?

A. In war zones and outlying bases, mail is censored both ways. Mail sent or received from servicemen in the continental U. S. is not censored, but it is within the authority of the local defense commanders to censor it, if they think it necessary to the safety and defense of the Nation.

Q. I've heard that the lowest officer rank in the WAAC is third officer. What's the equivalent rank in the regular Army?

A. WAAC third officer is equivalent to second lieutenant in the Army. WAAC second officer is equivalent to first lieutenant.

Q. What is the origin of the word "khaki"?

A. Khaki comes from the Hindustani and Persian word "khak," meaning dust or earth. British soldiers in India during the Sikhs wars of 1845-59 dipped their white uniforms in muddy water for camouflage—the result, in the Sikh language, being khaki.

Q. Here's a new one on me! I saw a soldier wearing an insignia consisting of a gold eagle, a Tommy gun and an anchor on a royal blue background. What outfit is it?

A. It's the insignia of the Army's newest combat force—the Engineer Amphibian Command. The eagle, gun and anchor represent the Air Forces, Ground Forces, and Navy Forces respectively.

Presentation Planned For February 12

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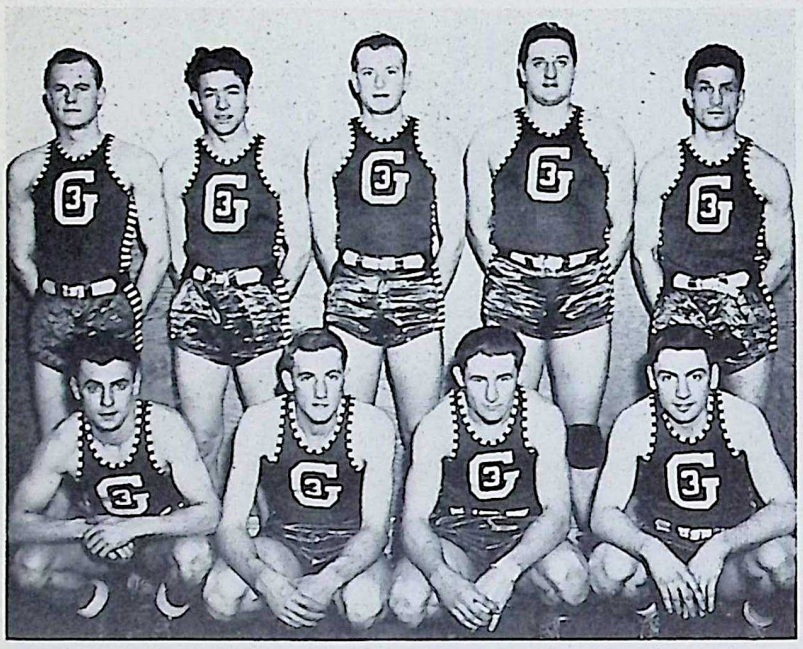
partment and employees, will be named by **Major Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer; **W. E. Canniff**, manager of operations and engineering, and **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, and the workers. Plans for enabling as many employees as possible to attend the ceremonies, which will be held in front of the Administration Building, if the weather permits, will be made.

The award is a tribute to the gigantic accomplishments of EOP's soldiers of ordnance in producing and delivering bombs, shells and anti-tank mines to the battle fronts of the world. In addition to the "E" flag, to be flown from EOP's flagpole, already bearing Old Glory and the "T" flag of the Treasury Department for War Bond purchases, each employee will be given an "E" pin in recognition of his or her own individual efforts.

Complete details of the program for the colorful ceremony, which probably will be broadcast for the convenience of families of workers, will be carried in the January 29 issue of *The Bomb-Shell*.



ATTRACTIVELY UNIFORMED is Group 3's basketball team. Players shown here, left to right, are: Top row, Don Fread, Harold Donaldson, Wilbert Helmick, Robert Hankes and August Juricic (captain); bottom row, John Pekar, Elmer Emanuelson, Theodore Struck and Edward Pekar.

Group 3 Holds Lead as Court Tilts Resumed

Group 62 Likewise Undefeated With 2 Less Games Played

Basketball came back strong after the holiday layoff. Group 3 continued to hold its lead in the EOP League.

The Fire Guards won from Group 61. Group 3 swamped the Timekeepers. The Guards won from both the Bus Drivers and Group 3-A. Group 3 won from Inspectors and Group 1 took Group 61 into camp.

Scores for the games played the week ending January 9 were:

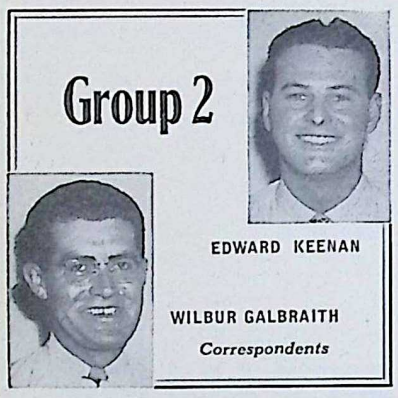
	B	FT	F
Group 61—26			
Plese	3	0	0
Sarti	0	1	1
Karges	0	0	0
Tammen	6	1	1
Motta	3	0	0
Timekeepers—8			
Glasgow	0	0	0
Raridon	0	0	1
Hahn	1	0	1
Harris	1	0	0
Beasley	2	0	0
Bus Drivers—16			
Thomas	1	1	3
Ellidge	2	0	1
Cole	0	2	2
Van Duynel	1	1	0
Scoggin	2	0	1
C. Conner	0	0	0
Guards—35			
Sack	0	1	0
Gebhardt	1	1	0
Waller	6	0	1
Grimsley	1	0	0
Allen	3	1	0
Dutter	1	0	0
Farber	1	1	1
Arms	2	1	0
Fire Guards—32			
Stricklens	1	0	0
Catalani	3	1	1
Getson	1	1	1
Hart	5	2	2
Wright	3	2	2
Dailey	0	0	0
Dickens	0	0	0
Guyot	0	0	0
Group 3—22			
Fread	3	0	0
Manvelson	3	0	1
Hanks	3	0	0
Struck	0	0	1
Juricic	1	0	0
Peacock	1	0	1
Guards—29			
Waller	3	0	2
Dowden	2	0	3
Sack	4	0	0
Grimsley	0	1	0
Allen	2	0	1
Lawrence	1	0	1
Group 3-A—12			
Griffith	2	0	0
Gultirrez	1	2	3
Cornelius	0	0	0
Hestal	1	0	0
Law	0	0	1
Smith	1	0	2
Pip	0	0	2
Inspectors—19			
Oram	3	0	1
Lafield	0	0	1
Partridge	3	1	2
Hair	1	0	2
Marlette	1	0	1
Wilhelmi	0	0	0
Beeley	1	0	2
Group 61—18			
Sarti	0	0	0
Baumgartner	0	0	0
Plese	2	0	0
Karges	0	0	0
Ruff	1	0	1
Motta	0	0	0
Tamman	5	2	0
Hope	0	0	0
Frend	4	2	1
Emanuelson	1	1	0
Hanks	4	2	0
Struck	1	0	0
Juricic	1	0	2
Group 1—22			
Sherwood	1	0	1
Christenson	0	0	0
Grove	2	0	0
Edwards	1	0	1
Sharkey	1	0	3
Whittinghill	0	0	0
Singer	1	0	0
Shay	2	0	0
Tucker	3	0	0
Murphy	0	0	1

Standings (January 9)

Team	Won	Lost
Group 3	6	0
Group 62	4	0
Police Guards	6	1
Chem. Lab.	4	1
Bus Drivers	5	2
Group 1	4	2
Group 1	4	2
Group 61	3	3
Army	3	3
Inspectors	3	4
Group 3-A	2	4

The Timekeepers and Group 70 have withdrawn from the league.

BUY WAR BONDS
Join EOP's 10% Club



Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

Now that the holidays are over, every one is settling down to make this year one of record production and to help in speeding the realization of the phrase "victorious new year."

Don McMillan, safety engineer, said the other day that he had to move to "*bridge*" street and invited every one to *drop in* any time. Some of the fellows are wondering if they should take this literally and just what would happen if they did.

The latest on **Bob Burke**, as told by **Ass't. Supt. John Kelahan**, is that Bob's current hobby is the taxicab business. It seems Mr. and Mrs. Kelahan experienced a never to be forgotten ride New Year's morning.

From the swell letter **George Zobel** wrote, this sparkling bit of humor is taken: "After the barber had finished cutting the hair of our entire platoon, 62 men, I discovered there wasn't enough left on my head to make a vest for a canary." It looked as if some one had thrown a hot axe that just grazed my head." George said the barber cut 62 heads of hair in about 15 minutes, which should set some kind of record.

Service Men Write

The group thanks **Bob McGuire** for his post card and expression of best wishes to **Superintendent James J. Murphy** and the personnel of Group 2;

George Harms for his splendid letter which was received just before the Holidays;

Pete Dillon, who reported Army life as an Air Corps mechanic is unequalled.

Steve Princko, who wrote about the wonderful weather and delicious oranges, and

Bill Stanley, who said skiing is the most exciting thing he has ever done.

Although **Frank Marlette** has been here for a month, little has been said about this quiet, unassuming fellow. Just about as efficient a man as there is to be found, he is welcomed and all wish him continued success under **Bill Galbraith**, component foreman.

William "Jersey" Klegman reports **Willie Zauratsky** is coming along nicely with a broken arm and should be back soon.

James "Racketts" Brophy promised **Terry McGovern** that he would vote for him in case some one decided to promote a contest to determine the best Irish jigger. Reports circulating about Wilmington have Terry already nominated for the walkathon in Chicago, with "Racketts" as alternate.

Ass't. Supt. Gene Hunt is becoming a read-a-book-in-bed addict and some of the literature is very stimulating, he said.

For two bosom pals who are on the very efficient Guard Force, there are **Irving "Dew" Pohlman** and **Cecil "Pepper" Godbey**, better known as "Alabama Mammy." Rumor has it that Dew is one of the finest bellhop captains in the business.

Bert "Curly" Folk, Government timekeeper, is bemoaning the fact that butter is now being rationed. Bert always liked a small portion of bread with his butter.

Archie Le Borence, key timekeeper, says he doesn't know what he will do if the Government decides to ration aspirins. Archie thinks there is nothing quite like an aspirin to get back in the swing of things.

SMILING Gerald Heavens, Jr., is the 14-months-old son of Gerald Heavens, pipefitter in Group 70.

Belatedly but sincerely, the personnel of Group 2 thank and congratulate **Sergeants Foster Jarvis, Leo Keigher** and **John Alberts** as well as all the guards under them for their fine work in handling the guard duties here.

Robert "Purdue" Case is again wearing that big happy smile. It seems his mother-in-law has returned to her home.

It's reported **Bob Bright**, time keeper was picked up the other night for parking overtime in "Lovers Lane," but didn't have to appear in court. Perhaps Bob has influence with the local constable.

Charles Gaby is welcomed to this group as a time keeper.

Angelo Pagnusat, former timekeeper, will leave shortly for the Army and all the fellows wish "Angie" the best of luck.

For a real tall story contact **George Williams** at Building 12. They say the air hoist is cramping George's style.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

High bowling scores are still held by **William Colby**, fire guards, with 265 for the men and by **Kay Johnson**, Administration Building, with 226 for the women.

Attention table tennis players: Register at once for the first annual tournament. You can register for singles, doubles or mixed doubles. Play will start the latter part of the month. Schedules will be arranged so that those from the groups will be able to meet their opponents. Many of the regular players admit this will be their first tournament play, so some really exciting games should make this an interesting activity. Suitable trophies will be presented to the champions.

Ladies' Day Friday

Girls! It is hoped that your list of New Year's resolutions included: — Resolved — to spend a part of each day participating in some form of recreational activity. The Recreation Department is equipped to help you "follow through" with those resolutions. Doors swing open each morning at 8:45 and remain open until 11 P. M. for all who care to participate in the varied activities. One of the special features sponsored by the department is Ladies' Day, in which the recreational staff sincerely hopes all women employees will participate. *Friday* is the day! The entire hall is given over to the ladies from 1 p. m. until 8 p. m A. bus for Joliet is scheduled to leave the Recreation Building at 8 p. m. Make a standing date for each Friday. Once you get started bowling, playing ping pong, shuffleboard, badminton, volleyball, or any of the other activities you won't want to stay away.

Bowling Match

An inter-department bowling match was held during the Christmas holidays by the teams representing Elwood Ordnance Plant in the Wednesday and Friday nights Industrial Leagues at Jahnke Alleys. The Administration Team was victorious, with individual honors going to **Bill Leeland** of perpetual cigar fame.

Scores were:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Administration				
Leeland	235	157	223	615
Hauze	167	132	201	500
Cook	144	151	177	472
Voss	201	159	146	506
Oldani	157	182	165	504
Becker	210	172	157	539
	1114	953	1069	3136
Bus Drivers				
Markgraf	188	152	165	505
Day	205	158	192	555
Hennessey	178	202	222	602
Ingersoll	174	160	154	488
Ehrsan	137	169	114	420
L. Peterson	147	176	151	474
	1029	1017	998	3044
Engineers				
G. Peterson	135	159	145	439
Lewison	134	138	160	432
Troupe	161	165	176	502
W. Peterson	118	130	164	412
White	162	189	144	495
Kukulski	165	157	176	498
	875	938	965	2778

Bowling Notes

Ray Carlson of Group 61 is making plans for the men in that group who want to bowl, by engaging the alleys every Monday. If they are working the first shift they use all four alleys from 4 to 6 p. m.; on second shift they bowl from 12:30 to 3 p. m., and when they work the midnight shift they bowl from 7:30 to 10. It is not always the same men, so Group 61 is building up a Fellowship Club of its own, by meeting at the bowling alleys.

Only two teams met in the Administration Bowling League last week. The Payroll Department took three games from the Government Auditing Department. **Bob Connor** of the Payrollers had high game with 195. The scores were:

Payroll			
Mooney	164	149	154
Lamon	155	174	134
Prince	119	137	158
Breitfuss	120	105	124
Connor	182	142	195
Government Auditing			
Kadlac	122	156	145
Odchodnicky	137	132	133
Hahn	168	116	115
Echberg	153	137	95
Oldani	137	136	140

Members of the Flint Dairy bowling team were guests of the Goodfellowship Club at its regular meeting January 7. This is one of the outstanding teams from Joliet and it gave an interesting demonstration by beating a picked team of EOP bowlers three straight games. **Frank Murphy**, father of **Eddie Murphy**, Recreation Department, bowled high score with a 244. In their first game the visitors bowled 1039 pins. The scores were:

Flint Dairy			
G. Nadinger	213	163	195
F. Murphy	244	194	213
P. Murphy	194	192	191
Prange	200	171	160
Pauley	188	145	145
EOP			
E. Murphy	170	174	148
K. Bull	187	158	185
Leeland	148	147	149
Colby	183	151	192
Hessley	170	185	125

Emergency Calls

To report a fire....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance (emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

The boys in Building 16 say that *Ray Buell gets more coffee* now than he *did* before rationing. They say that after adding water to the pot for three meals he uses the grounds for sandwiches.

Art Vercellio tells about **James Scrine's** thriftiness. Jimmy smokes the trusty old briar all the way to work, then dumps the ashes back into his tobacco pouch and uses it for chewing. What a man!

Pvt. Ray Rivard, former clerk in **Supt. H. D. Dougherty's** office, stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, has written to say hello to the gang.

Bill Testa is back to work after a brief illness.

Tom Sprague, genial foreman of Building 3, had trouble staying on his feet in recent snows. He said he didn't think the ground could be so hard.

Marty Gross of Building 4 says his car is so hard to start that he puts it out on the road so any passing car can give it a push.

George Weber finally found his pretty brown hat. Of course, it was full of snow and ice, but that didn't bother George, for he just put it on his head and soon all the moisture was gone. **George Pilcher** said something about wood absorbing moisture, but Weber didn't hear him.

Ernie Hill, truck driver, says he gets a headache every time there is a bad snow storm. He claims the wheels go around, but the truck doesn't move.

Eddie Doyle and **Ervin Rovenhagen**, Building 4, have always been pretty good weather forecasters, but they admit they are baffled by this January weather.

Wrestling Matches Planned

Walter Shaughnessy, Group 1, who holds the professional promoter's license for Will County, announced that he will inaugurate a winter season of wrestling matches in Joliet January 19. Catholic High School Gymnasium in Joliet will be the scene of the matches said Mr. Shaughnessy, who has promoted boxing and wrestling for ten years. Ed "Strangler" Lewis will be featured in the opening bout.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

January 18

Bertram Adams, Group 1; **Frank Anderson**, Guards; **Harold Armes**, Guards; **Frank Baber**, Inert Storage; **Harvey Barrett**, Ordnance; **Elva Beaumont**, Group 5; **Clyde Beeson**, Group 2; **Robert Blaine**, Group 1; **Pauline Brisbin**, Group 5; **Albert Bunting**, Inert Storage; **Russell Button**, Group 3-A; **E. K. Cortright**, Assistant Chief Engineer; **Ignatius Crespi**, Group 2; **Theresa Doyle**, Group 1; **Merle Eberhart**, Utilities; **Joseph Elledge**, General Office; **Otto Graves**, Group 1; **George Griffith**, Utilities; **Jean Gunderson**, Ordnance; **Harvey Legan**, Guards; **Charles Linko**, Group 3-A; **George Machasick**, Inert Storage; **Harold Macholz**, Group 1; **Ernest Mandat**, Maintenance; **Leroy Metzka**, Utilities; **Sergio Murer**, Utilities; **Evelyn Murphy**, General Office; **Cyrilius Ochs**, Guards; **Harry Patterson**, Guards; **Thomas Plese**, Guards; **Gordon Revel**, Group 7; **Esther Robinette**, Group 5; **Francis Ryan**, Fire Department; **Geneva Schuman**, Group 5; **Agnes Simonich**, Group 7; **Michael Sinchak**, Group 8; **Edward Smallwood**, Group 8; **Irene Stewart**, Group 9; **August Williams**, Watchman.

January 19

John Anderson, Group 3-A; **John Barry**, Utilities; **Fred Borggen**, Group 1; **Lucy Borin**, Group 9; **Agnes Bluth**, Group 4; **Oma Brooks**, Group 9; **J. E. Causgrove**, Group 5; **Carl Danielson**, Utilities; **Felix Dupire**, Utilities; **William Feeney**, Group 66; **T. W. Fitzgerald**, High Explosives; **Earl Gardner**, Group 3-A; **Edyth Johnson**, Group 5; **Luther Keirsey**, Group 61; **Bernard Kelson**, Guards; **Raymond Kinsella**, Group 4; **Ruth LeRoy**, Group 5; **Charles Lindquist**, Group 2; **A. M. Lockwood**, Superintendent, of Utilities; **Walter McDonald**, Utilities; **Frederick Mensing**, Guards; **John Nelson**, Utilities; **Paul O'Brecht**, Group 61; **Paul Orosco**, Group 1; **Frank Pause**, Group 3; **Frederick Poplausky**, Engineering Department; **Neal Ring**, Group 2; **Charles Rolando**, Utilities; **James Sisk**, Group 1; **Reva Snyder**, Group 7; **Everett Thompson**, Group 3; **Pearl Thompson**, Group 1; **Neva Upham**, Plant Protection; **Viola Van Meter**, Group 7; **William Whaley, Jr.**, Group 9; **Frank Zeman**, Group 1.

January 20

Bernice Altenbrunn, Group 9; **Mildred Ashley**, Ordnance; **Clyde Baker**, Utilities; **Marcella Barchark**, Group 4; **Louis Bollero**, Utilities; **Eli Cybulski**, Group 3; **Howard Davies**, Utilities; **Thomas Harris**, Group 6; **Lowell Horath**, Fire Department; **Albert Horn**, Utilities; **Mathias Horn**, General Operations; **Frances Locascio**, Group 4; **Lazarus Maier**, Utilities; **Gordon McCulloch**, Hospital; **Harold Miller**, Group 2; **Orville Miller**, Guards; **Gilbert Morgan**, Group 8; **Milton Nowrie**, Group 1; **Robert Peterson**, Utilities; **Dorothy Reilly**, Group 5; **Joseph Scelso, Jr.**, Group 1; **Theresa Smutnak**, Group 9; **Myrl Winifred Southcombe**, Group 9; **Myron Sperry**, Group 1; **Arthur Vaksdal**, Group 1; **Robert Van Lyssel**, Group 3; **Paul Vosberg**, Group 1; **William Weir**, Group 2.

January 21

Fae Broman, Group 4; **Paul Caligaris**, Inspection; **E. C. Carlson**, Purchasing Agent; **Rita Consh**, Utilities; **Margaret Cosgrove**, Plant Protection; **Rosalie Danielson**, Group 7; **Joseph Gorman**, Group 1; **Merville Helle**, Group 3-A; **Sheila Herron**, Group 4; **Harry Hetzel**, Guards; **John Harnberger**, Watchmen; **Arthur Howard**, Timekeeping; **Bernadine Hughes**, Group 4; **William Kase**, Utilities; **Edith Klenz**, Group 9; **Bernice Krall**, Ordnance; **Floyd Leenerman**, Group 1; **Harry Lewis**, Group 3-A; **Thomas Mattox**, Utilities; **Flora McCook**, Group 9; **Timothy McDermott**, Utilities; **Vincent Mellon**, High Explosives; **Rudolph Monferdine**, Utilities; **James Nevin**, Group 8; **Frank Rutkowski**, Guards; **Mary Smith**, Plant Protection; **Ben Stadlek**, Utilities; **John Sullivan**, Inert Storage; **Eunice Swinford**, Group 9; **Margaret Turner**, Personnel; **Mary Wisemantle**, Group 9.

January 22

Amedee Bouchard, Group 3-A; **Carolyn Campbell**, Group 4; **Victor Casson**, Group 1; **Wilbert Curl**, Guards; **Argyle Dalziel**, Accounting; **Edward J. Early**, Group 3-A; **Leo Fabry**, Group 1; **Elennor Fleener**, Group 6; **George Ford**, Utilities; **Mary Frame**, Group 7; **Rudolph Getson**, Guards; **Cecil Johnson**, Guards; **Helen Jones**, Group 7; **Frank Kucera**, Guards; **Glendon Lade**, Guards; **Marion Leggs**, Group 9; **Leona Maas**, Ordnance; **Robert McAdams**, Inert Storage; **John Perino**, General Operations; **Anita Sarowatz**, Group 4; **Sylvester Spayer**, Guards; **Merle Starmann**, Group 9; **James Touhey**, Guards; **Alma Trittipol**, Group 5; **Raymond Turner**, Group 5; **Betty Wallace**, Ordnance.

January 23

Maxine Angesen, Group 7; **Eldon Alwine**, High Explosives; **John Arthur**, Utilities; **Thomas Beach**, Utilities; **Adrian Boone**, Group 1; **Robert Burke**, Group 2; **Orville Burkhardt**, Utilities; **Charles Brown**, Group 3; **Ernest Carroll**, Guards; **Louis Chopp**, Utilities; **Charles Cogswell**, Guards; **Harold Dirst**, Group 1; **Matthew Froncek**, Fire Department; **Edward Gannon**, Utilities; **Charles George**, Inert Storage; **I. W. Hawes**, Safety Department; **Glenn Heckel**, Group 3; **Ray Hess**, Inert Storage; **William Howard**, Group 9; **Joseph Daplinski**, Group 4; **Daniel Killian**, Group 9; **Delia Marsaglia**, Group 7; **Vernon Martin**, Fire Department; **John Meinert**, Group 5; **Ila Powell**, Group 9; **Floyd Quayle**, Group 1; **Garda Rayburn**, Group 1; **Marguerite Rulison**, Group 9; **Irene Spires**, Group 9; **Lester Stephey**, Group 1; **Frank Temelis**, Group 2; **James Whelan**, Group 2; **Margaret Zivec**, Group 4.

January 24

Leo Ader, Group 1; **Norine Balma**, Group 9; **Albert Brenizer**, Utilities; **Wilbur Brown**, Group 3; **Threll Childers**, Guards; **Roy Eich**, Group 1; **Kenneth Hood**, Group 3; **Matthew Hutchison**, Group 2; **Virgil Keehn**, Group 3; **Virginia Lindsey**, Group 5; **Keith Lockwood**, Group 3; **Richard Mann**, Group 1; **Clarabelle McClain**, Group 9; **Robert Mitchell**, Group 3-A; **Olidene Noble**, Group 9; **John Novak**, Group 2; **Lewis Nickel**, Group 1; **Henry Peters**, Group 1; **William Peterson**, Utilities; **Richard Runge**, Group 9; **William Seeley**, Accounting; **Bernadette Steele**, Group 4; **Walter Thompson**, Inert Storage; **Maratha Varsek**, Group 7; **John Williams**, Guards; **Curtis Wold**, Utilities.

CURLY topknot and all, this is Donald C. Klegman, son of William "Jersey" Klegman, foreman in Group 2.

January 25

Blair Boyd, Group 1; **Clarence Cottingham**, Group 2; **Charles Doss**, Group 8; **Harry Eaton**, Utilities; **Charlie Flannery**, Utilities; **Harold Griffith**, Group 1; **Mike Griglione**, Group 8; **Robert Gulso**, Accounting; **Shirley Hicke**, Group 1; **Arthur Hoy**, Guards; **Robert Jones**, Inert Warehouse; **Sue Jubera**, Accounting; **Mary Keene**, Accounting; **Frank Kos**, Utilities; **Lois Krumwiede**, Group 9; **Loyd Medaris**, Group 4; **Paul Miller**, Group 8; **Dave Stark**, Group 3; **Joseph Vaccara**, Group 8; **William Weitzel**, Utilities.

January 26

Bettie Bedore, Group 9; **Helen Burns**, Ordnance; **Lorene Capron**, Group 6; **Eugene Carter**, Group 2; **Wayne Chambers**, Group 2; **Charles Chaney**, Utilities; **Alice Deschand**, Group 4; **Florence Farley**, Ordnance; **Henry Giermaia**, Group 7; **Albert Grandpre**, Guards; **Nels Gronholm**, Engineering Department; **Jeannette Guertin**, Group 45; **Ruby Huff**, Group 7; **Elsie Jisa**, Group 9; **Harry Jones**, Group 1; **Arthur Koerner**, Guards; **David McConnell**, Group 1; **Dorothy Meece**, Group 6; **Jack Needles**, Accounting; **David Peterson**, Utilities; **Winfred Prickett**, Group 4; **Nelle Reinert**, Group 7; **Robert Saieg**, Utilities; **Vernon Schoenberger**, Accounting; **John Shiner**, Utilities; **Charles Smith**, Inspection; **Theodore Steger**, Group 3; **Cecil Stricklin**, Group 3-A; **Victor Sutch**, Group 1; **Edward Warmbier**, Utilities.

January 27

Vivienne Ahlvin, Group 8; **Emmie Bishop**, Group 9; **Hazel Boyd**, Group 8; **William Brenner**, Group 61; **James Bush**, Group 3-A; **Donald Caputo**, Timekeeping; **Tony Cinotto**, Inert Warehouse; **P. J. Cuningham**, Group 3; **Leo Curran**, Guards; **Charles Darkins**, Group 5; **Mary Doles**, Group 4; **Leo Dordan**, Group 61; **Florence Doyle**, Group 4; **Gerald Everson**, Group 3-A; **Frederic Frederickson**, Utilities; **Undine Fulton**, Group 9; **Robert Heins**, Group 2; **Catherine Higgins**, Group 4; **Winifred Hugg**, Group 1; **Margaret Kirkland**, Group 7; **Clarence Lippold**, Guards; **Charles Marion**, Utilities; **Charles Martin**, High Explosives; **Ruth McOwan**, Group 9; **Amy Redington**, Group 9; **William Reed**, Inert Storage; **Howard Ruddy**, Guards; **Kenneth Storch**, Utilities; **Margaret Surinak**, Group 4; **Grover Taylor**, Group 61; **William Wentzel**, Utilities; **Lawrence Wheeler**, Group 3; **Helen White**, Group 4; **Clara Wooten**, Group 9; **Ann Worland**, Group 5; **Adele Wysocki**, Group 7.

January 28

Clyde Baker, Utilities; **Glady Barringer**, Group 8; **Helen Billberg**, Group 7; **G. J. Blackburn, Sr.**, Guards; **Ruth Brill**, Group 5; **Wayne Colaw**, Group 68; **Louis Dallesandro**, Utilities; **Margaret Forbin**, Group 9; **William Gilbert**, Group 68; **Frederick Haake**, Utilities; **George Hayes**, Fire Department; **John Hubert, Jr.**, Group 1; **Dorothy Johnson**, Group 4; **Louise Koss**, Group 8; **Kenneth Livesay**, Group 1; **Gail Lyons**, Group 1; **Bernadine Meister**, Utilities; **Margaret Mitchell**, Group 5; **Alfred Nehas**, Group 7; **Bernard O'Connor**, Utilities; **Melvin Payne**, Group 3-A; **Mildred Powell**, Group 5; **Luther Prince**, Group 8; **Lloyd Reeves**, Utilities; **Lee Reynolds**, Administration; **Leo Richmond**, Group 2; **Philip Santolin**, Group 1; **Harold Sonday**, Group 2; **Peter Splse**, Group 3-A; **Joseph Squellati**, Group 4; **Sophie Starcevich**, Group 9; **Ned Stegman**, Guards; **Charles Sumner**, Plant Protection; **Glen Van Deventer**, Group 3-A; **Margaret Vitanovec**, Group 9; **Bernard Webster**, Utilities; **Pearl Whittemore**, Group 5; **Ben Williams**, Group 4.

January 29

Albert Alderson, Group 1; **Lucille Ambrose**, General Office; **Evelyn Arends**, Group 9; **Clyde Baldwin**, Group 61; **Edward Bray**, Guards; **Lacime Brumfield**, Group 9; **Alvina Curtis**, Group 9; **Chalen Daugherty**, Group 9; **Walter Fang**, Inert Storage; **Bernice Fortin**, Group 5; **Mary Gale**, Group 8; **Shirley Hommes**, Group 7; **Geraldine Howen**, Group 4; **Dolores Jones**, Group 5; **June Kaehlert**, Purchasing; **Helen Kelly**, Group 4; **Alex Melland**, Group 1; **Lucille Milling**, Group 7; **Frank Pate**, Guards; **James Ray, Jr.**, Group 3; **Emma Rogers**, Group 5; **James Soule**, Utilities; **Lucy Steiner**, Group 9; **Sylvia Titrant**, Group 7; **Anna Walker**, Group 5.

January 30

Harry Ahrens, Utilities; **Fay Anderson**, Guards; **Gertrude Beland**, Ordnance; **Stephanie Bercolos**, Group 4; **Mary Bostjancic**, Accounting; **Adolph Brackman**, Group 9; **Leonard Bruce**, Group 1; **Doris Cox**, Group 4; **Richard Crocker**, Group 3; **Amanda Cutshaw**, Group 7; **Alberta Dixon**, Group 8; **Mary Draine**, Group 1; **Agnes Ecimovich**, Group 4; **Kathryn Egan**, Group 7; **Bernadine Goebel**, Group 9; **Raymond Good**, High Explosives; **George Hack**, Inert Storage; **Edward Hasse**, Group 61; **Irvin Holman**, Group 1; **Joseph Llewellyn**, Group 4; **Donald Morris**, Group 61; **Joseph Rady**, High Explosives; **Maurice Romain**, Group 1; **James Sinkular**, Group 61; **Harriet Woods**, Group 5.

January 31

William Bell, Accounting; **Louis Benoit**, Group 1; **Clifford Coash**, Group 3-A; **Logan Cravens**, Group 3; **Thomas DeLockery**, Accounting; **Ernest Egger**, Group 70; **Henry Fink**, Maintenance; **Helen Fritz**, Group 45; **Carmela Garbin**, Group 6; **Dorothy Jenn Haag**, Ordnance; **Fred Lindstrom**, Guards; **Joseph Lubshinn**, Group 2; **Carl McCable**, Utilities; **Ralph McDowell**, Group 61; **John Montgomery**, Group 1; **Clifford Muncey**, Group 8; **Grant Platt**, Guards; **Joseph Persicketti**, Group 5; **Loretta Schall**, Group 1; **Marion Schmeisser**, Group 9; **Gene Senmark**, Group 1; **J. Sorrentino**, Utilities; **Gertrude Stevens**, Group 4; **Frank Sweet**, Utilities; **Harold Throop**, Group 3; **Martha Vacca**, Group 4; **Doris Young**, Group 4.

EOP Girl's Brother Killed in Action

Sympathy of her co-workers has been extended to **Marian Shaw**, Ordnance Department worker here, whose brother, **Staff Sgt. Floyd J. Shaw**, 27 years old, a turret gunner in a Flying Fortress operating over western Europe, was killed in action. He had arrived in England October 24 after serving in the Air Force since January 19, 1942.

War Lingo

Land mine—Missile containing large amount of explosives, released from planes and lowered to earth by parachutes.

Lay eggs—Drop bombs from a plane.

Leave calling cards — Drop bombs on the enemy.

Les Rafs—English aviators (Fr.)

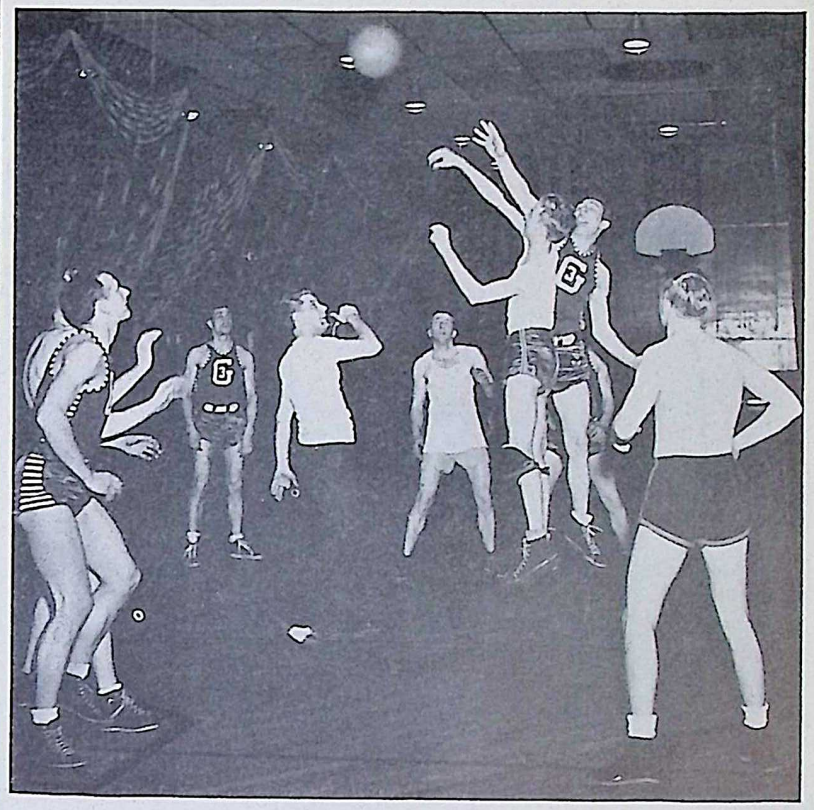
Lockheed-Hudson — American make of plane widely used by British.

Luftwaffe—The German Air Force.

Mae West—Lifesaving jacket. (Br. RAF)

Molotov bread basket — Large bomb which breaks into several smaller bombs before it strikes the ground.

Mona—Air-raid signal. (Br.)



ACTION IS FAST and furious at the EOP League basketball games at the Recreation Building Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Two picked teams furnished the action shown here.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Joan Schwartz, supervisor of the progress clerks at Groups 4-9, has been rather bewildered without a purse to carry about for a week or longer.

Greetings are extended to newcomers, **Eleanor Goss** — formerly of Engineering Blue Printing, **Dorothy Monahan** and **Rita Lipotitch**. It is hoped they are accustomed to stadium activities as they will be required to enter into a few of them as one initiation requirement.

Prior to the Holiday excitement, the department was honored with a visit from two former associates, **Tommy Burns** and **Ray Van Hook** of the Navy. Tommy expects to be sailing for sunny Cuba soon, after having been in California and Florida.

Supervisor J. C. Schmeh seems to have had difficulty in tracing the mysterious person who delivered a gift to his apartment Christmas Eve. Perhaps the famous "Mr. Keene" would be able to assist him.

A wonderful discovery has been made, **Connie Sternberg** has learned that she too can fly—after a visit through the clouds to see her husband who is one of Uncle Sam's men in the Air Corps in Oklahoma.

Fellow-workers certainly miss the friendly one, **W. D. Dronsfield**, who left to take a much needed rest.

Pvt. Dick Ebben sent his thanks for the Christmas remembrance and says that he is to be located at Truax Field, Wisconsin.

Don Nelson, formerly Group 4, has joined his little outfit with "Jerk," better known as **E. Jurjevicz.**

Deepest sympathy is extended to **Mary Serdar**, whose mother died recently.

Holiday Greetings were reeived from former employees of the department, **Agnes Frechauf**, **Leo Thompson** and **Gertrude Finnegan.**

A few of the most important events of the past year were: **Nina Horrie's** engagement, **Wallace Bensen's** new eyes, **Lucille Brown's** shiny bracelet from someone at Group 1, **Genevieve Carr's** ability to walk on eggs, **Fred Mastin's** remarkable recuperative powers, **Harriet Jensen's** agility at Jiu Jitsu, **Frances Mores'** graduation in giggles, **Harry Brown's** sudden change to a solemn and worried attitude, **Mary O'Connor's** latest romance, **Ray Banker's** uncovered desk and, last, but not least, the latest development of sportsmanship in the department.

Congratulations go to the new supervisor of clerks at Group 3-A, **Frances O'Keefe**, who has taken over the duties of **Roland Oertel**, inducted into the armed forces.

Naoma Jett, Group 3-A, wants a few suggestions on how to keep warm at the end of Building 3, when bombs are being rolled in from the warehouses. Says the little Southern belle, "I wonder if our table could be moved to Building 10 where there is a little more heat?"

Credit for Picture

The New Year's baby picture on Page 1 of the January 1 issue of *The Bomb-Shell* was obtained from Harold M. Lambert Studios in Chicago.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT — BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Ride Wanted — From Batavia to Group 2. 3:30 to 11:30 shift. See **Lorin C. Cain**, 50 S. River Street, Batavia, Ill. Telephone Batavia 1642J.

For Rent—Furnished cabin on new Route 66. One room and kitchenette. Couple only. Private grounds. Call **Howard Hewlett**, Telephone Wilmington 5235.

For Sale—One 9x12 rug. One 48-inch mahogany dresser. 409 Daniels St., Wilmington, Ill.

For Rent — Living quarters with double garage and service station. Good location. Wife, son or daughter could operate gasoline pumps. Profits should pay rent. See **Ed Kelly**, inspector, Group 1, Building 13.

Riders Wanted — From Morris to any of the loading lines. Write **Melvin Day**, General Delivery, Morris, Ill.

Ride Wanted — From west side of Joliet to Administration Building. Hours 8:45 to 5:15. Call **George Barford**, Line 5118.

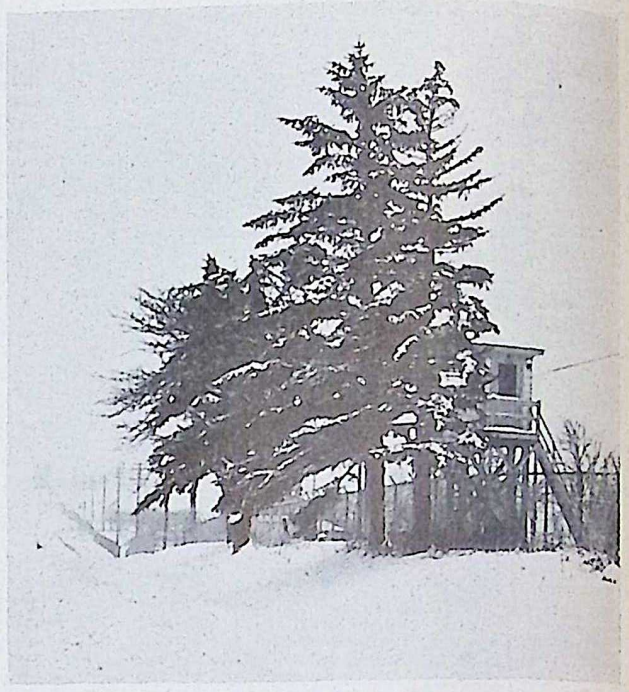
For Rent — Furnished two-room apartment. Modern. Steam heat and excellent laundry facilities. Telephone Gardner 3681.

For Rent — Large pine panelled room. Two single beds. Stoker heat. Close to bus line. Two men on day shift preferred. References required. See **Mrs. T. M. Dean**, 807 Mason Ave., Joliet. Telephone 2-2294.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

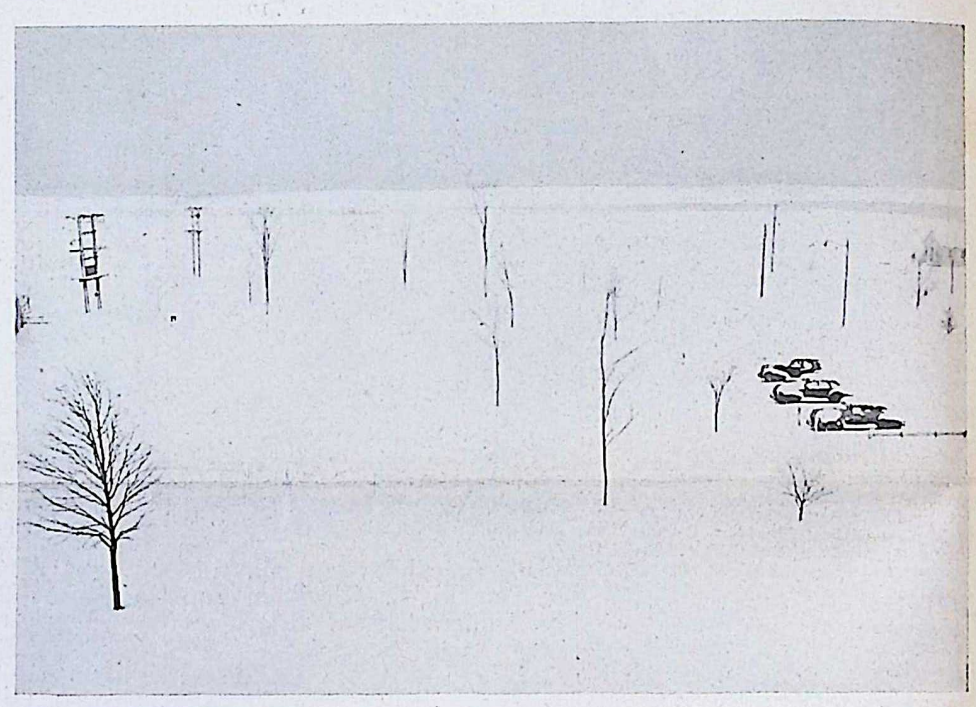
CREWS of snow shovelers were required to clear walks about EOP last week. Here John Perkins (left), John Barry (center) and Thomas Gavican are at work at the Administration Building.

STEPS leading to the Recreation Building required almost constant attention of Harry Roberts to keep them passable. He is shown here shoveling hard before a well-attended basketball game.



LONESOME indeed appears this guard station shrouded by snow-covered pines. Regardless of the weather, however, all guard stations were manned as usual and vigilance was at high pitch.

EMPLOYEES' CARS were covered with snow not only one day but several during the blustery weather of the last several weeks. Many motors wouldn't start, but co-workers lent helping hands.



BLANKET OF SNOW covered the entire EOP area for several days during the last three weeks. This distant shot, taken from the weather observation station atop the Administration Building, shows the coverage.

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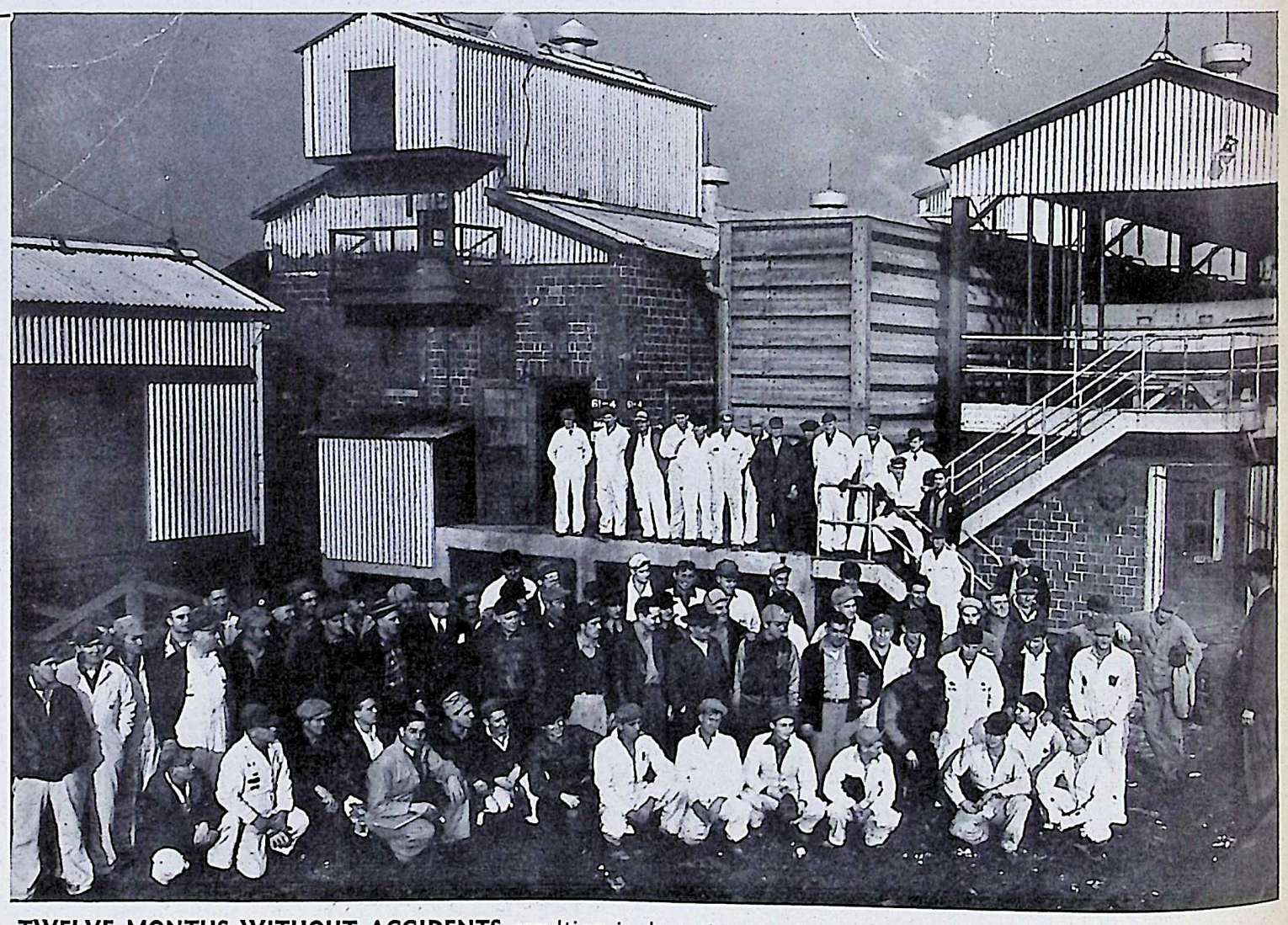

TWELVE MONTHS WITHOUT ACCIDENTS resulting in lost time is the enviable record of Group 61, Ammonium Nitrate Plant. This is a record of which the Safety Department is deservedly proud and the staff has sent congratulations to all Group 61 employees. Here Supt. P. L. Deylitz (extreme right) is telling his men of the accomplishment and urging them to continue their efforts.

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Deep Snow and 22 Below Slow EOP Operation

Normal Work Is Resumed After Day of Blizzard

High snow drifts along all roads leading to Elwood Ordnance Plant reduced operations to a minimum January 19 as only one out of every seven employees was able to reach the plant some time during the day.

Workers on the 11:30 to 7:30 shift, unable to leave the plant for their homes, stayed on the job valiantly and took care of all necessary operations.

Volunteer crews prepared and distributed food and hot drinks as the thermometer fell to 22 degrees below zero. Others worked ceaselessly to clear roads within the area and to nearby communities.

Approximately 6,500 workers were normally expected to be on the job at 7:30 and 8:45 that morning. However, only about 1,000 were able to get through and the majority of these did not reach the plant until mid-afternoon. Some few hardy souls got through from Joliet, but most of those who reported came from Wilmington and other points to the south.

The long string of cars and buses which is a familiar sight along Route 66-A as workers head toward their jobs between 6:30 and 7 of a morning was broken abruptly about four miles south of Joliet, where the first of the six and eight feet high drifts were encountered. The traffic snarl there could not be untangled and in the meantime a strong wind was piling the drifts ever higher. Even a snow plow was unable to get through.

Respond 100 Per Cent

With so many unable to get to work, those still within the area were called upon for extraordinary efforts. All responded 100 per cent as the seriousness of the emergency became apparent. Explosives operators, assemblers, bomb and shell loaders and others in the loading lines and in the Fuze and Booster Area remained at their tasks without complaint and did everything they could with the materials at hand.

Railroad and maintenance crews, truck drivers, guards and firemen likewise remained at their posts until relieved. Office workers were few and far between, but those who did get through responded to a call for volunteers at the Cafeteria, where extra help was needed to prepare food for those unable to get home. Firemen built fires instead of putting them out. Stenographers stewed over

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Group 61 to Receive Safety Merit Award

A certificate of merit for twelve months of operation without a lost-time accident is being prepared by the Safety Department for presentation to Group 61. It will be hung in the office of **Supt. P. L. Deylitz** as tribute to the employees of the Ammonium Nitrate Plant, who completed a year's perfect safety record in December.

Will Present "E" Flag to EOP Men and Women

Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr.

Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Ground

V-Mail Letters Urged For Overseas Points

Persons who write to members of the armed forces overseas are urged by the War Department to make more use of V-mail letters as the result of heavy increases in foreign mail. Overseas mail last November took up the cargo space equivalent to three 11,000 ton Liberty ships, or eight times per man the amount sent to the AEF in November, 1918. V-mail is faster, safer and just as private as ordinary mail. No one sees it but the censor, and he sees all mail.

Route 66-A Residents Praised for Hospitality

Several score EOP employees are singing the praises of **Mr. and Mrs. Nelson E. Vance**, who live on Route 66-A between the plant and Joliet, as the result of the hospitality they received January 19 when snow drifts prevented them from advancing farther on their way to work. While the traffic snarl was being untangled, Mrs. Vance invited the marooned war workers into her home and served piping hot coffee to combat the bitter cold. There were 50 in her home at one time, according to **Martha Herrity**, chief operator of the EOP telephone exchange, the only girl among the workers.

All Not Included in December 26 Absentees

Employees who had worked six days during the week prior to Saturday, December 26, were not included in the 2,877 workers listed as absentees the day after Christmas and mentioned in an editorial in the January 1 issue of *The Bomb-Shell*. Numerous employees, proud of their attendance records, wrote in to protest against being termed absentees and this announcement is made to reassure them and all others who consider regular work here as a prime requisite for ultimate victory.

Groups Develop Plans for "E" Award Program

3 Employees Elected to Receive Symbolic Pins from Officer

Plans for the ceremonies to be held February 12, when the Army-Navy "E" flag will be presented to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant as a symbol of the award bestowed upon them for excellence in war production, are taking shape under the guidance of the Employees Activity Committee and a general arrangement committee.

The ceremonies will be held promptly at 3:30 o'clock that Friday afternoon, with arrangements being made for employees on all three shifts to attend. A platform for the speakers will be erected in front of the Administration Building, where the affair will be staged if the weather permits. In the event of inclement weather, the activities will be transferred to the Recreation Building.

Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr., commanding general of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, will present the flag, which probably will be received on behalf of the employees by **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter.

A high ranking Navy official will present "E" pins to three employees as a symbol of the pins to be given to all employees, who were on the payroll January 9, when the award was made, as rapidly as distribution can be accomplished in the ensuing days.

F. W. Woodruff, president, First National Bank, Joliet, and chairman, Will County Chapter, Red Cross, will be toastmaster.

Music will be furnished by the Joliet High School band and a color guard, commanded by **Chief M. C. Baughman** and **Capt. J. A. Hardy**, will raise the "E" flag on the pole in front of the Administration Building.

Employees Are Elected

The three employees designated to receive the symbolic "E" pins are **Alice Taskey**, Group 45, Fuze and Booster Area; **Richard G. Richards**, Utilities Department, and **Vincent Farrell**, Group 2.

Mrs. Taskey was selected from six employees elected by individual groups in the Fuze and Booster Area. The others, who will serve as honorary ushers, are **Catherine A. Higgins**, Group 4; **Frances Meditz**, Group 6; **Mary Wilhemi**, Group 7; **Theresa Seno**, Group 8, and **Lois Peterson**, Group 9. Mrs. Taskey is married to **Jerome Taskey**, a war worker in East Chicago, and is the mother of a five and half-year old daughter.

Mr. Richards was selected as the representative of miscellaneous groups. Others elected by these groups, who will serve as honorary ushers, are **Russell R. Kuntz**, Inert

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Housing Units Still Available at Wilmington

Several vacancies still exist among the residential units of the Federal Housing Project at Wilmington, according to **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller. There are still some rooms available in the dormitories also, and prospective tenants are advised to apply at the rental office at the site.

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Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servants

"Speaking for the thousands of men and women, who began production of ammunition in the first loading plant to be completed under the War Program and who have never failed to fulfill a loading schedule assigned them, we pledge preservation of the record which justified the fine recognition which we have received."

Thus wrote *Harrison Smith,* resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, to *Robert P. Patterson,* Under Secretary of War, in acknowledging the award of the Army and Navy "E" to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant for excellence in war production.

Thus did he echo the sentiment of every man and woman here, each justifiably proud that splendid work had been recognized and thrillingly inspired to even greater efforts.

Thus did he express in his words utterances like these: "It's the most wonderful thing that's ever happened to us . . . we have achieved a worth-while ambition and are spurred on to further efforts to speed the day of victory" . . . *Vincent Farrell.* . . . It was really something to work for and I'll be so proud to wear my pin I know I'll have to brag just a little" . . . *Alice Taskey.* . . . "The workers certainly deserve the honor. . . . I've seen a lot of hard work done around here and I'm proud to be a part of it. . . . *Richard G. Richards.*

"Well done, thou good and faithful servants," say the protectors of Old Glory.

Axis "Pays" Absentees

Employees of Columbian Steel Tank Company, Kansas City, Mo., were startled when they got two checks in their pay envelopes—one for days worked and the other for time absent from their jobs making war materials. The check for not working was drawn on the "Bank of the Axis" and signed by "Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini." Across its face in red letters it read: "Negotiable in Human Lives." The company reported a 27 per cent reduction in absenteeism immediately after the "checks" were issued.

"Before working here, I always thought a booster was an enthusiastic member of a chamber of commerce!"

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

Folks, here goes for a memory test.

At the approach of my second anniversary as a member of the EOP family, it seems a good time to reminisce a bit about some of the events that 'way back in 1941 looked like first rate crises, and to recount the deeds of those unsung heroes who really made the place what it is today. There is no need to go into great detail or to rate one accomplishment above the other but many of the newcomers around here might bear in mind that the plant didn't just spring up out of the ground because some magic-minded Aladdin rubbed his lamp and said, "a darn good shell-loading plant, please."

To those of us who were here then, it might pull a few happy tears to bring up that nice mud hole that is now known as Group 2. The road isn't there any more, but in those days, if you were headed for Group 2, you got as far as the Hub and looked eastward. Then came the great decision as to whether you would strip to the waist and try to swim to the temporary carpenter shop, or borrow a pair of hip boots and some water wings and try and make it afoot, or just quit the job altogether. If, perchance you were sent for a shovel or a sledge hammer, you had to call on one Charles Herbig at Richards Farm who held forth in the converted pig pen. When you got there you would be tempted to tell the presiding storekeeper that he ought to take a bath, but before you could say it, you would detect him sniffing a bit in your direction, and then with the usual playful smile, you would be reminded that the odor really belonged to the erstwhile porcine residents of the alleged warehouse.

It was back in those days that good old 66-A was filled with trucks full of crushed stone and gravel, and then came the mighty monsters of U. S. Transit-Mix to tear up the roads a bit more with their much-needed loads of concrete. And how that concrete had to be nursed. It was bundled up in canvas robes and heated to a delicate brown with more fondness than a flock of incubator chicks. Pearl Harbor was then just a spot in the Pacific, and, believe it or not, the Japs were still a nation in good standing with the rest of the world—but the EOP job went forward at a killing pace.

It is appropriate to indulge in a few honorable mentions to guard against our humanly fleeting memories; remember Malone, Lockwood, Kemery, Joseph, Utley, McAloon, James, Sayre, Taylor, Hixon, Evans, Mowitt, Salmon, Walker, Stazel, Dale, Ryan, Lamphier, Woodard, Walsh and many others. They worked hard and long with their men and the results were forthcoming. It wasn't long before the parade of sub-contractors hove into view led by the jovial "Scotty" of the concrete plant, Mike Goske of steel fame and those other "constructionists" (there's one for the book) as Reger, Kaiser, Alvey-Ferguson, Adler of Ruberoid, Midwest Construction, Patton Tractor with their "manse" at the Hub, and many others with their respective specialties.

Most of the trials and tribulations of those days have been wrapped up in what is now known as EOP and many of us are inclined to take the whole package as a matter of course without too much appreciation of the accomplishment. Maybe I am too sentimental but, on the other hand, it seems as though the struggles of the earlier 'soldiers' might be some inspiration to those who are following on in production.

An Army-Navy "E" award is yours for Production, but let's never forget that it could not have been possible if it had not been for those fellows who really went to it just a little over two years ago when Group 3 was some stakes in the ground, Group 1 a blueprint, and Group 3-A just a piece of conversation. Do as good a job yourself and then you can rest on your oars.

Drive Against Loose Talk Is Bearing Fruit

Chicago Daily News Columnist Describes His Own Experiences

The following editorial page column was written by Robert M. Yoder *and published in The Chicago Daily News January 22:*

The campaign against loose talk is bearing fruit, if one man's experience is any gauge. A general tightening up has come about in only the last few months.

Three months ago, I was forever picking up secrets which, if they had reached Hitler, would have impeded his war effort by a good six months, such was the nice mixture of tardiness and misinformation. I was being told things, in a lowered voice, what the Encyclopaedia Britannica had rejected five months before as being old stuff. In fact, some of the secrets that were going around at that time are part of the regular training in the 8th grade.

But that has changed. Since then, most of the people you meet have gone into war work of some sort or another, and are so discreet it is embarrassing to pass the time of day with them.

I just talked to a friend of mine who is building a war plant. He admitted freely that he was feeling pretty good and his health was all right. Adroit questioning won the admission that his wife and children were all right, too.

"Well, how are you getting along with your work?" I asked, but while he said he was getting along fine, he said so with obvious reluctance. There was a long pause while I tried to get the conversation back on safe ground. According to half-page pictures in the newspapers, the job is proceeding night and day. That seemed innocuous enough. "Guess you're working night and day," I remarked. Do you think he would step into a trap like that? Not on your life! "Well, we're working pretty hard," he said, guardedly.

It was growing painfully clear that whatever I asked about his job would be construed as an improper question, in spite of the fact that there are 10 or 20,000 men who know about the plant in question, and it could be kept secret about as easily as you could camouflage the Grand Canyon, my friend was being a model of reticence. He was not merely concealing what he himself knows; he was concealing what everybody knows. If that spirit pervades his whole organization, then I'll bet the carpenters won't tell each other where the nails are.

The next time we meet, I am going to ask my clamlike friend a test question. "Joe," I will say, "is it true there is a lot of wood in lumber?" It is five to one he will give me a polite but evasive answer.

One of my favorite relatives, a girl, has something to do with a war plant, and it is marvelous to watch her skate over any references to what they do there. She couldn't be more discreet about it if they manufactured a death-ray, or were headquarters for the Buck Rogers disintegrator. I couldn't know less about her work if she were smuggling opium. If I ever do find out, it won't be from her; it will be from the page ads in Fortune.

You meet examples of this admirable caution on every hand. Friends of mine have friends of theirs who were white-collar workers, but lured by the twin appeals of patriotism and more pleasant work, have gone into a factory. One night, interested only in seeing how a couple of conservative executives like being factory hands, I asked, "How does Henry like it?" The host and hostess exchanged a glance, as if to say, "How well do we know this fellow?" and it was some little time before anyone said anything. Then, in a tone as guarded as if Ribbentrop himself were in the room, the hostess gave me an answer I have no hesitation whatsoever in repeating publicly. "Fine, I guess," she said slowly. "Of course, we don't know where he works, or what he's doing."

To summarize, citizens are now refusing to answer questions you haven't even asked. While this is no time to relax, the campaign against talking out of turn appears to be coming along fine.

Groups Develop Plans For "E" Award Program

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Storage; **Albion Delander,** Payroll Department; **Walter D. Neher,** Group 61, and **Arthur L. Slahaven,** Fire Department. Mr. Richards was the owner of the land on which Richards Farm units of EOP are now located.

Mr. Farrell is the representative of the loading line groups. Others, who will serve as ushers also, named by the group employees are **John A. Burnett,** Group 1; **Bernard Boos,** Group 3, and **Fred Cox,** Group 3-A.

Invitations have been sent to a large list of dignitaries in the Army, Navy, production and administration fields. The families of employees are given a cordial invitation to attend and for those who cannot reach the plant a special broadcast of the ceremonies over Radio Station WCLS, Joliet, has been arranged.

Snow Drifts and 22 Below Slow EOP

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hot ranges. Secretaries made biscuits. Safety engineers fried eggs and bacon and draughtsmen brewed coffee. Trucks, station wagons, carry-alls and cars were commandeered for delivering food to the groups.

Telephone lines hummed with activity and the switchboard saw 34,380 calls completed that day. This record traffic was handled by a short handed staff as day operators were unable to get through.

Those who braved the elements to get through said they were well rewarded with the fun and enjoyment they had in doing a job that had to be done. Everyone worked hard, all were on an even footing and no one froze or went hungry.

By the following day, the roads had been cleared and normal operations were resumed.

Visiting Marine Puts Girls in Dither

Girl shell loaders in Group 1 were agog January 21 when tall and handsome **Pvt. Charles E. Cotter** of the U. S. Marines returned to pay the scene of his former activities a visit. One ingenious miss finally drew his attention away from the other girls, who were coming back from lunch, to herself by depositing a truck load of empty shell cases at his feet.

Although Private Cotter had been with the Marines for but six months, having enlisted with the Joliet detachment last summer, he had an aura of romance about him. He is assigned to the U.S.S. San Francisco, the destroyer which wreaked such havoc on the Jap fleet in the Pacific. An admiral and a captain lost their lives as Jap planes attempted to halt the San Francisco's devastating attack on Jap ships.

Private Cotter, who is a member of a gun crew aboard the ship, said he was very much impressed with the way EOP men and women are carrying on for the fighters at the front. He said he was as proud of the Army-Navy "E" awarded to these men and women as he was of the honors bestowed upon the San Francisco. He was employed here during construction, as a chauffeur for **Gen. Supt. E. J. Walsh** and as a truck driver in Group 1.

EOP Bombs Help Fighters In Middle East

Soldier Is Proud He Once Aided in Loading Missiles

"I see a lot of your bombs out here and I understand they are putting them to very good uses," said **Corp. Glenn E. Gordon**, who formerly worked in Group 1, in a censor-passed letter from the U. S. Army Air Force somewhere in the Middle East.

"I am going to write you a few lines to let you know I am receiving *The Bomb-Shell* out here and I enjoy it very much," said Corporal Gordon in beginning his letter. "It is very interesting as I had so many friends there and it was also close to my home town. I see a lot of your bombs out here and I understand they are putting them to some very good uses. It really makes me feel good to see that stamp on them and know that was where they came from. To hear of the stories of the destruction and help they are giving us really makes me feel proud to think that I was there at one time helping to build them.

"I would like to ask you to send me some of the addresses of boys from Group 1 who are now in the Middle East, if it is permissible to do so. I would appreciate it very much. Also tell the boys and girls in Group 1 to write. I would really like to hear from them. Letters are really welcome out here in the desert.

"Tell **Supt. J. E. Salmon** and the rest of the Group hello for me. I will try to help 'keep 'em flying' and tell the boys to 'keep 'em coming.' "

Sees EOP Ammunition

"Looking around here, I found a few articles stamped EOP . . . pretty close to home, isn't it?" commented **Pvt. Virgil J. Guimond**, a former construction worker here, in a letter from North Africa to his wife, **Mrs. Virgil J. Guimond**, Manteno, Ill., which was sent to *The Bomb-Shell* office by **Sgt. George E. Wells**, Group 60.

"I never thought I would ever use my native tongue," said Private Guimond, "but it comes in quite handy here. I am teaching a couple of my pals. One is from Streator and the other is from Toledo, O."

W. J. Slattery, Kinsman, Ill., wrote to give the address of his son, **Pvt. William P. Slattery**, who is with the Army forces in South America. Slattery entered service January 22, 1942, after working as a carpenter's helper in the Fuze and Booster Area.

"Today I again received one of your recent editions of *The Bomb-Shell*, wrote **Pvt. H. H. Nelson**, Del Valle Army Air Base, Austin, Tex., "and once more it has brought me many moments of interesting reading for which I thank you immensely.

Shocked by Absentees

"I have always enjoyed the interesting and entertaining editorials, but in the January 1 issue I was shocked and disagreeably surprised to read that 2,877 employees preferred staying away from their jobs on December 26. I do fully realize and believe that not one of this huge amount laid off with the idea of putting a cramp in the war effort or to please the sympathizers of unfriendly nations. I firmly believe it was a case of just not thinking when their alarm clocks sounded that morning.

"We boys in the service missed our homes and friends during the holiday season, but we know that whatever sacrifice this ugly war asks of us personally, it is for a step toward returning to our own familiar Christian life and under a free rule.

"In answer to your question in your third paragraph, I might say I don't think this fact will please the majority of the boys in the service, especially those serving in the actual theatres of combat, which is where I expect to be very shortly.

"I hope no one takes offense at the contents of this letter, as it is not meant for that. Several times I've made the same error as was enacted by these 2,877 employees of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. In fact, many a week my time card wasn't filled, just because I didn't think what I was doing as I turned my alarm off and went back to sleep. Yes, this happened several times. Ask **John Schmeh** or **John O'Connell**, in whose departments I worked. Since joining Uncle Sam's forces, I look at things a little differently now, and hope and know that all employees of EOP will also."

Four Bicks in Service

A letter from **Edward Bick**, Group 70, tells about three Bick brothers and their nephew, all former EOP employees, who are with the armed forces and asks that their names be placed on the EOP Honor Roll. Mr. Bick said the first brother to go was **LaVerne Bick**, who is a Commando in Tunisia, but formerly was a construction worker here. The second brother, **Joseph J. Bick**, now a corporal in Australia, where he has been for almost a year, was formerly a timekeeper here. The third brother, **James Charles Bick**, a former EOP railroad switchman, is stationed at New Orleans. The nephew, **Glenn Edward Bick**, a former bench mechanic in the Machine Shop, was inducted into the Army December 28, 1942.

A post card revealed that **Lt. Martha Alice Pichon**, former Cafeteria worker here and the first EOP girl accepted by the WAACs, has been transferred to Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Francis Aspel, apprentice seaman at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, in a V-mail letter, said he had seen letters from other service men in the paper and felt he wanted to write, too. He formerly worked in Group 2 and Group 4. He said: "just about every fellow in the company" reads his copy of *The Bomb-Shell*.

Sgt. Joseph F. Zauratsky wrote that he had been transferred from Arizona to an Army Air Base at Salina, Kan., where he is in charge of the whole ordnance area, including bombs and ammunition. "My past experience working at EOP sure was a great help," he said. "I worked in Groups 66 and 68. I like the paper because often I would like to know how the rest of the fellows are getting along, including the wonderful work of the plant itself. I am sending my best regards to Group 68 (**Frank Perino**, sub-foreman and the gang)."

Helped Make Shells

From Fort Lewis, Washington, **Pvt. Dennis McCumsey** wrote that it soon will be a year since he left his work in Building 13, Group 1, to enter the Army. "We have a fine Army," he said, "and you folks behind the guns are doing a great thing. Just keep the shells rolling our way. The old 123rd Field Artillery will land a few of them in Hitler's lap one of these days.

"I helped make a good many . . . millimeter howitzer shells. I am now in a . . . millimeter howitzer battery, so keep the . . . coming our way. Elwood Ordnance is doing a wonderful job."

Raymond J. Bartels reported he had been classified as an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and is attending pre-flight school there. **Pvt. Harold Graves** said he had done considerable moving since he's been in the Army. He had nine weeks of basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky; then was sent to Camp Polk, Louisiana, for six weeks. From there he was moved to the Mojave Desert in California for six weeks and has been at Camp Pickett, Virginia, for the last eight weeks. He is with the fighting engineers.

Pvt. Charles Suydam, who is with an Army truck outfit at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, said he would like to hear from some of the members of the road gang, including "Porky," the truck driver.

Written Requests for The Bomb-Shell Asked

All employees, men and women, who leave for the armed forces are asked to indicate in writing if they wish *The Bomb-Shell* sent to them where ever they may be stationed in this country or abroad. The volume of mail to fighters overseas has increased so much that a regulation prohibiting the mailing of newspapers and magazines to them by any one except the publishers of the publications, and then only if the addressee is a subscriber. In the case of employee publications like *The Bomb-Shell*, the reader must request them in writing. So, if you want *The Bomb-Shell* to follow you, ask your timekeeper or the Personnel Department for a request slip and fill it in.

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Frank C. Butula
William A. Chebuhar
Charles E. Christensen
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Glen E. Drew
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Newton R. Hauswirth
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William Johnson
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John W. Dowding	U.S.A.	Kenneth Palmer	U.S.N.	Harold E. Mann Jr.	U.S.N.R.
Walter Kilimnik	U.S.A.	Earl Gene Potter	U.S.A.	Ralph Weiss	U.S.N.
Harmon D. Wiley	U.S.A.	Robert J. Wysock	U.S.N.	Orrin E. Long	U.S.N.R.
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George W. Roecker	U.S.N.	Leo. M. Sreebny	U.S.A.	Maurice E. Dullea	U.S.A.C.
Robert S. Trueman	U.S.N.	Lawrence W. Huster	U.S.A.	Edna L. Guernsey	W.A.A.C.
Emil Bruni	U.S.A.	Ray J. Mahaffay	U.S.A.	Philip Grove	U.S.A.
Marion Lincicome	U.S.A.	Leonard A. Wood	U.S.N.	Alfred J. Barnes	U.S.A.
Seymour Stearns	U.S.A.C.	Warren R. Hoffman	U.S.A.	Samuel W. Eskridge Jr.	U.S.A.
Jack L. Bates	U.S.M.C.	Morton H. Olson	U.S.N.	Joseph A. Ralston	U.S.N.
William M. Watson	U.S.A.	Dale Lorentzen	U.S.N.	Morris Dick	U.S.A.
J. Philip Allison	U.S.N.	Bernard A. Kapsch	U.S.N.	Jos. A. Nicoletti	U.S.A.
John E. Hlavajcik	U.S.A.C.	Morris Banks	U.S.A.	T. J. kowalski	U.S.A.
Ronald A. Sachs	U.S.A.C.	Horace G. O'Kain	U.S.A.	James J. Musso	U.S.A.
Edward A. Mitchell	U.S.A.C.	George A. Attaway	U.S.A.	Clyde B. Green, Jr.	U.S.N.

ORDNANCE INSPECTION department honors its former employees with this large painted plaque in the office of Capt. A. G. Resch, Army inspector of ordnance.

Soldier May Return

Writing from Camp White, Oregon. **Pvt. James Recchione** sent best wishes to Group 3, where he formerly worked in Building 3, and said he might be back to work soon because of his age.

"When I read the last few issues," said **Pvt. Harold Balaz**, who is stationed at Hawthorne, Calif., "if I am not mistaken, I failed to find any article about my leaving the employ of EOP. I really think there was a slip-up on the part of someone. Upon checking my time of employment I believe you will find that I was what I recall as one of the oldest, or that is, one with almost the longest time of service of any employee. I worked at the plant for 22 months, which is quite a long time. It may be added that every minute of this time was enjoyed—I found it a very nice organization to work for. I was employed in the Electrical Department, assigned to Group 9.

"I was inducted into the Army while still working at the plant and arrived at the reception center, Camp Grant, Ill., November 21, 1942. After about 11 or 12 days at Camp Grant, I left for Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. On January 1, 1943, I left Camp McCoy and arrived at Hawthorne, January 5, 1943. I am in an anti-aircraft battery and think this location will be quite permanent. Our camp is right in the town of Hawthorne and is only about 20 miles from Los Angeles."

Daily Life Described

Daily life of an inland sailor was described by **Robert J. Wysock**, stationed at Memphis, Tenn., in a letter to his former associates at Group 68.

"I'm taking time during a study period in school to write you a few lines," wrote Seaman Wysock. "I have now completed nine weeks and have eleven more to go. The past weeks have been devoted to fabrication, hydraulics, airplane rigging, airplane structure and aircraft machine guns. The next weeks will be devoted to engineering and operations which is right in my line. Yesterday we took an engine all apart and put it back together. To say the least, it's a lot of fun. We are also getting a lot of motion pictures on airplane identification.

"This place was a regular mud hole when I came, but now they have gradually gotten roads and sidewalks in and it isn't so bad. The temperature stays around freezing and sometimes it's like spring. Today was one of those days.

"Most of us find people in Memphis very friendly. We all have loads of fun. With more shows than are necessary, two swell roller skating rinks, and dances every week-end—You can see things are pretty lively, especially with us sailors around. Although we have pretty good chow here, most boys, as soon as they hit town, order the biggest steaks available, ice cream runs a close second.

"One of the fellows in my barrack got himself a barber outfit and is doing a pretty good job of cutting hair. If he keeps it up, he will gradually work up quite a trade.

"Today a couple of my pals felt a little devilish and probably a little hungry for pie. While going through the chow line, they managed to swipe a couple of pies. Being served in cafeteria style, the boys happened to set their trays down on the pies that were waiting to be served out. As they picked up their trays, they also picked up the pies. They were lucky for they got away with it.

"With a bunch of screw balls like this together, we have a circus of a time every day. Just about time for lights out so I'll close."

Others Write Cards

Letters and cards also were received from **Pvt. Donald Sutton**, Camp Roberts, California; **Pvt. Ken Solma**, Lincoln, Neb.; **Pvt. G. W. Schmitz**, San Francisco, Cal.; **Sgt. William L. Powell**, Camp Blanding, Florida; **Pvt. William O'Howen**, Camp Polk, Louisiana; **Sgt. Theodore Dasen**, Seymour, Ind.; **Pvt. P. L. Benoit**, Camp Hood, Texas; **Pvt. Tony Sraj**, Camp White, Oregon; **David H. Albrecht**, Brooklyn, N. Y.; **Pvt. Floyd Zebell**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; **Pvt. Newton Hauswirth**, New Orleans, La.; **Leonard O. Johnson**, Pensacola, Fla.; **Pvt. Frank Cholewa**, Camp Livingston, Louisiana; **Pvt. Marco M. Bastai**, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; **Mrs. Eugene Marvin**, Wilmington, Ill., who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Russell H. Butts**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and **Mrs. Lillian C. Hufker**, Seneca, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her son, **Charles E. Christensen**, New York, N. Y.

Deputy Collectors Aid EOP Employees

Deputies from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue were provided with an office in the Administration Building the week of January 25 and assisted EOP workers in filling out their 1942 income tax returns. This service, from 9:30 to 5 o'clock daily, was provided without charge and many workers took advantage of the expert help.

PROUDLY WAVING from the flag pole in front of the Administration Building will soon be the Army-Navy "E" flag, shown here, awarded to the men and women of EOP for excellence in production. The flag will be unfurled after it is presented February 12 and will fly thereafter just under Old Glory.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Hats Off! To **Marguerite Weaver, Alfred Emiley** and **Arthur Green,** who, after working all night, stayed on duty so willingly until other operators were able to get through the snow drifts January 19.

Velma Whitmore was confined to her home for several days, having lost her voice and unable to speak above a whisper.

Best of luck to **Mrs. Robert White,** the former **Helen Louise Sime,** and hope she will enjoy Bloomington, Ind., as her home.

Thanks a lot to **Leta Williams** who so generously gave her assistance the morning of the storm.

The day of the storm, December 19, the telephone system handled 34,380 calls. Assuming the telephone system had nothing to do, **Chief M. C. Baughman** called **Supt. W. A. Buck** and suggested he take time out to clean the highways.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Interest in valves and fittings reached a new high recently. Could be inventory, and *could be* the new and very attractive employee of the stockroom, **Ruth Sanderson.**

Anyone interested in a meal cooked and served the "Duncan Hines" way please contact the firm of **Burkhardt & Ashline** in care of Ye Olde Pipe Shoppe!

Gene Sexton has joined the pipefitters and says it won't be long before he will be giving his brother, **Bill Sexton,** who is also a pipefitter, some real competition.

Service Garage Spares
By James W. "Bill" Hartshorne

On a recent hunting trip headed by **C. I. Wilson,** a group of Garage employees saw plenty of action, but no rabbits. Highlight of the day was when **Glen "Sparky" Bitterman** started *"chasing"* rabbits. But as was said before, there were *no* rabbits.

William "Wolf" Booker seems quite interested in a new "jockey" at the Motor Pool. The young lady was looking for the air hose, but modest Bill took care of tire checking himself.

"Before work" trips to the Laundry by **Ralph Nickleski** have taken a bad turn. Some say it's love!

Three new faces are welcomed to the Garage force. They are worn by **Robert E. Cleghorn, Richard H. Miller** and **Ernest H. Steinbach.**

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

A card was received from **Frank Zembruski,** former employee, from Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Joseph Elledge left January 25 to join Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Next in line is **Edward Silc** who seems to eat, talk and sleep the Marines.

The Motor Pool get-together January 9 in Rockdale was obviously enjoyed by all. *"Boxing"* was the main feature.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

The recent snow storm certainly played havoc with the railroad. "Hats off" to all train crews who were out there bucking that winter weather.

His associates hope that **Frank Sweet** finds his mother to be in good health when he arrives in California, to where he was called to be with her during her illness.

The blizzard caused many employees a great deal of hardship, but not for **Howard Stockum** and **Art Rhinehart,** capable dispatchers. It seems **Clyde "Big Brother" Wade,** assistant superintendent, treated the boys to room and board in his home.

Mrs. Charles Mann was elated over being in charge of the transportation office January 19. Margaret was the only one able to get through the storm.

Robert Peterson is going around telling everyone that his alma mater is setting records in basketball which will never be equaled. His alma mater by the way is the University of Chicago.

Carpenter and Locksmith Shops
By Arnoldine Ballard

Staff Sgt. Stanley L. Enger, brother of **Robert Enger** in the Carpenter Shop, is visiting at his home in Morris on a 20-day furlough. He has spent the last three years in Panama and is now being transferred to Camp Stewart, Georgia.

C. C. Hassel, superintendent of carpenters, had the opportunity to show his ability as a carpenter by promptly donning his overalls and going to work loading bombs at Group 2 on that hectic day of January 19. With but three carpenters and three foremen able to reach their destination, Jake used his energy to good advantage.

John Campbell, Carpenter Shop, and **Edward Delaney,** Material Department, say "Thanks a Million" to the girls who did the job of burying them in the snow and thawing them out.

What's the story many have been hearing about **Kenneth Oester** and the match situation? There's no priority rating necessary for that item as yet.

Ribbons to **Tim Thompson, Scotty Morris** and **Harry Hissong** who rescued five women from a snow bank and carried the near-frozen victims to a farm house nearby.

Paint Shop
By Glen Lamb

Wimpy Dancey would like to know if something could possibly be done about the starving game on the reservation since the recent snow storms. He is willing to take the lead if he can have the cooperation of the many sports-minded persons working here. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Laundry Letters
By Violet St. Aubin

A few "braves" who arrived at work in spite of the excess snow were **Alta Davis, Elda Greenwood, Billie** and **Dickie Lieb, Gus Ulfers** and **Russell Webber.** The 11:30 to 7:30 shift worked 16 hours.

Sandy, the mascot cat, is now permitted to enter in and out of all gates since wearing a badge manufactured by **George Kinard.**

Betty Frazier left for a visit with her husband in Texas.

As a result of the cold weather and shortage of help, **Russell Webber,** extractor, and **George Slaughter,** truck driver, helped press uniforms. No complaints, please.

Here and There

Harold H. Vaupell, who entered service here way back in November, 1940, has severed connections with this plant for a new field. Hal served as assistant to **S. G. Joseph,** superintendent of concrete, during construction days and did a very creditable job.

All join in wishing him success in his new position.

Joe Stark has cut down on his chief sport — bowling — and is spending his time at home with figures—figures which must have a correct total by March 15. Joe says he will take on all interested after that date.

Eddie Powers, formerly connected with the Groundkeeping Division, writes from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, that Army life is fine.

PROUD indeed was Alice Taskey, Group 45, when she was told she had been elected as the EOP woman employee to receive in person an Army-Navy "E" pin on the day of the award ceremonies, February 12. She was named from six girls elected by the votes of employees in Groups 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 45.

Congratulations to **Robert McCormack** who reecived the Gold Cross from the United States War Department December 22, 1942, for gallantry in action at St. June, France, October 14, 1918. At present, Mr. McCormack is employed at the Round House as an electrician, first class.

With the unusually heavy snows of this winter, **J. L. James,** with his organization, has done a wonderful job in keeping open both roads and railroads within the plant area. In addition, he has also kept open boundary roads and roads leading into the plant. At no time has traffic been blocked, even under the terrible conditions of January 19. This is upholding the EOP tradition of loyalty and determination to keep ammunition continually rolling to the boys who are doing the fighting.

Tom Gavigan feared he had broken the camera while being photographed by *The Bomb-Shell* photographer not too long ago. Evidently the publicity was too much for Tom as he is home sick for a few days.

Charles Collins, to the ladies—"Here Comes Charlie," writes he is in love with California where the Army has him in charge.

Pvt. Charles Cotter, U. S. Marines, a former employee, spent January 22 at E.O.P. as the guest of **Gen. Supt. E. J. Walsh.** Pvt. Cotter saw action on the San Francisco at Guadalcanal.

EMPLOYEES who were on the EOP payroll January 9 will receive a silver Army-Navy "E" pin like the one shown here within a few days after the "E" award ceremonies in their honor are held February 12.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

It was only after the judge had called him back for the third time that **Francis E. Peck** received a tongue-lashing. The call was for duty on the grand jury in Chicago and each time he gave his reason for asking to be excused from the session, the head of the court would just pass him. Finally the third time, the judge turned to EOP's "Mr. Five by Five" and really listened to his answer. His sentiments were expressed briefly thus: "Why didn't you tell me sooner that you were engaged in a vital war industry? Why did you come up here and waste time and money? A card with the facts upon it would have done just as much good and saved both of us a lot of trouble."

Maybe it isn't fashionable for ladies to count their birthdays, but there shouldn't be any rule against observing them yearly. There were three birthdays January 18 in the Personnel Building and very few knew about them. One year older and proud of it are **Joyce Enger, Georgiana Flavin** and **Frank Yarbrough.**

Audrey Deiss discovered that slacks do not protect against cockleburrs hidden in straw. As members of the Personnel Department jogged along on an old-fashioned sleigh ride, her exclamations could be heard as she made sudden darts after the offending weed. Meanwhile, **Delores Courtney** proved again that a knee is harder than her head. Piling back into the straw after helping push, she received a little extra impetus from behind. A headache the entire next day was evidence that a companion's knee blocked her path.

Since Oct. 31, 1942, **June Fors** has been **Mrs. Lou Radd** and no one else in the building knew. No one would be positive now if they hadn't decided to go on a honeymoon and announced the nuptials in that fashion about a week ago. The plans were originally made to announce the ceremony immediately, but circumstances prevented.

Former interviewer, **William Johnson,** is now in the Army and wrote that all letters would be appreciated at his new address. He is stationed at Camp J. T. Robinson, Arkansas.

It was a big red fox which tempted Guard **Robert Wallace** the other night. The animal just walked right up to the building in the bright moonlight about 11:30. That fox pelt would have made a nice present for his wife. Maybe there would be a bounty offered, besides the sport. All of these ideas ran through Bob's head, and although he is one of the best shots on the guard force, he was still cautious. He called the lieutenant on duty and asked permission to shoot. Since the reply was in the negative, he called to **Franklin Sidell** to come and take a picture so that he would have some evidence, but lights from an approaching car frightened the fox and he scampered away.

Rose LeBeau had an interesting tale about her boy friend who wanted snow for Christmas so badly that he bought himself a snow flurry. Of course, the snow was false and confined to the inside of a glass globe, but it was better than the rain he saw outside. If it weren't that he was home on furlough from Panama and missed snow, some might have thought that he was a little off. By the way, while he was here he suffered an attack of malaria. He is still in the hospital at Great Lakes.

Margaret "Peg" Collins is claiming honors as the forgotten woman. She always races to the time clock against the others with whom she rides, but she's at rather a disadvantage as she's not only short, but the last one to get out of the car. Unwittingly her plans were foiled effectively the other morning. Leisurely getting out of the automobile, **William Pohlman** pushed the lock and carefully closed the door. On the other side of the car, a conscientious rider was duplicating his action. Neat Peg had stopped to fold up the blanket and then turned around to start her daily contest. It's a difficult feat for anyone to get out of the back seat of a sport coupe when both doors are closed and locked, but for tiny Peg it was almost an impossibility. She was panting, but still smiling, when someone finally glanced back.

Emergency Tests
Initiative

It takes a real emergency to test a person's initiative and ability and the snow this week demonstrated that EOP workers have "what it takes." One of the few cars to plow through the drifts from Joliet was driven by **Henry Schelling** who brought **Bernice "Barney"** and **Irene Keenan** and **Mary Edwards** with him. When they reached the plant they were caught in the draft started by **Comptroller John J. Cole** for workers in the Cafeteria. Mary made more than 500 biscuits, without a recipe, and they were very good. **Loren Ross** thinks he has earned the title of champion "sandwich-maker-quicker." Henry contends that he can cut more bologna on the meat slicer *faster than any* other amateur. While the subject of records is at the front of the stage, **Lola Early** and Barney made rapid strides at rolling and cutting biscuits and then Barney began peeling mountains of hard boiled eggs and Irene tackled a tub full of onions. Mr. Cole can qualify as a professional butter spreader and food forager. Everyone did his share of work to get food to workers who were doing their jobs. The Investigation Department established some sort of an attendance record with these additional members of their force joining the throng: **Rita Washburn, Betty Barkelew, Marian Alexander, Thomas Walsh, William Mathews** and **W. C. Weatherford.** On one of the forages someone picked up Miss Enger and Miss Courtney in Wilmington and three or four girls from the War Department joined the ranks. Mr. Cole and **Rollin T. Read,** safety supervisor, were the first on the job. As the day progressed, more and more people congregated until there was a full kitchen crew helping the two commissary employees who had been on duty since 9 o'clock the night before.

Tyrone Power
Helped

Rita Cushing came to work with smiles wreathing her face one gloomy Monday morning. That may be a trite expression but if you could have seen her, you, too, would realize that no other words could so aptly describe her job. **Robert Gato** had called her Saturday night from his base in San Diego, Calif. Asked how in the world he managed to get the connection, she answered, "Oh, **Tyrone Power** got it through for him." Then she continued her tale of what was said. Finally the questioners gleaned the information that she had talked to Tyrone but that hadn't impressed her one iota.

For her birthday, **Mary Turner** was entertained at lunch by her co-workers, **Jean Hershey, Rose LeBeau** and **Carmen Oldani.** Then they tried to bury her in a snow drift on the way to the Cafeteria and succeeded in washing her face in another drift on their way back.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

After experiencing the heaviest snowfall of the winter season here at Group 2 there is still plenty of shoveling and clearing away to be done. Incidentally, some of the drifts reached a height of six feet and this sets a record it is believed will stand for some time.

Joe Furlan says the bread you get in the grocery store isn't baked enough to suit his taste and thus his reason for bringing toasted sandwiches for lunch each day.

William "Jersey" Klegman is really concerned about a certain package scheduled to arrive by mail shortly. Upon questioning him, Jersey replied, "Oh, it's nothing, just a cook book." It has been rumored he has developed a yen for culinary art all of a sudden.

Things are pretty quiet around Building 12 since **Fred Hansen** has been transferred to become a "wood butcher." In fact, the wonderful little duet he and **Melvin Nelson** organized will now be disbanded. Their barber shop rendition of "My Gal Sal" was just about the finest this side of the Mississippi river.

The well known **Kelsey** brothers, **Bill** and **Oscar**, have filed a bankruptcy claim and their profitable rabbit business has hit the skids. It seems the little rabbit friends have been educated since the last snowfall and are wise to all the tricks.

Another item that will call for some explanation is the bump on **Bob Sohan's** head. Bob said he was going down stairs to the cellar when he came into contact with a wooden beam.

Many would like to know how Safety Engineer **Don McMillan** keeps his trousers up? It could be his special western style belt or an abnormal development both rear and front.

By the time this issue is in the hands of every one, two of the Group's finest fellows will be with Uncle Sam's fighting Marines. **Bill Malone** and **Pete Kelder** by name, their brilliant record since coming to this group will long be remembered. **Supt. James J. Murphy** and **Ass't. Supt. John Johnson, Jr.**, join in wishing them both good luck and a speedy return when victory has been achieved.

Ed "The Goose" Wren has submitted bids on protective equipment to be used by him when janitor-servicing the superintendent's office.

From far off Camp McClain, Mississippi, comes word from former timekeeper **Angelo "Muraro" Pagnusat** of this Group telling about his experiences and sending hello to all the lads.

Now that **Bert "Curly" Folk** rarely visits the Group his sparkling humorous wit and poetry are sadly missed. However, Bert has promised he will write a soliloquy to be used exclusively by **Arch Le Borence**, key timekeeper here. Bert thinks this little method will eliminate Arch's craving for aspirin.

You can get almost any kind of odds on just how much **Owen "Ode" Golden's** waistline will increase by the time summer rolls around. Ode, they say, is in the market for an elastic zipper and pants belt. No explanation is given for the increase.

Shift Government Inspector **Louis Shuler** left to join the Army as a meteorologist. Lou was given a farewell party recently by some of his friends.

Whenever any one calls Building 6, **Tom Frew** answers, "Hello, next to the coldest pace on earth." Ditto the same for **Bob Conroy** answering the phone at Building 7. "Long underwear, long underwear, some one get the long underwear" replies the fellows working in these buildings. Well, the weather man predicts rising temperatures so the boys can keep their chins up.

SURPRISED and elated, Vincent Farrell, Group 2 explosives operator, proved it with the broad smile he wore when photographed soon after his election as one of the two men employees to receive "E" pins in person at the award ceremonies February 12.

Back to the good old days. **"Shorty" Kirkland**, the short of all shorts, was standing on the corner in Wilmington all huddled up to protect himself from the cold wind and waiting for the bus to take him to work. Along came the bus, but it was not the plant bus, it was the school bus, and the driver took "Shorty" for one of his fourth grade riders.

It is rumored hereabouts that wedding bells can be heard ringing in the ears of **Mel Roach**, timekeeper. He and **Mildred Lawerence** are making big plans for the fatal step.

Vern Fogarty of Building 12 took steps to make one woman miserable, by the words "I do," January 16 at his home town of Odell, Ill. The gang sends congratulations.

Boys of Building 12 may be interested to know that **Bill Carlson** has designed a new explosive. Well, at any rate, in the bay where Bill works there was an addition made to the load limit sign, and it stated very plainly just how many "Busters" were allowed in the bay. All want to wish Bill success with his discovery and would like to know just what a "Buster" is.

If you haven't heard the tale of a man trying to battle his way to work (through a crowd of people) during the recent snow storm, just ask **Joey Gruenstad** how he got out to work and how many times the driver stopped so Joey could get warm.

"Where's **Moe Goodspeed**" cried a voice from under the table. "Has anyone seen Moe the Vitamin Kid" cried this voice from under the table again. When the table cloth was taken away there was **Grid Wheeler** and he claimed he was making a field check of the boys at the Speed Boys' Club. This probably is a lot of hokum and Grid was just practicing up on his paging duties for he is going to take over the night shift and the Louis Joliet Hotel as bell boy.

Don Carlson had a few of the boys a little worried the morning of January 18 when they got to work. He had worked Sunday and in the line of his work loaded a car and sealed the doors. He then went to the office and typed a note that read something like this: "In EOP No. .... there are 25 Boxes of Rages weighing ...." and went on to list the other items in the car. Not knowing how to handle 25 Boxes of Rages, the car was left sealed until Don came to work. Don bellowed at one of the boys "Can't you read? That says 25 Boxes of Rags." It wouldn't have been nice to disturb anyone in a rage.

Ask **Leo Bell** how it feels to shovel snow for four or five hours, only to finish the job and have the snow plow come through.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF

Correspondent

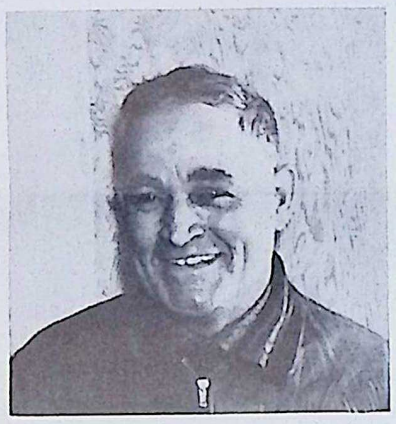
Winter, with all its snow, wind, red noses (running for no office), and cold feet, came down like a well aimed bomb January 19. With very few persons able to get through the work, many problems, including getting food to workers here arose. A good time was reported by all fortunate enough to punch in in Group 60.

Comptroller John J. Cole managed the Cafeteria for King-Heiser. Working behind the counter, he did not wear the customary white uniform and cap worn by cooks, but did a commendable job on the meat cutting machine. When last seen he was wearing rubber boots while dishing out soup. It is rumored that he makes wonderful soda biscuits.

Fred Leslie, when asked about his haircut, said he had been out in the wind too long. It might be called a wind-blown bob.

Cupid has been working overtime in the Payroll Department. **Mary Rozich** is engaged to **Pvt. John Trippon**, stationed at Fort Lawton, Washington. . . . **Marjorie Drauden** accepted a ring from **Pvt. Al Nolan** of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. . . . **Lucille Jasinski** has a diamond from **Pvt. Tom Smith**, of Virginia.

Herman John Ross resigned from the office of **George B. Pumphrey**, assistant comptroller. He left January 15 to become associated with Ernst & Ernst, public accountants, Chicago.



FARMER once, but war worker now, Richard G. Richards, elected as one of the two men employees to receive "E" pins in person February 12, was the owner of the land which is now the location of the Richards Farm units of EOP. He has been employed in the Utilities Department since November, 1940.

Word has been received that boys recently inducted are located as follows: **Howard Cox** at Fort Riley, (The Engineering Department, hopes it is M P. and not K. P. that he wrote). . . . **Wayne Sebby** at Camp McCain, Mississippi. . . . **Duane Swinford**, Naperville, Ill., . . . and **LeRoy Anderson**, Air Corps, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Joe Elledge left last week end, because the bugle started blowing January 26.

E. G. McAloon sent a large white two-layer cake, all covered with honest-to-goodness whipped cream and a large bowl of strawberries, for **E. "Calendar" Carlson's** birthday, January 21. No one thought of diets, but dug in.

Bob Holmes, Engineering Department, is missing. He sent out an SOS for a snow plow to Channahon.

J. C. Quade, R. W. Turner, Herbert Burch and **O. K. Madsen**, four mighty fine fellows, left the Engineering Department January 22.

Two carloads of Payroll employees came to work the night of January 19 to get the payroll out.

Pvt. Joe Early, a former guard, is home from Texas to see his sister, **Lola Early** of Plant Protection. He visited the plant January 21.

E. V. "Sug" Sperling went home with a new Homberg. Quite a *Bum Bummel.*

OUT FOR VICTORIES are these members of the Fire Department basketball team. Pictured left to right are: Front row, Loris Hart, Rudolph Getson, Lawrence Daily and Edmund Dickens; back row: Herman Guyot, Harry Neilson, Chief R. W. Mortenson, Joseph Catalina and Everett Stricklin.

Barbers at the Woodruff Hotel are complaining about **"Clipper" Jack Egan** barbering without a license.

Chuck Morey, pin boy at the Recreation Building, was really taken down the alley when his finger stuck in the bowling ball and went down the line plus Chuck.

According to **Vincent Canterella**, **Audrey Mossman** is teaching the Rhumba in Kankakee.

Lucille Ambrose of the assistant comptroller's office, has been accepted by the SPARS, women's auxiliary of the Coast Guard, and is awaiting call. This little lady will be missed.

Howard McCray has been told he will be drafted in the near future. The New York and local draft boards haven't agreed yet.

Pop Poplausky found his sock cap stapled, his coat sleeves sewed, and his knee-high buckled boots bulging junk the night of January 18 when he was ready to go home.

I. E. "Tex" Jackson's country estate has all the discomforts of no home, he reports. Water runs through the light fixtures, or it might be a nightmare. He plans to move anyway.

George Karis seems always to make a one-point landing when he runs to catch the bus on slippery mornings.

Mike McDonald does a speedy and efficient job of checking badges of outgoing Administration Area busses taking workers home.

Victor Dagenais is certain to get to work on time (weather permitting) if **Jo Dagenais** has anything to do with it. **Mrs. Dagenais** got the office manager out of bed and half fed before they found out that the clock read 11:30 p. m. midnight instead of five to six a. m. Both enjoyed a good laugh, and then went back to bed.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO

Correspondent

After patiently waiting for several months, **Vearl Heinis** finally received his call and has now joined the Sea-Bees. **Angelo Muraro** and **Tom Delockery** received greetings from the President and have left to be the guests of Uncle Sam for the duration.

Mel Roach wears such beautiful and colorful sweaters that all the girls are calling him "Sweater Boy."

Now that **Dwight Reitz** has installed a telephone in his home, he can't take his time in getting home after work anymore. "Whitey" says that his wife can check up on him now.

Christmas has come and gone, but **Edith Cuno** has a birthday coming soon and would somebody please give her a pair of suspenders as a present before she takes a pair away from a man who needs them. She wants them for her slacks.

During the recent cold wave, some new styles in women's clothes could be seen about the main Time Office. **Angeline Gunnerson** was huddled within a colorful Indian blanket all day long while **Maria Darin** was wearing a pair of gaudy, knee-high wool stockings, both trying to keep warm.

When **Homer Smalt** walked into a barber shop for a long needed haircut, he was also in a hurry to get to the local basketball game. However, the shop was full and when he finally got a chair, it was close to game time. So he told the barber to merely clip the hair out of his ears so he could hear the referee's whistle and he would be back the next week for the rest of the haircut. P. S. He paid for the haircut.

In a game that was star-studded and vigorously contested, with each man giving his all, making beautiful backhand stabs and remarkable rebounds, thrilled with savage drives and bullet-like killers, **R. T. Bassett** defeated **Milton Treitel** in a game of handball, 21 to 0.

A new craze is sweeping the Time Department much like the old game of "Knock, Knock, who's there?" The new craze is stories that have to do with a moron who is always taking a bale of hay to bed with him to feed his nightmare, or a bottle of whiskey to see how tight he slept or the one who shot his mother and father so he could go to the orphans' picnic and the one who cut off both his arms so he could wear sleeveless sweaters, etc. Catch on?

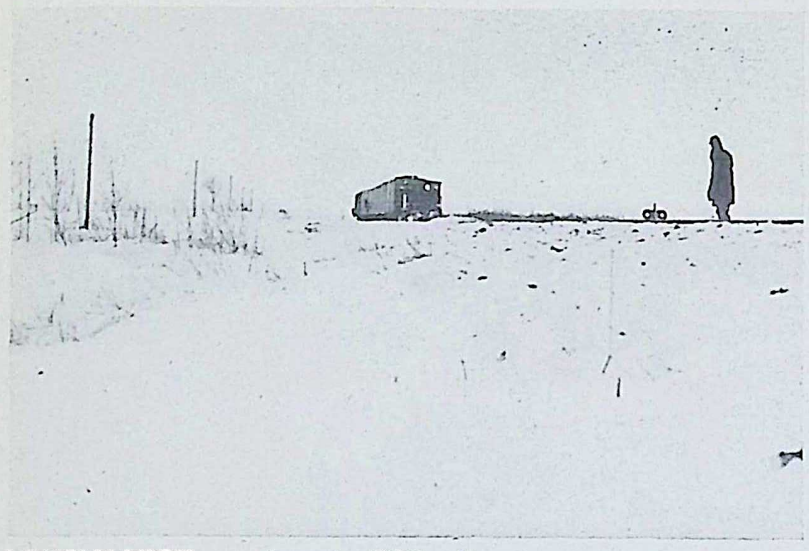
After hesitating for many months, **Tommy Ashton** finally took that certain step and was married to **Dorthea Casy** of Kankakee, recently.

Q. Who may be designated by a serviceman as beneficiaries of his national service life insurance?

A. He may designate his wife, child, parent, brother or sister. The insured has the right to change his beneficiary, but only within the foregoing class.

Q. What is the highest medal awarded by the Government?

A. The Congressional Medal of Honor. It is given to an officer or enlisted man "who in action involving actual conflict with an enemy distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty." It is worn at the neck, the ribbon on the inside of the collar of the coat and of sufficient length that the medal hangs at the point of opening of the coat. All other decorations are worn on the left breast, arranged in accordance with their rank.



LONELY VIGIL was kept by EOP railroad men as snow, ice and gales required maximum vigilance to prevent accidents and maintain operations.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Written by Julia Doran during the absence of Evelyn Richards.

A hearty welcome is extended to two new nurses, **Kay Lindblad** from Groups 8 and 9 and **Veronica Rossi** from Group 3.

Ralph Sexton, guard escort for Group employees to and from the hospital, has become an assistant pipe fitter in the Pipe Shop at Group 70. The staff wishes him luck on the new job. **Jim Stiglich** is welcomed as the new guard escort.

As the result of too much ice, a few of **Elsie Baer's** passengers were compelled to push her car over an icy stretch. Oh! but it took more than the mere strength of a few girls to succeed—in fact, it took several grains of sand.

A visitor at the Hospital recently was **Dr. Andrew Bustin** of St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet.

Not one of the hospital personnel had a birthday in January, but one of the patients did January 14. She is **Hazel Gauger** from Group 9, Building 14. However, she was unfortunate enough to have slipped on the ice, fracturing her right ankle. She is getting along very nicely.

You've heard of mirages in the desert, and disillusions in everyday life, but have you ever heard of vital black spots? Miss Baer hasn't, because she took the black spot to be a post or a farm landmark. She arrived at the hospital and later in the day discovered that the so-called black spot had been **R. R. Sidell**, who was waiting for her. As a result, Mr. Sidell was late. This was due either to his being small and inconspicuous or her having myopic vision.

It seems that everyone has been having a drifting good time lately. In fact, two Scandinavians, **Myrtle Burrus** and **Ann Johnson**, drifted in carefully and two nurses, **Elizabeth Russell** and **Bertha Perush**, drifted in dangerously. The two nurses suffered from climatic exposure.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

The fellows in the Igloo area can honestly be classed as full fledged Eskimos—all they lack is a dog team and Alaska would have nothing on them. Three cheers for all the boys who daily brave the outside to help the wheels of production turn faster.

Group 66

Loyal Olsen, former chief inspector, is now in the rank and file of the Army, stationed at Camp Grant.

Earl Hunt is a cadet in the Navy Air Corps at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Newman "Blondie" Tyree, Army Air Corps, is stationed in Nashville, Tenn. In a recent letter received by Foreman **Ivan Parr**, Newman said he is happy and likes his schooling and he "does mean schooling."

Leonard Peterson, truck driver, recently left to help increase Uncle Sam's ranks at Ft. Sheridan.

Orchids to these fellows are sent by those still here and they want each to know that he is greatly missed. Those who remain are carrying on to the best of their ability.

A new addition in the Inspection Department is **Mike Kelly** (Irish?). He is responsible for the entertainment furnished daily.

Many are still wondering who really did win that Waltham watch offered by **Murphy Thomas**. Something was said about a girl named Ethel.

What would the staff do without Supervisor **Mac McCray** and his adding machine? Incidentally, he now has a means of transportation—it looks like a lame duck, but it really gets him around.

Group 66-A

Joe "Butterball" Billy and little pal, **Art "Dick Tracy Jr," Skorupa**, can be seen quite frequently at a place called Helen's.

A frequent diversion of **St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart** is pondering income tax quotations. Gray hairs for him, cash for Uncle Sam.

Farewell is bid to the following who left for the armed forces: **Culp Doit, Walter Porter** and **Perry Picco.**

Earl Gresham has reported to work after a short illness. No thinner so appetite wasn't affected.

The powder smoke has cleared considerably since the hunting season has closed and **Ralph "Coon Dog" McCormick**, guard, has put away his gun.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

P. L. Deylitz suggests that a "forgotten badge club" be organized and **Carl "Ray" Carlson** be elected president. **Arnet Dressler** would then be an active member. Both have forgotten their badge more than once.

Employees welcomed **Ivan Janelle** and **Chester Lechner** into the organization.

In an emergency, **Oscar Otterson, Ray Peno, Paul O'Brecht** and **Carl Puswaskis** are very dependable. On the day the winds blew and the snow flew these energetic men worked 24 hours consecutively.

Pvt. Jess Shelby keeps in touch with former associates.

With nine passengers in his car, **Norman Johnston** gave the bus lines competition for one day. Women weigh less than men, otherwise the number wouldn't have been so many.

It isn't in the dictionary, but **John McElvain** insists on using the word "nooners."

More than likely the area dog will be christened "Bingo" Baudino Steffes. The canine's picture has been placed in a group badge made by the machinists. It is only fair that he be named after the men who furnished him a badge.

Percy Boulware had a dream that he bought $18,000 worth of Ayrshire cows—"a person can't get enough of them," he said.

During the baseball season **Joe DiMaggio** had a streak of consecutive games in which he hit safely—**Ed Westmeyer** has a streak of nine days' good behavior.

Despite the cold weather and all, **John Smith** is warm riding to and from work. He admits it, but won't divulge details.

It is a known fact that **Grover Taylor** eats his meat raw because when he dives in a snow drift he comes up licking his chops. It is not known whether rabbits, muskrat or field mice are preferred—Taylor likes them all.

January 20 was the first anniversary for production at Group 61.

It would be nice if . . . **Al Weinstock** knew that taxi service isn't what it used to be . . . the venison eaten by machine shop employees didn't taste too much like the veal steak **Jim Decker** had for lunch . . . interested persons knew that **Frank Ariagno, George McSherry, Chester Reynolds** and **William Kelly** finally received the long awaited washing machine . . in the near future **Francis Taylor, Jr.**, and **Marion Carter** would pass out the cigars—fellow workers will call them "daddy" now if the G-Men promise to pass out smokes . . . everyone knew that the baby girl born to **Bob Karges** was very accommodating—she waited until Bob reached home after 16 hours work, to be born . . . **Bill Powers** didn't eat babies' cookies.

VICTORY snow queens are **Marie Partak** and **Mitzie Kovacik**, foreladies in Building 6, Group 6, as they romp on their day off.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Fred Cox was selected to represent Group 3-A in the "E" award ceremonies. His name was picked by **Ralph Blundy** from three representing the different shifts. This trio included **Joseph Kupitz** and **James De Frees.**

Patsy Jo Hawkins is welcomed to the staff of **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick's** office. Patsy Jo hails from Oklahoma and was somewhat overwhelmed by the welcome accorded by the big show.

Roscoe "Flash" Gordon and **Mrs. Gordon** recently moved to Gardner. "Flash" invited all his friends to the house-warming.

Group 3-A wishes to extend sympathy to **Theresa Licht**, whose mother died recently.

Members of the Group are sorry to hear of the illness of **Mrs. Ethel Dodson** and hope she will soon be well and back on the job.

Andy Ferrarro objects to being called "Porky," a nickname some of his fellow-workers have given him. He says "Porky means a beeg fat peeg." Maybe he's right!

The boys from Building 10 won't have to worry anymore should they get hurt since **George "Doc" Hausser** is taking first aid lessons.

Harold "Carp" Carpenter tries very hard to keep a new broom in his possession, but somehow it just seems to wander off. Of course, "Carp" always has his suspicions as to the whereabouts of the broom.

Congratulations are sent to **John M. Henshall.** An announcement of his application for a marriage license was seen in a local paper recently. At long last he leaves the role of bachelor.

William Fulton has left Group 3-A for the armed forces.

Amy Losby of the superintendent's office force complains of an odd feeling and says she isn't sure whether it's spring fever coming on or caused by eating too many carrots and vitamin tablets.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Due to the recent marriage of **Elmer Zoist**, group inspector at Group 68, to the little "one and only" of Davenport, Ia., the employees both of AEI and Inspection Department are wondering where **Ethel Dirker** and **Lois Martin** are going to find an eligible young man to stand under the mistletoe with.

Word was received last week from **Pvt. Frank J. Walsh**, of Joliet, and former EOP employee, of his transfer from England to North Africa.

Cigars were in order last week when **Anthony Lutkus** returned from Chicago where he became the proud papa of an 8-pound son. The new addition will be known as **Anthony III.** Congratulations are in order from the Inspection Department to Mr. and Mrs. Lutkus.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Franklin Lewis**, senior inspector of Group I, who left January 12 to enter the Army.

It is reported **Bill Hartman** left his shoes here at the plant January 16 and went down to Southern Indiana for the week-end where he could enjoy himself and be comfortable once more.

Many wonder what **Glen Spark's** dad wore to work the other day when Glen wore his hat here.

Lawrence Myers and **Homer Peters** are running a close race to see how far the human skin will stretch before it will burst.

Lillian Fumagalli, Group 8, is sleepy this week. The "fleet" must be in!

The new additions to Group 8 are Inspectors **Mary McGuire** and **Stella Witten**, Group 9, and **Mabel Dean**, Group 61.

Shirley Magosky, Group 8, will do a vocal at the Joliet Township High School Musical, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. It's been rumored that along with opera, Shirley does a little *torch* singing, too.

It is alleged that **Wald Goebel** is thinking about moving to Wilmington to avoid the perilous task of winter driving. They say he's *deathly* afraid of the ice.

Ruth Cook, Group 8, did a little overtime work at her sister's home the other night when she saved the day as well as the house, by pulling a flaming curtain from the window and smothering the flames.

War Lingo

Ack ack — Anti-aircraft fire. (Br.)

Ammo—Ammunition. (Br.)

Anderson shelter—Light bomb shelter, used extensively in England.

Anzac—An Australian. (Br.)

A.R.P.—Air Raid Precautions. (British organization)

Archives—Anti-aircraft guns. (Br.)

Aviate a hurrybox—Fly a Hurricane. (Br. RAF)

Bearded lady—Searchlight that diffuses its beams. (Br.)

B.E.F. — British Expeditionary Force.

Bersaglieri — Italian Alpine troops.

Binder—One who annoys. (Br. RAF)

Blenheim—British bomber.

Blitzflu—The sort of influenza that floors a patient suddenly, and then as suddenly departs. (Br.)

Blitzkrieg—Literally, "lightning war"; fast-moving, all-out warfare.

Brolly—Parachute. (Br.)

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMACK
Correspondent

Edward Deane Erickson, material checker, formerly stationed at the clock house in Group 70, is now in service as a Naval aviation cadet. He left January 16 for Iowa State University at Iowa City to begin his initial training and his many friends and fellow workers here wish him the best of luck and hope to hear from him often.

Now that the heavy snows of the last few weeks have closed up city streets and highways, and all will have to conserve tires and gasoline by an act of Providence instead of a Government order, the question of transportation to and from work arose the other day in Group 62-1. Material Checker **Jean Vreuls** advised all within hearing distance to get a pair of skis as skiing is a very easy and economical way to travel. **John Nugent** asked him what he knew about ski jumping and was he surprised when Jean told him that back in 1906 in Switzerland he started down a long slide and when his brakes froze he jumped clear over a Swiss village and became the international champion.

Between **Cyril Lazier, Kenneth Wehling** and **John Baldon**, they have finally figured out an income tax law that should receive the approval of all citizens who pay taxes, and although this new law does not apply to the year 1942, it is really a honey for 1943. All you have to do to beat the rap is to marry two or three more women this year. In other words, if the personal exemption for a married man is $1200 this year and your income was $2400 all you need is two wives, allowing you a total personal exemption of $2400 thereby paying no tax. Lazier is giving this a lot of serious consideration.

Edward Delaney, Harvey Ingersoll and the boys who ride with them to and from work are mighty glad they didn't freeze to death Tuesday morning, January 19. After battling the elements all the way out to the plant, Harvey's car went into the ditch on the South road, and by the time they reached the shake down house in the Fuze and Booster Area their hands, feet, and faces were in bad shape, but the girls at the house took good care of them and they all reported to work o. k.

"E" Award Dance Set for Feb. 13

Award of the Army-Navy "E" flag to the men and women of EOP will be celebrated further Saturday night, February 13, with a dance in the Recreation Building under the sponsorship of the Employees Activity Committee. The committees are planning on making this an outstanding affair. Many special features are being planned so that every one, dancers or not, may enjoy themselves at this outstanding affair.

Those in charge of the committees include: Decorations, **George Barford**, Personnel Department; **Harvey Steffes**, Group 61, and **Dara Prew**, Personnel Department; tickets, **Myrna Faris**, Recreation Department, and **Charles Harris**, Bus Transportation; advertising, **Colby Erikson**, Group 3-A, **Lt. J. A. Dowden** and **Lucia Jane Pearson**, Guards, and **Arlene Schloendorf**, Administration; entertainment, **E. L. Walkup**, director of recreation, and **Helen Shimek**, Utilities.

Tickets will be on sale in the groups by members of the Employees Activity Committee and at the Recreation Building at the popular price of 55 cents a person.

Music will be furnished by the EOP orchestra and dancing will be from 9 to 1. Plan to attend and watch your bulletin boards for further details. Yes! you can bring your friends and family, as long as you have one employee with a badge in the car to vouch for the others.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

On the day of the big storm, a certain restaurant on Chicago Street became the gathering spot for many Plant Protection luminaries. The Guards were represented by many snow-bound stalactites, one of whom gave out with a soul-stirring speech entitled "Sabatage in the Snow—or Why I'll Never Vote Again!"

When your correspondent was only 43 years old his dear father draped the following pearls of wisdom around his scrawny neck by counseling him thusly: "My boy (I guess) it looks as tho' you'll never learn to write but if you do —never sign any names to anything a woman might read."

Following papa's preaching the Guards' names at this gathering are omitted but a report on some other branches of Plant Protection is given. First of all, **Rosemary Hebert** was there. Rosie took the part of the salami and the rest of the sandwich was portrayed by **Chief Roy W. Mortenson** and **Frankie Nolan.**

An inspection of Miss Hebert's purse for fire hazards disclosed three mouse traps, three dozen fish-hooks, and a big roll of bills—protected by mucilage. Rosie said she wouldn't have to put up with such indignities when she joined the WAVES, but was promptly thrown for a loss when informed by **Chief Mortenson** that she might find it difficult to cause even a ripple, much less make a real WAVE.

Esther Heavens and others may like to know the proper way to find out who's who among the Fire Inspectors is to grab him firmly by the nose and copy his badge number. From there on events move swiftly.

The boys at Station 2 have at last attended a real, true, honest-to-goodness fire. Hot dog, oh you kiddos!

The Tall Tales Teepee of the Prevaricators' Personality Lodge has a new chief. **Tom Billadeau** was elected after telling the following story: "This snow-storm ain't nuttin'—I've seen it when the snow was deep enough to come up to the second story of our house. We had to put a dishpan over the keyhole to keep the snow from entering there, and every 10 minutes we had to empty this pan from a hole cut in the roof."

Mrs. Walter Lueder spent a busy day at Sears-Roebuck, shopping for necessities pertaining to her visit to her soldier son on the coast. She soon realized the seriousness of the shortage in home appliances when she was forced to purchase a ball and chain instead of a straight-jacket.

Virg Hidlebaugh: "You're driving me out of my mind."

Golfer Frank George: "That's no drive—just a short putt!"

They tell this one on **Pat O'Donnell:** One hot summer day Pat was out driving and came upon a poor tired looking mud-turtle. Said Pat, "I know how it feels to be burned up," and placed the turtle in the shade made by his car. Then Pat got in and drove away.

Fire Inspector **Donald Trimmer** is wearing a brand new name. His mail is now being addressed "Lambie Pie" Trimmer.

Frank Scoma has taken up astrology to try and figure out a way to pay his income tax. He says Hitler has been successful to a certain point with astrologists, but then of course, Frankie may be a bit behind in his reading.

Tom Downey's ambition is to become a police woman. He was recently rejected by the WAACS (three of em).

Joe Catalani says, "Anytime you can make figure 8's on Route 66, burst a front wheel, live to tell your son about it and make Mama believe you never stopped at the 'Bob-O-Lin" you've done a good day's work!"

Wayne Barber can still remember when he was a baby. Once upon a time Baby Wayne cried and woke up Papa Barber. After the battle, Baby Wayne learned to stand alone before he was six months old.

Stu Moloney has just received his first aid certificate. Now he is going in for nurses aid in Chicago Heights.

Charles Davis is looking forward to doing plenty of fishing when Old Sol takes away the ice and snow. He lovingly put away Betsy (his elephant-killer) with plenty of sighs and a couple of laughs—(when he recalled the last duck hunting trip—with the chicken catch).

Inspector Catalani has the greatest confidence in himself and the team as regards basketball. He even bet a small sum on them the last game and won, too!

The basketball players, the EOP Fire Department "Dribblers," as they are known to the world, have amazed everybody with their skill; so far they have won four games and lost two, which is nothing to sneeze at. Keep 'em dribbling!

Inspector **George Zelke,** Petty's only rival, still continues to produce his masterpieces; George has plenty of business if he wants to sell his works, but he's afraid it won't give him much time for anything else. So George just draws when the artistic urge strikes him.

New members welcomed into the Fire Inspection Department are **"Scotty" Rodgers, Walter Hilgert, Ermand Marco** and **James Livengood.**

Inspector **Charles Tyler,** "senator" from Leafy Grove, still gets on a soap box when he has time to give the fellows a harangue on the local political situation. This enables the "senator" to keep up his speaking skill while the boys catch up on their sleep.

All regretted that **Johnny Alar** resigned his position as fire inspector sergeant; he was a "pal" to everyone, courteous and friendly. Johnny is moving out of town and all the fellows in the Department promise to see to it that he gets plenty of mail while he is adjusting himself to his new environment.

Inspector **John Connelly** said during one of his lighter moments: "When a bull throws a congressman, that's news."

It was Inspector **Marty Knowles** who argued that: "A man who agrees with his wife can have his own way."

So far, Inspector Clerk **Frank Skoff** has managed to win all his chess challenges. It has gone to his head for the other day he was heard bragging that he could beat anyone on the reservation—civilian or military—at the game of chess.

Art Flahaven: "Now suppose you are walking your post on a dark night. Suddenly a person comes from behind and wraps two arms around you. What will you say then?"

Rookie Ermand Marco: "Let's go, honey."

Len Anderson sends in this one: For two hours he had been the pest of the party. His imitations were terrible, ranging from George Arliss to a hummingbird. In the far corner had been sitting the man with the screwed-up face.

"What would you like to see me imitate now?" asked the bore.

The man moved and spoke: "How about a ground hog that's seen its shadow?"

Q. How many kinds of decorations are authorized for soldiers now?

A. At present the War Department has authorized nine decorations. They are the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.

General Harris Long a Leader With Ordnance

Officer Who Presents "E" Flag Is Expert On Shell Loading

Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr., who will present the Army-Navy "E" flag to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant for excellence in war production at colorful ceremonies here February 12, has been intimately connected with ordnance throughout his long military career. He is at present commanding general of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., and from 1938 until 1942 was Assistant Chief of Ordnance.

General Harris was born in Mexia, Texas, March 31, 1884. Upon his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1907, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. He became a colonel during World War I, a brigadier general in 1938 and a major general August 4, 1941.

In 1907, General Harris was assigned to Fort Moultrie, S. C., and was transferred to Fort Andrews, Massachusetts, in 1908, remaining there until 1910. He was graduated from the Ordnance School of Technology, Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts, in 1911, and then served at Augusta Arsenal, Georgia, to May 1, 1913, and at Benicia Arsenal, California, to June 18, 1914. He served at Fort Winfield Scott and Fort Baker, both in California, and then sailed for Hawaii February 4, 1915.

General Harris served at Fort DeRussy to July 5, 1915, and upon his return to the United States was on duty at Sandy Hook Proving Grounds, New Jersey, to June 19, 1916, during which time he was graduated from the Ordnance School of Application. He served at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, until November 8, 1917, when he was ordered to Washington to serve in the Explosive and Loading Division and Ammunition Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, until October 3, 1922. During this period, as chief of the American Mission of Powder and Explosive Manufacture, he made an observation tour through England, studying English methods of loading shells with high explosives and manufacture of high explosives and propellents.

General Harris was Ordnance Officer, Eighth Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and commanding officer, San Antonio Arsenal, from October 18, 1922, to July 10, 1923. He attended the Army War College, Washington, to July 1, 1924, and after graduation served as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, to June 29, 1928, during which time he attended and was graduated from the Army Industrial College. He then served as Ordnance Officer, Second Corps Area, Governors Island, New York, to June 22, 1931.

General Harris then sailed for Panama, where he commanded the Ordnance Section and was Ordnance Supply Officer, Panama Pacific General Depot, Corozal, to April 28, 1933. When he returned to the United States, he was assigned to duty in and later Director of Planning Branch, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War, Washington. On May 1, 1937, he took command of Watertown Arsenal, and returned to Washington August 1, 1937, to resume his duties as Director of Planning Branch. He assumed the duties of Assistant Chief of Ordnance September 1, 1938, which position he held until September 1, 1942. During this time he was assigned to the position of Chief, Industrial Service. It was during this time he became intimately acquainted with details of the building and operation of EOP. He was assigned to be commanding general at Aberdeen July 1, 1942.

SNOW PLOWS were common, but welcome sights about the EOP Area during and after the blizzard of January 19.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE

Correspondent

The men of Group 3 are being taught to cope with almost any situation. Their latest type of training is first aid. They have a large enrollment in all of their classes. The next time **Robert Bolte's** knee goes out of joint, probably **Sam Gomora** and a half dozen other first aiders will jump to the rescue.

"Snows may come and snows may go, but oh, was that a blizzard," says **Joe Zelinko** of Building 3.

Wilbur Brown of Building 3 has a birthday right about this time every year. No one seems to know the exact date, but all his friends wish him a happy birthday anyhow.

The loyalty and endurance shown by the men of Group 3 January 19th helps prove the true spirit of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. A spirit which no doubt helped attain the Army-Navy "E" Award.

If any one wants to know how much snow there was in the recent blizzard just ask **Donald "Tiny" Mancini,** assistant superintendent. He knows all about the road from Joliet to Group 3.

The employees of the EOP cafeteria should be complimented on the swell job they did in preparing sandwiches for the hundreds of employees who were snowed in. They did a swell job despite their handicaps. Group 3 extends thanks.

Willard Reed, assistant superintendent, has been under the influence of a bad cold lately, but claims the little woman is fixing a good tonic.

Pvt. Bill Lamping, a former employee of Group 3 and now a member of the United States Marine Corps, recently spent an enjoyable furlough with his parents and friends. His father is a genial guard assigned to the group here.

Bud McKune really gave the bunnies the works on the closing day of the hunting season.

Harry Hilgert gets those rosy cheeks from drinking plenty of milk each day, says **Ernest Smith.**

Some of the boys beefed so **Ed Copp,** being an obliging chap, shaved off the little cookie duster.

Everett "Boots" Martin says he doesn't like to follow those slow poke drivers. A driver provoked him by driving so slow on the icy road that he stopped him and drove the fellow to work.

Marion "Butch" Bertolet says he feels sorry for all his old friends on account of the meat shortage. Butch, as you know, was once a butcher.

Pete Tintinger, the pride of Aurora, sure dishes out the sour grapes.

The very busy **Elmer Emanuelson** also traps minks whenever basketball allows. He is one of the stars of the Group 3 quintet.

The gang salutes **Everett Denoyer,** who was made a corporal in the State Militia.

Ed Doyle has shelved the old musket for the rest of the season.

One of the nicest lunches your correspondent ever tasted is that of **Dick Owens,** newlywed.

All are glad to have **Paul Higgins** back again.

Harry Mosley is a little too enthusiastic about artificial respiration, according to **Sammy Morgan.**

Leo Wagner would like to hear from **Joe Garavalia,** who joined the Marines some time ago. He is an alumnus of Building 4 and the boys are proud of him.

By the time you read this, **Harry Mosley** will have left the Bachelor Club.

Group 3 got a letter from **Dan "Duke" Rodakovich,** who is down at Camp McCain, Mississippi. Duke says Army life is great.

Dan Mahoney is making great headway in the Navy.

If you haven't heard the story about the two Indians, you better see genial assistant superintendent **Steve Colfer.**

Bob Roberts is trying to convince the boys in Building 16 that **Gerald Duffy** is married, but until Duffy brings the cigars they say he is still single.

Group 3 extends a warm welcome to the newest addition to the staff of nurses. She is **Lucille Nahas.**

The cold weather doesn't bother **Jimmy Scerine** for he and a friend of his on the guard force were seen chasing a rabbit up one of the ramps out here.

Robert Hankes, capable basketball player, likes to have the hospital personnel watch the team defeat its worthy opponents.

Speaking of opponents the team had a very busy schedule January 20. The players defeated the Army team by a score of 29 to 13 and then motored to Wilmington to play a game for a very worthy cause, that of a benefit game for the USO. They defeated a very strong Wilmington team 34 to 23.

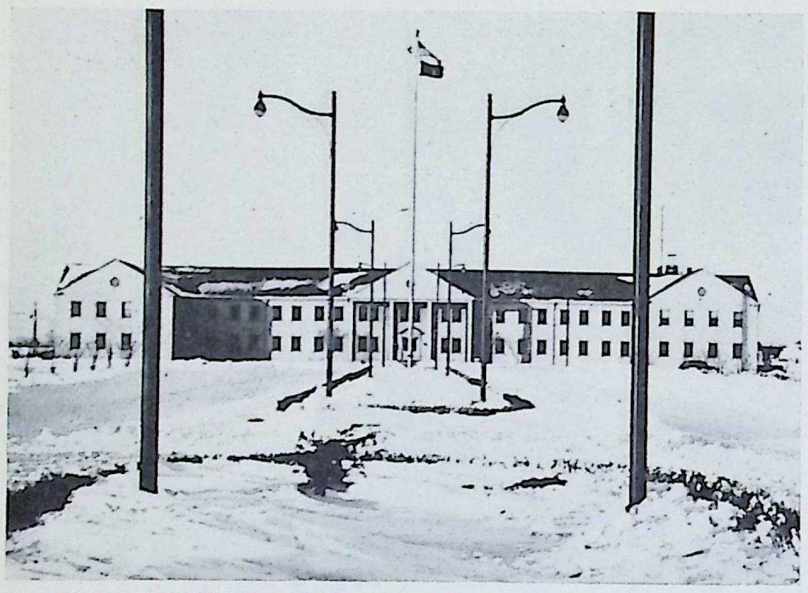
This is to inform the personnel of Group 3 that learned fire guard, **"Gov." Len Small,** is a proponent of the quiz programs. One of his recent $64 questions, "What are the names of Santa Claus' reindeer"? went the rounds of the line.

Many Buy $50 Bonds to Save U. S. Money

Several hundred employees have specified $50 instead of $25 denomination when their War Bonds are delivered to them on the payroll savings plan, following publication of the request of the U. S. Treasury Department for such action in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

In specifying $50 instead of $25 War Bonds, workers are not required to increase their weekly payroll savings. It takes just twice as long before the higher value bond is delivered, but great savings can be effected for the Government without cost to the employees.

If you wish $50 bonds instead of $25 ones, ask your foreman for a mimeographed slip. Fill it in with your name and clock number and send it to the War Bond Department, Administration Bldg.



SNOW BLANKETED, EOP's Administration Building as shown here gives evidence that Old Man Winter is making himself at home.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Now that the ear muffs have been brought into popular demand by the sub zero weather, reckon the news will be short as none will be able to leak out and the hep cats won't be able to hear it and thus the columnist's dream of a "scoop" is off the beam . . . but through the imaginative powers of a typewriter . . . what happens remains to be seen.

An almost tragedy was averted the other day . . . yep, that good gal **Helen Harmon** done did it. . . . It looked for awhile there that Payday was going to be just a myth . . . but thanks to Harmon's Helpers the dough was on time. . . . The rest of the gang is **Marion Yeager,** who by the way, hates to be called "Little Marion" . . . and **Bernie Jones,** the Streator Streamliner. . . . Guess good old faithful **Johnnie Welch** should be included. His guiding light showed the way.

The day of the big snow will go down in history for a lot of the guys and gals. . . . There were sure a lot of high salaried kitchen help running around that day. . . . Guess the debbies found out that playing house for keeps ain't too much fun.

Remember **Esther Johnson,** the cutie blonde, from Operations and Transportation? . . . Well . . . as you know, she joined the WAACS . . . and is now stationed in Daytona, Fla., for basic training. . . . Lucky hound . . . imagine basking in that good old Florida sunshine.

Monica Limacher has the darndest luck . . . believe it or not . . . she up and fell down again . . . and what's worse . . . ruined another pair of them thar "gold" hose. . . . Like to toss an orchid to her and her colleague **Josephine Vilt** for their helping hands in the Mess Hall the day the gang was snowbound. . . . It's gals like this that make your pride in America and its people stick out all over. . . . Hat's off to all of 'em.

Guess the item about **Jo Kush's** mysterious wearing apparel has caused quite a furor around the Mail and Record Section. . . . She hasn't told all, but whispers of "Red Flannels" are frequently heard.

Didja hear about the kids from Payroll going on a sleigh ride and getting marooned in some farmer's house for a couple of days. . . . They had a darn good time . . . what with **Vera Gussman** and **Kenny Holz, Pat Haley** and **Gerry Kestel** along to keep romance alive and **Anamarie Schroeder, Hazel Koller** and the rest of the help along for chaperones. . . . Why can't things like that happen to your correspondent?

Saw by the papers that **Bob Rogers,** Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman's former chauffeur, got his silver wings and is now a lieutenant in the air corps.

Wonder how long it takes **Ann Gubbins** to get dressed in the mornings? . . . have you ever seen anyone that looks so darn spic and span all the time.

Think the funniest sight ever seen was **Capt. George Grant,** executive officer, smoking a big, fat cigar . . . anyway, it was a good will gift from **Carl Anker** . . . the brand new groom . . . guess in that case the captain could hardly refuse to smoke the thing.

Flossie Babecke suffered frozen legs the other mornin' and had to use the good old fashioned way of putting snow on them to thaw them out.

Edna Eaton's hubby, **Bob,** called her the other day and told her he was in the ditch . . . she could see a truck overturned on the road outside the Administration Area fence and of course thought that her spouse was in it . . . come to find out it was just a gag, but it won't happen again soon.

Wasn't it thrilling that our *The Bomb-Shell* won an award for being a darn good "rag" . . . sure makes it nice to be a part of such an organization.

Phil Hahn is an expert on Transportation . . . just ask him how to get to the plant. . . . Poor guy sure had a heck of a time. . . . **Jim Pavel** was a big help keeping up the morale while waiting for the bus . . . that kind of a guy sure helps you over the tough spots.

Ann Melovic almost got snow bound, but didn't . . . wonder why???? . . . Weren't you glad to hear that **Lt. C. R. Crandell** is now a first lieutenant? He is sure a grand fellow and deserves everyone's best wishes. . . . In closing, just remember the guy what said "Give 'em the works fella." We're pitchin' here to help.

The Time Inspection Department sends their best wishes to **Pvt. and Mrs. Lyle Ingraham** who were married January 19 in Joliet. Pvt. Ingraham was formerly a member of the department. Mrs. Ingraham was the former **Betty Peebles,** daughter of **William Peebles.**

Chester Tomes is having difficulties since tin has been rationed, and **Frank Bravato** says it's nothing to do with canned goods either.

Hugo "Grandpappy" Green is refurnishing his home — and is seeking advice on beds, twin beds, canopy beds and other items.

The Timekeepers welcome back **Dorothy Johnsen,** who worked here several months ago.

Loretto Franke's husband, **Corp. William Franke,** from Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro, Calif., recently spent a furlough here.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire . . . . . Dial 17
To call police . . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only) . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Fred Hall, fireman, has been wondering why he hasn't been written up in *The Bomb-Shell.* It must have been because he had never bitten a dog, so from now on the dogs had better look a little out.

Walt Wilcox, expeditor, caused much excitement recently by wandering around the area during the early evening with a flashlight. All and sundry thought he was looking for night crawlers. However, he had lost only his badge in the grass and was looking for it.

Herman Beringer, popular safety engineer, has won himself a place in the sun with a real man-bites-dog-story. Before credible witnesses he declared that he had a nephew in a convent at Chicago.

Franklin Lewis, who has been a capable group inspector for many moons, is off to the wars. The other inspectors presented him with a farewell gift and wished him happy landings. Incidentally and just to make the data complete, **Mid Slack** has taken over where Frank left off, which pleases everyone.

Speaking of soldiers, there is **Charlie Filkins,** who is a veteran of World War I. . . . The better half of **"Pop" Kent** took umbrage because she opined that he was not old enough to merit the diminutive. On second glance he does look young and spry since he was promoted to assistant building foreman.

Bob Wiley's name was found in the old note-book. It can't be remembered what it was there for, but it must have been something desperate.

Just because poor Herman went away Inspector **Harold Kennedy** has been requested to go on the chautauqua circuit and preach against the demon rum. Unaccustomed as he is to public speaking, Harold turned the offer over to his friend **Clarence J. Canaday** . . . or *vice virtue.*

Your reporter went to Chicago with his friend, **George Panos.** After all better known Irish places were seen, he led the way to a couple of the Greek salons (no mis-print). Soon George was dancing and so gracefully did he perform that all the good folks stopped to watch and to applaud him and his fair partner. Soon they began to send glasses of coca cola over to the table so that he would dance some more. Not bad, not bad!

Al Ehrenger, one of the better known Government inspectors, bought some guinea hens for his Christmas dinner. He checked them at the guard gate when he went to work but by the time he was ready to go home the birds had flown. Al suspects *fowl* play.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Heggie have hit the jackpot just to prove that Group 1 always excels. The stork brought them twin boys, **Bobby** and **Billy,** January 6.

The component expeditor's office has been all cluttered up with beautiful girls here of late; all busily engaged in reclassification work. These included **Ruth Burdette, Betty Jensen, Irene Giles, Gertrude Olson, Jeanette Salzman, Parmillia Champoux, Helen Jubera, Eleanor Munn, Helen Maher** and **Beulah Smith,** all under the personal supervision of **Beverley Garing.**

The Group 1 basketball team triumphed over Group 61 by the score of 24 to 16. Now that the players are equipped with new uniforms they are prepared for a successful season.

Helen Botka and **Betty Murphy** will draw straws to see who wins the heart and hand of **Frank Paul,** according to **Betty Ford** who has just blossomed out with another new and original hair-do.

Army highlights. . . . **Robert Doyle, Jr.,** son of fresh-air **Bob Doyle,** is now a master sergeant at Camp McClellan, Alabama. **John Corcoran** went to the Army January 13, and **Joe Shepley** went along to keep him company. There was considerable celebrating in connection with Joe's departure which seems strange since he was popular throughout the group. . . . Plans are in the making for another party for the veterans of World War I and it is expected to be even better than the one held last November. Tentative plans call for a Saturday night at the Woodruff Hotel in Joliet, but arrangements are not definite.

If any one had the 'druthers, he'd 'druther be as lucky as **Esther Anderson,** charming first aid nurse. Whenever she has to go to the *juzgado* to explain a traffic accident she finds one of the group guards waiting to vouch for her high character so that she may go happily on her way.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Capt. A. G. Resch, Army inspector of ordnance, and **William F. Douville,** chief of ordnance inspection, visited the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., in connection with official business January 15. They had the opportunity to talk with **Capt. J. I. Bach,** a recent transfer from EOP, who is residing in Arlington, Va.

Carl L. Anker, chief in the Statistical Section, spent January 5 and 6 at the Arkansas Ordnance Plant, Jacksonville, Ark., pertaining to business in connection with his department.

William H. Peterson, assistant chief inspector, spent January 18 at the Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Ind., on official business in connection with manufacture. He said he was very happy to get back to his home in Wilmington, as "Old Sol" failed to make its appearance during the entire trip and he was kept busy making train connections.

Maj. Frank Short, Ammunition Branch, Ordnance Department, Washington, D. C., visited the Ordnance Inspection Department January 18.

Betty Ross, chauffeur, has returned to duty after several days absence due to illness.

Helen Wissert, Government Inspector, was transferred from Group 9 to the Administrative Section of Ordnance Inspection, to replace **Lois Martin** who has been transferred to the Technical Division of the Ordnance Inspection Department.

Linnetta Parry and **Ethel Dirker** had a pleasant experience during the inclement weather of January 19. They reside in Wilmington and Coal City respectively, and were the only two employees of the office personnel of Ordnance Inspection who succeeded in getting to the plant that day. They were immediately detailed to the cafeteria where they assisted in preparing sandwiches for the many employees remaining on duty because the day shift was unable to get to work. They claim they actually enjoyed the variation and were happy to be of service during the emergency.

Twenty-nine girls (Fuze and Booster Government inspectors) are being instructed by **Kermitt L. Long,** assistant chief inspector, in inspection of shells and bombs. They will be assigned to Groups 1 and 3-A.

Roberta Harte of Davenport, Ia., became the bride of **Elmer G. Zost** January 9 at St. Louis. The bride was formerly connected with the office personnel of the Bettendorf Tank Company at Bettendorf, Ia., and Mr. Zost is an inspector in Group 68. They are now living in Joliet.

Kathryn A. Oaks, Fuze and Booster Chemical Laboratory, is noted for her Rhumba dancing and she also did modeling before being employed here.

Ann Radakovich, Fuze and Booster Government inspector, now attending class at the Recreational Building, wants it known that she is a former show girl. Her hobby is bowling.

It has been noted (during class of course) that **Gloria Annunzi's** favorite pastime is chewing gum.

January 20 proved to be **Edward J. Nemanich's** unlucky day. His first mishap was a flat tire on his Packard which can be replaced for $20. The second was the loss of his badge. He has been Government Inspector in Group 9 and employed at the Plant for the last 17 months and this is the first time, so he claims, that he has been unfortunate.

Many have heard of fish stories but few if any have heard of egg stories. **James G. George,** public relations office, tell this one: Mr. George bought a dozen eggs and placed them on a radiator in the Personnel Building shortly before he planned to leave for the day. His wife intended to have them for dinner that evening. However, he forgot them and when he returned to the office the following morning he was greeted by 12 baby chicks. Ordinarily it takes 21 days for hatching, but things are progressing rapidly in these modern times. Mr. George is very busy evenings constructing a coop for his chicks and he says with eggs at 50 cents a dozen it should be profitable to raise chickens. He claims the purchase of these eggs proved to be the best buy of the season.

Group 2

It was with regret and envy "Till we meet again" was said to genial **Louis Shuler,** recently annexed as an active nephew of Uncle Sam.

Alexander Becker has left the department to become an inventory clerk.

The glad hand is extended to recent arrivals in the person of **Paul Barhoover, Harvey Barrett, Chalmers Wooley, Ronald Beck, Earl J. Smith, Guy B. Gimbel** and **Eugene F. Balachowsky.**

A sight of feverish activity during his relief periods and all the odd moments to be found is **Philip N. Lipson,** pursuing differential and calculus with brain, brawn, pencil and paper. Asked why such a voluntary strain on the intellect, a smiling answer is given that it will come in handy.

No more chemical formulas are being compounded in the office or in Building 12. This lack of ponderous expression is occasioned by the absence of **Albert Grossi,** out of service on a leave of absence.

It is reported that **Robert L. Bloome** contemplates a job on one of Uncle Sam's battle wagons.

Girls' Brother Named Ace

Bess Moore, chief of personnel, Ordnance Department, has received word that her brother, **Lt. Joseph F. Moravec,** Marine Corps aviator, has been given a rating as a flying ace after downing five Jap planes. Lt. Moravec, when last heard from, was stationed at Pago Pago, Samoa. He has been a Marine flyer for six years.

NOPE, 'tain't Clark Gable, but Harvey "Skipper" Steffes as he appeared before he was given a razor that would shave under his nose. He works in Group 61.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Booster Group 6

Farewells were said to **Dorothy Palenskee** and **Mildred Clasper**, press operators in Tetryl Pelleting, who left to join the WAACs. Dorothy, 22 years old, lives with her family in Kankakee, and Mildred, 31, lives with her mother and sister in Pontiac. Both girls are entering either the Ordnance, Mobilized, or Foreign Service Unit at Fort Des Moines, Ia.

Congratulations are sent to **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starr** who are the proud parents of a seven-pound daughter born January 22. She has been named **Karen Lorraine**. "Hank" is a foreman in 6-6.

Robert Otte, Joe Basinger and **Waldo Baldon** are welcomed into the Group.

Co-workers extend deepest sympathy to **Brunette Nelson**, whose father died January 18.

Gertrude Freeman, forelady in 6-6, is back after an illness.

Jean Mowery is the new office girl in 6-6.

Booster Group 7

Ruth Starkman, formerly of Group 6 office, is now in Group 7 office.

Lucille Ayers and **Bernice Parker** have returned to work after recovering from illness. **Dorothy LaGess** is home ill.

Leona Brault says she has the only, in fact the one and only, ideal husband—wanna fight?

The most called for girls here are **Joan Schauland** and **Eleanor Stokes**—you know how it is, Joan calling Eleanor, and Eleanor calling Joan.

Velma O'Brien of 7-9 is leaving to join her husband in Aberdeen, Md., where he is in Officers Training School.

Rowena Jack was married to **Pvt. Robert Sutchen** January 17 at Fort Riley, Kansas. They plan to live in Junction City, not far from Fort Riley.

Warbler **Al Nehas**, formerly of Group 7, who is leaving for the Army soon, has been singing, "I'll be glad when you're dead, you rascals, you."

Ivan Olson doesn't mind **Bill Saffell** wearing his boots, but is a little perturbed about Bill wearing the tread off the way he goes sliding around in them.

January 19, what a day, remember?—well, the Group is grateful to the few who battled the blizzard and got here. That shows they're tryin' to keep Hitler fryin'.

Artillery Primer Group 8

Walter Goebel, inspector, has a brand new daughter, who arrived January 16. She has been named **Mary Frances**.

Betty Johnston had a terrible disappointment when her sailor friend didn't get his long-awaited furlough.

Elvada Lincoln's son, **Billy Laurence**, spent five days with home folks. He is stationed on the U.S.S. Bogue.

WAAC bound is pretty Dorothy Palenskee, who resigned as a tetryl pellet press operator in Group 6 to join the armed forces.

Theresa Seno (remember her as the star softball pitcher) was the choice of Group 8 for the "E" award ceremonies.

Group 8 wishes three fellows all the luck in the world in their new jobs. **Robert Otte** and **Joseph Basinger**, who were transferred to Group 6, and **George Elum**, who was transferred to Group 9.

Lean, lanky **Ernest Evans**, after breaking his back for three weeks standing at his desk, finally got smart and got a stool. Now he is known as "Stoop Evans."

Group 8 misses **Gene Schuck**, the bashful timekeeper, who has been transferred to Group 63.

Ed Foley had a little trouble during the cold spell. The coldest morning on record, his car caught on fire, and he threw enough snow balls to put it out.

Thomas Flaherty, Bill Strobel and **Joker Merrick** got all the snow melted off their trailers the morning of the dormitory fire in Wilmington.

Detonator Group 9

Lois Peterson, cute tetryl twin, is representing this Group at the Army and Navy "E" award ceremonies.

With the blizzard of January 19 quite a few things happened: Only a handful of kids arrived. **Pamela Marcotte** froze her legs, while helping to push **Al Hoppe's** car. The food sent over from the Cafeteria was very good, so all send thanks to everyone at the Cafeteria, and everyone in the Area, who contributed something to help. **Supt. W. D. Whaley, Jr.**, celebrated his birthday.

Louise Dillon's son, who is with the Marines stationed at San Diego, was surprised to find himself on guard duty with **Tyrone Power**.

It won't be long now before **John J. Neely**, assistant superintendent, will be coming to work on a Shetland pony.

C. Hickok, E. Riley and **W. Baldon**, assistant superintendents, have left, and they are all missed. **G. Elum, C. Kaplan** and **A. Jensen** are welcomed here.

Joan Burke and **Norman Wierson** exchanged "I do's" January 7.

Fuze Group 4

Helen Kammermann, secretary to **Supt. John A. Lower**, has returned to work after recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident in December.

Lorraine Tenn has returned to work after a three-week vacation in Florida.

Catherine A. Higgins was selected by vote to represent Group 4 at the Army-Navy "E" presentation from a field of six candidates. She feels quite honored to be able to take part in this affair.

Johnny Woods, of 4-9, is home, ill.

Betty Foster has been absent the last few days taking her exams preparatory to joining the WAACS.

Mary Nepote and **Helen Bevering** have been transferred to Group 1.

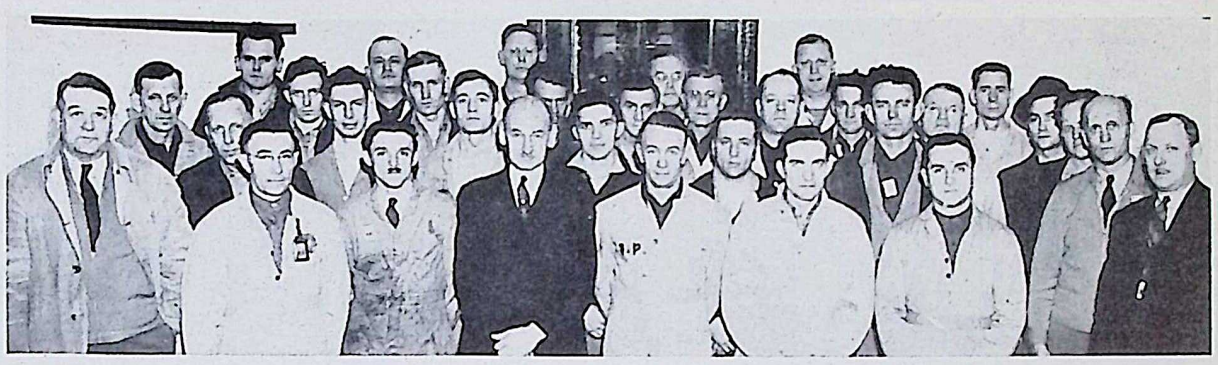
Charles Kaplan, Joseph Alves and **Milton Stein** are missed in Group 4, since they have been transferred to other groups and all wish them good luck.

Chemical Laboratory

Interesting cards and letters have been received from boys in the service. **Joe Ralston** is at the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, New York. **Eddie Merriman** and **George Woodworth** are at Great Lakes Training Station. **Dick Bayci** is at Monmouth College where he is in training for Navy aviation. **Norman Crocker** has been graduated from the Army Air Corps meteorology course at the University of Chicago.

Howard Johnson is taking the electronics course for the Army Signal Corps.

The Fulminate Basketball team from the Lab is still going strong, having won four straight games since losing the first one played.



FIRST AID TRAINING is being given to these employees of Group 3 by I. W. Hawes, Safety Department (center of front row). Safety Engineers Charles Harrison (extreme left) and B. R. Bowden (next to extreme right) are assisting Mr. Hawes.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Some thought Victory was won and that it was all over when your correspondents braved the wintry blast the morning of January 19, but it's just another illustration of absenteeism. Who was at fault? It could have been the State Highway Department on whom most rely to keep the highways open. Thanks are deserved by the Utilities Department and those courageous Americans who kept the EOP roads open.

At exactly 3 o'clock the afternoon of that day **Ed Zarley** called in and wanted to know if he should come out to work.

Among the visitors who braved the weather to visit the North Inert office was **Mrs. Charles Mann** from the Traffic Department. She knows how to sit in the boss's chair.

Larry Holmes, who formerly worked at South Inert, spent Christmas in a hospital at the Marine Corps Base in San Diego, Calif. He suffered a fractured leg. His old pals at Inert Storage wish him a speedy recovery and success in the service.

Food stuffs are on the rise, but *Freedom* is cheap . . . only 5 per cent of a wage check with Victory in the future and a possible refund . . . where on earth can you equal that?

Group 27 now has a night shift . . . for how long you may ask? Well, when will the War end is another question? It is hoped the boys of South who made the transfer enjoy their associations at Group 27 until . . .!

Owen J. "Buck" Ralston is the pilot of the Morning Star leaving the barracks in Wilmington at 7 a. m. on the dot.

Ray "Weasel" Morris is the proud father of a 9½ pound son.

Edward Sheridan of Group 27 was unhappy with his recent draft board mail. . . . Ed will be here for sometime yet.

Many hobbies have been found among the men here, but **Jack Turner** of the Inspection staff has one a little different . . . it's dogs. Jack captured the first prize in a recent show at Skokie Valley. He will be more than happy to solve your dog problem or show you pictures of his pets.

of the Inert Storage checking staff, has been promoted to a private first class and is taking a

Donald J. McCauley, formerly specialized course at Louisiana State University. Don enjoyed his stay at Drew Field, Florida, and his travel since being in the service. His friends at Inert Storage are hoping for his continued success and are proud of him.

John Nye has experienced the hour of death. Last week John went to his bathroom and drank from a water glass and found the bottom of the glass contained something of a deep blue color. Running to the kitchen he asked his wife if this was his last payday. In all the excitement she could not understand what was wrong. Then **"Junior" John Nye**, their son, spoke up and said he had been using his water colors to paint daddy's dreams. The picture did look something like Dante's Inferno.

Neither **Charles Wardell** nor his cat has been seen for days.

Inert Storage Men speak through the question of the week—

Question: *Are you glad to know you will receive the Army-Navy "E"?*

Joseph Birsa: Yes, I am glad. It means a great deal to me to wear the "E" pin.

Benedict B. Suca: As a new member of the EOP family, I am proud of it and will try to uphold the tradition for which it stands.

John Murray: To know that our plant has received this honor makes me very happy. I shall always look to my pin and know we have stood behind the boys on the fighting fronts 100 per cent.

Turk Argyle: To serve on the home front and receive this pin is a fine thing, but I wish there was some way I could do more to keep our Freedom.

James Whitley: It's great to know we have this honor. Every man should be proud of it.

Stanley Wienceck: I am glad to know this and I believe the men in the service will be glad to know we are all behind their efforts.

The Safety Department reports that the Inert Storage Department retained its place in the "No Lost Time Accident Club" for December, the fourth consecutive month.

Due to travel difficulty and winter complications the basketball team is marking time.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

My appreciation is extended to those who were so kind in preparing the article this week for the paper. Due to my failure in pleading with those in charge of snow plows, I was unable to get out from under the drift which had enveloped me during the past week. Although I had been hoping I would have an opportunity just like this, little did I think it could amount to so much.—Your Correspondent.

Greetings are sent new members, **June Kuglich, Edna Remaks, Mary Matesi, Helen Hausser** and **Geraldine Weir.**

Adieus were extended at the same time to **Nora Keliher** of Industrial Service and to **Helen Cutler** of Production Planning.

Wallace Benson has transferred to the Accounting Department and all hope he will like the new surroundings very much.

Evidences of a day spent trying to get to work in order to keep the department planning were the frozen ears displayed by **Harry Brown** and **Fred Mastin** the day after. **Shirley Wessels** and **Connie Sternberg** put their talents of dishwashing and food preparing to work, in assisting during the storm, at the Cafeteria, and are thinking seriously of tackling such positions permanently. **Leata Williams, Argyle Dalziel** and **Mary Glade** were among the helpful ones at the food counter. **Genevieve Carr** reports that a day spent in the little town of Wilmington is quite an experience.

William Dronsfield, who left the department, has forwarded his thanks and appreciation to all for the remembrance, and said he will always remember the swell bunch of people with whom he worked.

Frances Mores certainly has her own original method of making telephone calls. The first step consists of a thorough clearing of the throat; secondly, she gets into an erect sitting position; and then, last but not least, she decides to take the fatal step and dial her number (understand, this is a blow by blow description).

Mary McGovern, Ray Banker and **Lucille Brown** were overheard to exclaim the day of the storm, when no one was able to appear for duties, "isn't this quiet simply divine." Fortunately for them, they were the few who were able to weather their way through the snow.

Hot Off the Press!

The newest talent discovery in the Production Planning Department is Mr. Mastin's "voice." It may be said that his next great performance will consist of a "tear jerking" solo at a friend's wedding. He will be happy to render any further information necessary.

Congratulations to **Joanne Schwartz**, who is replacing **Don Nelson.** She is soon to be doing some main aisle walking. It is said that she has requested one of her co-workers to do the vocalizing at her wedding of the tune "Who's Sorry Now."

Joseph Filips is awaiting the presentation of a shopping bag for the packages he is requested daily to carry. Perhaps some of the office workers will be so kind as to grant him this favor.

It has been suggested to **Bernadine Klausing** that she refrain from any more bids to sleigh-ride parties after her experiences last week.

Did any one happen to notice **Dorothy Nemanich** and **Elva Thomas** getting blown about by the Chicago winds a few weeks ago? They said it was a shopping tour they were on but from what was heard, it couldn't have been. Isn't it strange that two young ladies, who have boy-friends from the same university, should disappear for the same days in the same week?

Irene Blatnik is reported to be kept very busy these days with her daily correspondence with her young officer husband in Chicago.

A donation has been suggested for new rollers to be placed on **Simon Legris** chair, just in case.

Group 2 reports that **Ray Nelson** left for the armed forces and has been replaced by **Orville Rasmussen.** They have also donated a few titles for their co-workers which have become popular about the group, such as the "Colonel," who is none other than **Johnny Williamson**, and the "Senator," who is none other than **Ralph Hatch**, who reported the situation, and the only one who has a governing hand in the matter seems to be the "Reverend"—**Paul Somerville.** The "Major" is better known as Mr. Rasmussen.

Wayne Munyon of Group 3 is rather shy in submitting news for the paper. Perhaps it could be that he is withholding the spiciest item of all. One of the older members of this group, **Donald Starr**, has returned to the fold. He seems to be right at home and his associates welcome his return.

Q. When is the term "skipper" used in the Army?

A. The term is used in referring to any officer of the grade of captain, and sometimes even to lieutenants who happen to command companies. Generally used by officers of lesser rank in referring to their captains.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Some men always go hunting on the first day of the season. Some men always go fishing for trout on the first day, in the spring. A war worker, with no week-days off—working eight hours a day, six days a week—tried to kill himself because he was refused leave to go deer hunting. The man had gone stale, was not himself, did not see clearly. Life has to be systemized in war, and yet as the Detroit *Free Press*, commenting on this incident, points out: "Opportunities for recreation must be made available, and should be used, despite the war pressure America is under."

Gwen Denny of the Government Inspection class being trained in the Recreation Building is really a ping pong "shark." It was good to see **Ruth Starkman** of Group 6 knocking down the pins last week. **Charlotte Wolcott** and **Sophie Morse**, Personnel Department, are regular Friday evening bowlers.

Add to the list of ping pong stars: **Jo Donna**, Ordnance Department. But definitely!

Dottie Schoop, Mary Philbin and **Margaret Gergovich**, Hospital employees, believe in keeping fit by bowling several lines each day. And mighty neat bowlers they are, too!

You've missed a lot if you have not been attending Ladies' Day regularly. Remember, it's held every Friday from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. The bus leaves for Joliet from the Recreation Building at 8 p. m. Ladies living in the Area have organized a calisthenics class which meets three days a week. And you should see these same ladies bowling each Friday night. They are stiff competition in anybody's league.

Bowling

Eddie Murphy, Recreation Department, and **George Becker**, War Bond Department, have completed arrangements for the first open individual bowling sweepstakes to be held Monday and Wednesday, February 1 and 3.

Entries closed January 27. The entry fee was $1. Many prizes are offered. Each man will bowl three games and there will be prize money for high score and high series, so every one will have an opportunity to be in the money.

Teams playing in the Joliet Industrial League held a handicap sweepstakes January 14. **Al Hesley**. Safety Department, won first money with **Vance Cook**, ambulance driver, second; **W. Peterson**, third, and **Bill Oldani**, fourth.

In match games played by the Guards and Inspectors, Atwood of the Guards had high series with 519. Spiers of the Inspectors won high series with 513. The score:

Guards			
McCarthy	139	167	139—445
Atwood	149	188	182—519
Elliott	158	203	146—507
Dowden	147	189	140—476
Bayer	128	156	150—434
Investigators			
Walsh	135	167	118—420
Matthews	131	194	98—423
McKay	119	145	156—420
Griffin	129	113	171—413
Watt	137	155	145—437
Inspectors			
Spiers	155	201	157—513
Troupe	181	140	178—499
Lutkus	137	194	141—472
Walsh	137	183	177—497
Changnon	181	145	146—472
Fire Guards			
Getson	126	116	137—379
Panian	159	159	141—459
Curry	117	144	166—427
Davis	123	104	117—344
Colby	161	149	179—489

Basketball

Group 3's basketball team will represent EOP by playing a benefit game for the new USO Building in Wilmington. They will play a strong team representing the city of Wilmington, as the final game of the evening.

The outstanding game of the week was the double overtime played by the Guards and the Army team January 14.

Group 3 and Group 62 are still tied for first place with the Guards and Fuse and Booster Chemical Laboratory close behind. Scores of games played recently were:

Inspectors (37)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Oram	1	0	0
Wilhelmi	1	0	4
Marlett	3	1	0
Durkin	3	0	0
Layfield	3	0	1
Partridge	4	0	1
Hair	3	0	1
Brennan	0	0	1
Beasley	0	0	1
Carroll	0	0	0
Pitt	0	0	1
	18	1	10

Group 61 (10)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Motta	2	0	0
Hintz	0	0	1
Sarti	0	1	4
Waller	1	1	0
Jordan	0	0	0
Rouff	1	0	0
	4	2	5

Bus Drivers (19)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Elledge	2	1	0
Glasgow	4	0	0
Cole	0	0	1
Hayes	1	0	4
Scoggin	2	0	1
	9	1	6

Group 3 (53)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	4	0	0
Pekar	0	0	1
Emanuelson	5	1	1
Donaldson	1	0	1
Hanks	6	0	0
Hemlick	1	0	0
Struck	3	0	1
Harris	2	0	0
Juricic	2	0	0
Bensley	2	0	0
	26	1	3

Army (33)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Bowler	5	1	0
Grant	1	1	1
Heavens	3	0	1
Washburn	0	0	4
Phalen	6	1	0
Murphy	0	0	0
	15	3	6

Guards (35)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Waller	4	0	1
Gebhardt	3	0	0
Sack	1	2	1
Grimsley	2	2	0
Farber	0	1	1
Dutter	2	0	0
Lawrence	2	0	1
Arms	1	0	0
	15	5	4

Fire Guards (22)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Catalina	1	0	0
Hart	2	0	0
Dailey	2	0	2
Dickens	0	1	0
Guyot	2	0	1
Stricklen	1	2	0
Getson	1	1	0
	9	4	3

Group 3-A (14)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Gutierrez	4	0	4
Blecha	2	1	2
Allen	0	0	3
Law	0	0	1
Coash	0	1	0
	6	2	10

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Yeoman J. Harold McLaughlin spent a day visiting here recently. He is stationed at Omaha, Nebraska, and was home on a 10 day furlough.

Pvt. E. J. Early, former guard, now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is home on furlough and visited here January 21.

The recent snowstorm caused considerable confusion at the Guardhouse. Many of the boys couldn't get to work and others had to work double-shifts. Knowing that plant protection was a 24-hour a day job, some of the boys blazed the trail until they reached the Plant. As fast as they straggled in, they hurriedly replaced some of the boys who were doing double duty. All in all, the spirit was high and the boys have now settled back to normal routine.

Congratulations are in order for **John Lowry** who is the proud father of a new son, and also to **Kenneth Tinges** who is equally proud of a new daughter. Both men work at Group 64.

Group 63 is now known to **Capt. Joseph Killian's** shift as "Little Manteno." Reason is the three custodians there are Guards **Joseph Ruyle, Clarence Scott** and **Walter Emmerson**—all Manteno Boys.

All the boys are anxiously awaiting **Elmer Boulware** to announce the date of his house-warming. He has moved from Odell into one of the new homes in Wilmington.

The boys who ride with **Walter Hathaway** have presented him with a new calendar—so he will know Friday *has* to come before Saturday.

Lt. Robert Bodley is convinced that the January 19 snow drifts made it possible to determine which guards are men and which are boys. The men, he said, reported for work.

Group Lieutenant **Joseph Noel** came out second best in his recent hard but futile tussle with old man winter while enroute to work.

Clarence Dyon, amiable and hard working man who holds forth in those cold ramps in Group 3, was seen with an extra heavy lunch. He is taking no chances in the event of another snowstorm.

Jasper O'Bryan was declared the winner in the recent sandwich eating contest. It happened during the recent snowstorm, when the men were snow-bound, and sandwiches were brought in.

Olin Walston is preparing to move into Wilmington. The idea he has is to be a "barker" for selling trailers.

Walter Corn's favorite pastime is eating grapes, while **Charles Cogswell's** weakness is potato chips.

Many of the boys are wondering why **Herbert Buss** is losing so much weight. The fact is mentioned that he could be driving too many miles in his air-conditioned Chrysler.

Dispatcher **Casimir Klafta** is quite elated over his new home in Wilmington. He has received a new lounge chair as a gift, and when he gets stocked up with Odell corn cobs, he will be all set for the winter.

On a recent journey homeward, some of the guards had an opportunity to be fire-fighters at a small fire in Wilmington. In the report received here, **Earl Short** won most praise. He was throwing bucket after bucket of water on the fire, while a woman carried the water to him. When questioned as to why she carried all the water, he drolled, "Well, she knew where to get it."

Paul Riordan, who is doing his bit for Uncle Sam as a guard at Group 3, was called to the home of his sister, who is seriously ill in Indiana.

Robert Jennings, who is a stalwart guard at Group 3, returned recently from a 200 mile trip to the southern part of the state. He reports the trip was very pleasant as well as profitable in the way of fresh pork, which is fast becoming an illusive article nowadays.

Other nice trips homeward were reported by **Everett Hart** to Danville, and **Charles Patterson** to Bloomington, Illinois.

For the past month **Lt. Joseph Noel** has been in charge of Groups 2 and 3, and has been getting well acquainted with all the boys.

Glendon Lade was called home from duty the night of January 18th by word of an accident to his 4-year-old daughter, who fell from a second story window of their home in Wilmington. Lade took her to Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet where her condition was reported satisfactory.

It is reliably reported that **J. I. Pohlman** is an accredited expert in shoveling tower foot paths.

Leo Osborn is proud possessor of an Illinois State Drivers license, and after a few more easy lessons will learn how to shift gears on the "Meat Wagon."

"Whole Hog or None" is the motto of **Edwin Sir.** He had to take a day off to can his half of a 350 lb. Porker.

And speaking of Hogs, **Owen Reiley** (The retired Old Salt) is curious to know the Express rate on Hams.

John Pearce, Wilmington, is leading (and only) Lawyer and an expert on Income Taxes is servicing all the boys in his Group, If, As, and when Uncle Sam will supply any blank forms.

Two more rural members of the force have moved with their families into the Government Homes at Wilmington. They are **Lt. Frank Harrelson** and **James Whitson.**

Sgt. Threll Childers and **Sgt. Everett Brammer**, both from Fuze and Booster area, are under the impression that a good policeman does not need an overcoat.

It has been reported by reliable sources that a handsome moustache cup will be presented to **Charles Griffin**, guard at the Pass Desk, any day now for the wonderful crop he has patiently raised all through the long winter months. It is to be presented by his co-worker, **Rosemary Hebert.**

That lovely blonde, **Mary Edwards**, who is employed in the Personnel Building, was doing a very nice job of escorting a tall, handsome soldier around the plant January 20. When questioned as to his identity, she calmly stated, "Why that's my Uncle."

With the Women

Capt. Gladys Armstrong wants the Guards to know she appreciates the fact that they so graciously helped last Tuesday, when her staff was in such dire need of assistance.

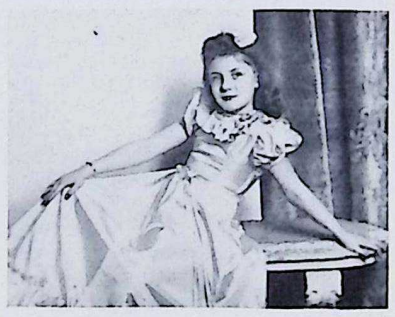
It is admitted that 5:30 a. m. is not the best time for a get-together but the Women Guards living in Joliet certainly had a meeting in spite of the bitter cold and the drifting snows. It wasn't a pleasure, but the fact that each girl was willing to help the other, proved that they certainly can take it.

The Guards at Gate 6, Group 3-A, had quite a laugh recently when they saw three persons pushing a station wagon. They planned among themselves just how they would kid their brother officers. Can you imagine their surprise when it was discovered they were three Women Guards proudly wearing the new slacks, which arrived simultaneously with the cold weather.

Josephine Finch was in an automobile accident January 17, but wasn't seriously hurt.

Marion Qualls is definitely on the road to recovery and all hope she'll be back soon.

PROUD of her soldier husband, Mrs. Roland Torkelson sent this photograph of Pvt. Roland "Rusty" Torkelson to The Bomb-Shell. Private Torkelson is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.



BUSY little bee is Junerae Hubert, 9-year-old daughter of Philip Hubert, formerly of Group 6, but now a machinist in Group 70. In addition to her school routine, Junerae takes tap dancing lessons, is learning how to twirl a baton, is studying voice and sings at numerous functions.

Nursery School In Kankakee Plan of P.T.A.

Mothers Working At EOP Asked to Indicate Interest

Plans are under way for the establishment of day and nursery schools in Kankakee for the care of school and pre-school children of mothers who are engaged in war work, according to **Mrs. Ethel Cooper**, president of the Kankakee County Parent-Teacher Association Council.

Mrs. Cooper has asked *The Bomb-Shell* to help determine the need and desire for such schools among mothers who are employed at Elwood Ordnance Plant. Establishment of the schools will depend upon those needs and desires.

"These schools would, at the beginning," said Mrs. Cooper, "have to be for the day only, eliminating mothers working on night shifts, as we would have neither the means, helpers nor facilities for a 24-hour school. These schools, of course, in order to meet the licensing laws of the State of Illinois and the requirements of the Lanham Act, would have to meet very rigid standards. The organization which I represent would not consider any other type of nursery."

Development of facilities for the schools would be under the direction of the Child Protection Committee of the Kankakee Office of Civilian Defense.

Mothers working at EOP and living in Kankakee, who may be interested in making use of such schools, are requested to communicate with Mrs. Cooper immediately. Her address is 241 West Oak Street, Kankakee.

Do You Belong

For December, 1942

"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 2*
Group 3*
Group 4***
Group 5****
Group 6*
Group 7*
Group 8*****
Group 23***
Group 27******
Group 60*******
Group 61**********
(a perfect score for a year)
Group 62 N******
Group 62 S****
Group 63**
Group 64***
Group 65**
Group 66**
Group 66-A**
Group 68******
Richards Farm******
Utilities***

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during December.

Make 1943 Accident Free

Former Girl Worker Qualifies for WAACs

Dorothy H. Bates, who formerly worked in Group 9, has qualified for the WAACs at Dallas, Tex., according to word received here. Miss Bates received the Veterans of Foreign Wars medal for citizenship in 1940 after having been voted the most popular and best all-around girl by fellow students at the high school she attended in McKinney, Texas. "My ambition is to do all that's possible to help win the war," said the former munitions worker.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

February 1

Oakley Adreon, Group 3-A; **Mary Bick**, Group 7; **William Cox**, Group 2; **John J. Cole**, Comptroller; **James DeFrees**, Group 3-A; **Marjorie Downs**, Accounting; **Lawrence Duff**, Group 2; **Austin Egan**, Group 3-A; **William Ellinger**, Utilities; **Marion Faulkner**, Utilities; **Emory Fleener**, Group 1; **Gaylen Ford**, Group 4; **June Foss**, Group 5; **Patrick Gallagher**, Group 4; **Lucille Haffner**, Group 4; **Leonard Ketterer**, High Explosives; **Casimir Klaftn**, Guards; **Leona Krakar**, Group 6; **Edwin Leonard**, Group 3; **Frances Linko**, Group 5; **James Lisdero**, High Explosives; **Richard Mangegold**, Utilities; **Evelyn Martin**, Ordnance; **Dominic Nerone**, Utilities; **Mary Roe**, Group 1; **Dorothy Weber**, Group 1; **Irma Wilhelmi**, Inspection; **Ramona Wills**, Group 7; **Mildred Worland**, Group 7.

February 2

Thomas Ashton, Timekeeping; **Albert Augustine**, High Explosives; **Eva Baker**, Group 9; **John Baron**, Group 3-A; **Sydney Bennett**, Materials & Stores; **Albert Borg**, Utilities; **Edmond Briscoe**, Utilities; **Anna Campbell**, Group 9; **Eugenia Chrismon**, Group 9; **Gladys Collins**, Group 9; **Ruth Cook**, Group 8; **Edna Colwell**, Ordnance; **Mabel Cummins**, Group 7; **Mary Fiorina**, Group 5; **Juanita Fishbaugh**, Group 8; **Albert Grady**, Group 3; **Robert Grady**, Materials & Stores; **Earl Harris**, Finished Rounds; **Alan Heavens**, Group 61; **Margaret Herbenak**, Group 8; **Raymond Johnson**, Inspection; **Edward Kemp**, Utilities; **Josephine Kien**, Group 7; **Herman LeRette**, Inert Storage; **Raymond Luellen**, High Explosives; **Marie Maren**, Ordnance; **Fred Meyer**, Group 1; **Dorothy Nelson**, Group 5; **Helen Olsen**, Group 7; **Mary Rapchan**, Group 4; **Kathryn Smith**, Personnel; **Arnold Thurston**, Inert Storage; **Mary Vonch**, Group 5; **Stella Wielock**, Group 4; **Louis Zimmerman**, Utilities.

28 Former Valentine Babies Work Here

Twenty-eight workers at EOP have the distinction of observing their birthday anniversaries on Valentine Day, February 14. The names of one-time Valentine babies are listed in the adjoining birthday column. Receiving Valentines, both comic and sentimental, probably is an old story to them, but no one can be blamed if the story is repeated again this year.

February 3

John Alar, Guards; **Mabel Anson**, Group 7; **Alfred Block**, General Office; **Marie Costa**, Group 5; **Brunell Dupruis**, Accounting; **Freda Endres**, Group 8; **Mary Erickson**, Group 5; **John Jackman**, Accounting; **Marie Jeppson**, Group 7; **Helen Johnson**, Group 7; **William Leonard**, Utilities; **Edna Lytle**, Guards; **Mary Monahan**, Group 4; **Lois Maxwell**, Group 8; **Claus Netherton**, Inert Storage; **Philip Oberg**, Guards; **Andrew O'Brien**, Guards; **Clifford Parker**, Group 3; **Edward Ritter**, Ordnance; **Rose Stangle**, Group 4; **Capt. David P. Tunstall**, Public Relations Officer; **Otto Zenke**, Ordnance.

February 4

Carolyn Bazaar, Group 7; **Seebert Beam**, Group 9; **Robert Blooms**, Ordnance; **Charles Cheek, Jr.**, Utilities; **Frank Clark**, Guards; **Raymond Curtis**, Utilities; **Ivan Dunahee**, Group 2; **John Giles**, Group 1; **Charles Gollick**, Utilities; **Marcella Gudac**, Group 9; **Mary Henderson**, Group 7; **Albert Horwath**, Group 3; **Mildred Kaufman**, Ordnance; **LaVerne Kellogg**, Utilities; **Mabel Krofft**, Group 9; **James McCollum**, Group 2; **Constance Molek**, Group 7; **Martha Mings**, Group 1; **Naomi Munger**, Group 9; **Martin Myer**, Group 2; **Bernice Neal**, Group 4; **Viola Novak**, Group 4; **Joe Peters**, Group 9; **Sam Reno**, Group 2; **George Shaw**, Materials & Stores; **Jacob Stieg**, Utilities; **Mary Stefka**, Group 7; **Orville Warren**, Guards; **William Wieremann**, Inert Storage.

February 5

Birdella Brackney, Group 4; **Harold Bradshaw**, Inspection; **Otto Berns, Jr.**, Utilities; **Inez Boudreau**, Group 4; **Eugene Brough**, Group 1; **Gordon Carter**, Group 3; **Raymond Cook**, Guards; **Frank Curran**, Group 7; **Frances Danielson**, Group 9; **Kenneth Day**, High Explosives; **P. L. Deylitz**, Superintendent Group 61; **Grace Donish**, Group 9; **Earl Fitzgerald**, Fire Dept.; **Viola Fullerton**, Group 8; **Merle Harford**, Group 1; **Carl Keck**, Utilities; **George Laine**, Guards; **Mildred Lamport**, Group 9; **Edgar Lane**, Group 1; **Catherine McCauley**, Personnel; **Joseph Micona**, Utilities; **Walter Norman**, Group 1; **Thomas Patton**, Group 3-A; **Edward Powell**, Fire Dept.; **Frances Puhl**, Group 1; **Gus Synold**, Group 7; **Frances Thomas**, Group 4; **Myrtle Troutman**, Group 5; **Albert West**, Timekeeping.

February 6

Gladivin Ashton, Safety; **Julia Chapla**, Group 8; **Russell Cline**, Ordnance; **Edna Eaton**, Ordnance; **Secondo Forneris**, Utilities; **Pearle Funk**, Group 5; **Francis Godin**, Group 1; **Milford Green**, Utilities; **Francis Haner**, Group 3-A; **Paul Harsted**, Group 8; **John Henshall**, Group 3-A; **August Janov**, Group 3-A; **Richard Johnson**, Group 3; **Thomas Kelley**, Utilities; **Roy Martin**, Group 3-A; **George Metro**, Utilities; **Norman Newman**, Group 1; **Joseph Panier, Sr.**, Group 5; **Lavelle Parker**, Group 6; **Lucia Jane Pearson**, Guards; **Nila Pillsbury**, Group 6; **Margaret Plock**, Group 4; **Albert Schorle**, Group 2; **Lawrence Schulte**, Group 1; **Clarence Scott**, Guards; **William Strobel**, Group 5; **Charles Swick**, Guards; **Gertrude Wilhelmi**, Group 5.

February 7

Clarence Beck, Group 1; **Ewald Braeunig**, Group 3; **Wayne Brazeal**, High Explosives; **Dammis DeGeus**, Group 9; **Lester Golden**, Guards; **Gaetano Guttilla**, Group 9; **Lucile Hassel**, Group 5; **Robert Hinz**, Group 61; **Raymond Hybarger**, High Explosives; **Raymond Smim**, Guards; **Verna Lazar**, Group 5; **Eva Love**, Group 8; **Margaret Mann**, General Office; **John Murphy**, Group 4; **Thomas Murphy**, Guards; **Donald Pennell**, Group 3-A; **Merle Phelps**, Group 1; **Perry Picco**, High Explosives; **Frank Pisterzi**, Inert Storage; **George Prodehl**, Group 1; **Catherine Senffner**, Group 5; **Ruth Thornton**, Group 9; **Johnnie Townsley**, Finished Rounds; **Morris Tucker**, Utilities; **Raymond Winstead**, Group 61.

February 8

Ejay Balthazar, Utilities; **Mary Benne**, Ordnance; **Anthony Bosco**, Utilities; **Gayle Bush**, Group 6; **Herman Cassing**, Guards; **Aurora Elmblade**, Hospital; **Robert Farrell**, Guards; **Elizabeth Fiene**, Group 9; **Thomas Fight**, Group 1; **Roy Frye**, Utilities; **Mary Fulton**, Group 5; **Charlotte Hammond**, General Office; **George Lestina**, High Explosives; **Marion Lydigsen**, Utilities; **Josephine Kapella**, Group 4; **Edward Koren**, Guards; **Joseph Martin**, Utilities; **John McKinney**, Guards; **Michael Molloy**, Group 4; **Doris Niesen**, Group 6; **Henry O'Reilly, Jr.**, Utilities; **Agnes Pire**, Group 8; **Kathryn Rubinic**, Group 9; **Francis Schade**, Accounting; **Glenn Schedeen**, Group 1; **Frank Smith**, High Explosives; **John Turner**, Guards; **A. F. Twardowski**, Group 1; **Veronica Vargo**, Group 5; **Elsie Ziesmer**, Group 4; **Arthur Zimmerman**, Utilities.

February 9

Marjorie Alexander, Group 5; **Jacob Beam**, Timekeeping; **Jack Bodmer**, Utilities; **Wray Call**, Group 7; **Eva Carlson**, Group 1; **Ella Carpenter**, Group 6; **Kenneth Clark**, Group 1; **William Cota**, High Explosives; **Andrew Dalziel**, Group 1; **Arthur Donovan**, High Explosives; **Angela Egizio**, Utilities; **Edward Fuss**, Group 3; **Harry Grossman**, Group 1; **Charles Hesley**, Inspection; **L. D. Lalumendre**, High Explosives; **William Landers**, Guards; **William Lange**, Group 1; **Robert Manning**, Group 3-A; **William Marx**, Ordnance; **Anna Murnick**, Group 7; **Edwin Neuhauser**, Group 1; **Porter Olson**, Purchasing; **Frank Ozbolt**, High Explosives; **John Quade**, Engineering Dept.; **Robert Ramsey**, Group 9; **Edward Roux**, Group 3-A; **Mary Ryan**, Group 8; **William Stanley**, Production Planning; **George Suca**, Group 9; **Arthur Thorson**, Group 3-A; **Joseph Whitaker**, Group 1.

February 10

Paul Armstrong, Group 9; **Edward Baranak**, Group 5; **Robert Baskerville**, Utilities; **Thomas Bell**, Group 8; **Joseph Bozicevich**, Group 3-A; **Marjabelle Bradbury**, Group 7; **Mantford Brown**, Utilities; **Edward Christesen**, Group 2; **Louigi Corirossi**, Group 1; **Gertrude Crowley**, General Office; **George Doig**, Inspection; **Richard Finke**, Guards; **Wilfred Fournier**, Utilities; **June Gaddo**, Group 5; **Joseph Hall**, Guards; **Irvin Hougas**, Utilities; **Robert Jennings**, Inspection; **Dorothy Jensen**, Group 9; **Gertrude Jostak**, Group 8; **Peter Jungles**, Utilities; **Simon Karcher**, Group 2; **John Leindecker, Jr.**, Inert Storage; **Rudolph Mahalik**, Group 3; **Pherne Onsen**, Group 9; **Malcolm Persinger**, Group 3; **Cleta Praker**, Group 9; **Roy Rich**, High Explosives; **Mary Ruettiger**, Group 7; **Harold Schomas**, Group 1; **Stella Spiech**, Group 7; **Eleanor Stokes**, Group 7; **William Watkins**, Inert Storage; **J. P. Whittinghill**, Group 1.

February 11

Bernard Brown, Ordnance; **William Carlson**, Group 2; **Eugene Crumbaugh**, Ordnance; **Nellie Donaldson**, Group 5; **Rita Harpin**, Group 6; **George Hatting**, High Explosives; **Earl Hilgert**, Group 1; **Jeannette Hodges**, Group 9; **David Jones**, Ordnance; **Mary King**, Group 5; **Robert Lehnig**, Inspection; **Robert Lockard**, Guards; **LeRoy Minton**, Group 61; **Bernard O'Connor**, Group 2; **Agnes Palmer**, Group 5; **William Roth**, Guards; **Paul Roy**, Accounting; **Cecelia Stangle**, Group 7; **Bernice Usewicz**, Group 8.

UNIFORMED Lt. Dawn O'Dea Hart, reporting for duty with the WAIFS—Women's Auxiliary Infantry Fairly Small—is the daughter of James S. Hart, safety engineer in the Fuze and Booster Area.

February 12

Harlan Arens, Guards; **Joseph Bolos**, Group 2; **Bessie Burroughs**, Ordnance; **Hershell Clemons**, Guards; **Lena Colafello**, Group 8; **James Corrigon**, Group 3-A; **Vern Danison**, Group 3-A; **Patrick Duignan**, Utilities; **Syliva Ebben**, General Office; **Loretta Feeney**, Group 4; **Wilma Gadberry**, Group 8; **Myron Gray**, Group 1; **Harry Hissong**, Finished Rounds; **William Hockinson**, Group 1; **Robert Holmes**, Engineering Dept.; **Rowena Jack**, Group 7; **Joseph Kelly**, Guards; **Leo Kerrins**, Group 1; **Frank Klimek, Jr.**, Utilities; **Byrl Matheny**, Inspection; **Eugene McGrath**, Guards; **Joseph McKinney**, Utilities; **Capt. A. G. Resch**, Army Inspector of Ordnance; **Claude Sayre**, Utilities; **Joseph Shipla**, Maintenance; **Arthur Straman**, Utilities; **Frederick Van Ham**, Utilities; **Robert Watkins**, Utilities; **Howard Welsand**, Utilities; **Larena Wilhelmi**, Group 6.

February 13

Roberta Bridwell, High Explosives; **Catherine Colls**, Group 6; **Bennie Coy**, Group 3-A; **Rose Halloran**, Group 9; **Charles Hansing**, Finished Rounds; **John Harbison**, Fire Dept.; **Elmer Henning**, Inspection; **Frank Killenburg**, Group 2; **Julia Jackson**, Group 6; **Claude Johnson**, High Explosives; **Mildred Kollman**, Group 4; **Leo Kolman**, Group 3-A; **Edward Lantry**, Utilities; **Thomas Long**, Guards; **Frank Malfatti**, Utilities; **Barbara Melin**, General Office; **Emma Miner**, Group 5; **George Mussatto**, Group 1; **Anton Patruski**, Group 1; **Erwin Riffey**, Group 1; **Doris Skinner**, General Office; **Genevieve Smith**, Group 7; **Orville Steyer**, Utilities; **Natalie Synkoski**, Group 4; **Esther Tur**, Group 9; **Clarence Wills**, Group 1.

February 14

Mary Amort, Hospital; **Edward Arnold**, Group 3-A; **Roy Barth**, Plant Protection; **George Bishop**, Group 6; **Rose Blazekovich**, Group 8; **Peter Bortoli**, Group 1; **Michael Carrescia**, Group 1; **John Cornale**, Utilities; **Benjamin Dalziel**, Group 3; **Marie Evans**, Group 6; **Gloria Frayser**, Accounting; **Mabel Graham**, Guards; **Lorraine Jaicomo**, Group 4; **Jesse Keene**, Group 2; **Frank Laking**; Utilities; **Francis Longloy**, Group 3-A; **Anna Malle**, Group 5; **Frank Malone**, Group 2; **Oscar Mathieu**, Utilities; **Eugene Rose**, Guards; **Carmen Steed**, Personnel; **Rouray Stinson**, Group 7; **Victor Sheets**, Guards; **Leonard Terry**, Group 3-A; **Julia Vitanovec**, Group 7; **Carl Youngdahl**, Utilities; **Joseph Zelinko**, General Operations; **Joseph Ziccardi**, Group 3.

February 12 Birthday Celebrants Number 29

The 29 members of the EOP family, including **Capt. A. G. Resch**, Army inspector of ordnance, who observe their birthday anniversaries February 12 will have an additional reason to remember their 1943 anniversary. Previously they have been proud that the date marked the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, and now that date has been selected for presentation of the Army-Navy "E" award to them and all other men and women of EOP. Schools usually declare a holiday on February 12, but it is reported by an unimpeachable authority that Captain Resch has always told his son he got a holiday from school because it was his dad's birthday.

EMPLOYEES SERVICE FUND

Report as of January 20, 1943

		Balance
Cash on Hand November 21, 1942 (date of last report)		$1,061.16
RECEIPTS		
November 21 to December 1		
Bowling	$ 50.00	
December		
Bowling	225.00	
Juke Box	16.75	
Profit—Group 1 Harvest Dance	131.72	
Profit—Group 3 Dance	140.11	
Profit—Group 3-A Dance	212.05	
January 1 to 20		
Bowling	125.00	$ 900.63
		$1,961.79
EXPENDITURES		
November 21 to December 1		
Athletic Equipment	$ 50.57	
December		
Athletic and Pool equipment	32.55	
Juke Box	50.00	
Officials' Fees	68.00	
Miscellaneous	16.67	
Loss—Bus Drivers' Ball	9.48	
Loss—Snow Dance	134.36	
January 1 to 20		
Athletic Equipment	124.04	
4 Sets Bowling Pins	58.00	
Miscellaneous	3.00	$ 546.67
Balance—Cash on hand January 20, 1943		$1,415.12

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Elva Thomas says: "You are never fully dressed until you wear a smile."

Michael Doyle, historian, reports that except for the Capitol in Washington, the only place in the United States over which the American flag is allowed by law to fly each night in times of peace is the grave of **Francis Scott Key** in Maryland. The purpose is to make true always the line in his song, The Star Spangled Banner: "Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

Alvin Smerker said he and **Scott "Scotty" Soper** went to an auction sale in Joliet. Just as they entered, the auctioneer was announcing that a certain gentleman had the misfortune to lose his wallet containing $1,000. A reward of $250 was offered to anyone returning it. After a short silence Alvin claims he heard Scotty murmur, "Two hundred fifty-five."

Guard **James Kolar** paid 25 cents for a book giving instructions on how to make out his income tax return. It confused him so that he had to hire an attorney and paid him $10 to interpret it for him.

Roy Picaman has been sporting a pair of rubbers lately.

Some one accused **Don Doyle** of being listless. To prove they were wrong he produced lists of blondes, brunettes, and redheads.

The department has been called upon time after time to furnish various articles which once were discarded but are now much in demand. But the staff was laid low when truck driver **Roy Anderson** demanded he be supplied with milk every day.

Food rationing should be no hardship, in fact it perhaps would be a pleasure, according to the following item, **Swen Sandahl** says he read: The average highball is equal to three hard-boiled eggs. A cocktail is equal to three slices of bread and butter, and a bottle of beer is equivalent to a plate of ham and eggs.

Walter Moore, Oak Ordnance plant, and **Thomas Fennel**, Nebraska Ordnance plant, visited the Salvage yard recently.

Recipe May Help On Meatless Days

With the many meatless days ahead, the following recipe for salmon puffs submitted by comely cook, **Geraldine Ward**, Ordnance Inspection Department, may be helpful.

1 Lb. Can Salmon
¾ Cup Bread Crumbs
½ Cup Milk
1 Tablespoon Butter
¾ Teaspoon Salt
¼ Teaspoon Pepper
2 Eggs

Flake the salmon with a silver fork and add the seasoning. Soak bread crumbs in the milk. Add the flaked salmon and melted butter. Separate eggs, beat the yolks until thick and the whites until stiff. Add yolks to the salmon mixture and mix well, then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and put mixture into buttered muffin pans.

Bake in a 350° oven for about 20 minutes (serves six).

Serve with the following Parsley Sauce:

2 Level Tablespoons Butter
2 Level Tablespoons Flour
1 Cup Milk
1 Teaspoon Lemon Juice
Salt and Pepper to taste
1 Tablespoon Chopped Parsley

Place the butter and flour in a sauce pan and blend thoroughly. Add milk, little at a time, stirring constantly, until the sauce boils. Cook five minutes, add seasoning and lemon juice. Just before serving add parsley.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT • BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Rent—One large room. Suitable for one or two persons. One block from two bus lines. Ladies preferred. 158 Marble Street, Joliet.

Riders Wanted—From Chicago to EOP. Steady 7:30 to 3:30 shift. Meet driver on near north side on Ogden Avenue. Call **Edwin Scholl**, Power House, Group 4. Line 4144.

For Rent—One double and one single room. Stoker heat. Continuous hot water. On bus line. See **Mrs. M. Schuster**, 704 Buell Avenue, Joliet. Telephone 2-0774.

For Sale—Schick electric shaver ("Colonel"), single head, brand new, retailed for $17.50; excellent condition. Box with steel mirror included. Call 4259, ask for **Frank Skoff**.

For Sale—Four burner gasoline cook stove with oven and broiler. Good condition. See **Mrs. H. Milling**, Symerton, Ill.

Ride Wanted — from east side of Joliet to F & B Area. On steady 7:30 to 3:30 shift. Phone **Virginia Lindsey**, Joliet 7345.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

WHAT'S COOKIN' was the question of the day at the EOP Cafeteria January 19 when the snow fell and the wind blew to marooned workers who had to be fed.

AMATEURS PITCHED in to help prepare the food required by the operating forces and knives flashed, pans rattled and spoons danced in rhythmic unison.

KITCHEN POLICE duty wasn't minded at all. In fact, there were as many volunteers for the dish washing task as for the more glamorous culinary duties.

BAKING BISCUITS seemed to offer keenest fun and there was extreme rivalry between mixers, cutters and bakers, relieved of drab secretarial duties.

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METHOD IN THEIR MADNESS was exhibited by all of the hardy souls who broke through deep snow drifts to report for work and were immediately drafted to feed the hungry bomb and shell loaders, maintenance and plant protection forces and the crews who strove so valiantly to clear the highways. Yes, the day of the blizzard long will be remembered.

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Employes Long Will Recall "E" Award Day

Evidence of Pride, Determination Seen As Flag Is Raised

It was a memorable Lincoln's birthday anniversary . . . that February 12 of 1943 . . . when the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant received the flag symbolic of the Army-Navy "E" Award for Excellence in Production . . . memorable to the more than 5,000 workers and their families who watched the inspiring ceremonies in front of EOP's Administration Building . . . and memorable to the additional thousands who heard the presentation and acceptance by radio.

There was all of the color and atmosphere of a Big Ten football-afternoon . . . and the sprinkle of snow unaccompanied by wind did not interfere with the half-hour program. There was more . . . a seriousness which uplifted . . . a hanging-on to every word that inspired . . . and when **Sgt. Clare Cosgrove** slowly raised the pennant to its berth just below Old Glory the faces of those who followed its progress up the pole disclosed the light and pride, spirit and determination which is America . . . which is EOP.

There was music . . . by the famed Joliet Township High School Band. There were words . . . words of praise, of encouragement, of pride . . . and there was applause as the distinguished speakers struck chords of response in their listeners. Yes, from the time the band played "America" until the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" were heard, it was a brilliant ceremony.

The program was launched by **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, Commanding Officer of EOP, who welcomed workers and guests and then presented **F. W. Woodruff**, chairman, Will County Chapter, American Red Cross, as master of ceremonies for the afternoon. The invocation was by **Chaplain John B. Dalton**, U. S. Army.

Greetings and felicitations were expressed by EOP's former Commanding Officer, **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman**, now Chief, Loading Plants Group. EOP's contribution to the war effort was outlined by another former Commanding Officer, **Col. T. C. Gerber**, now Field Director, Ammunition Plants.

Called to Washington at the last moment, **Col. F. H. Miles, Jr.**, Chief, Safety and Security Branch, Ordnance Department, who was scheduled to tell about safety in ordnance, sent **Col. D. C. Hall**, Deputy Director of Safety, to represent him.

Mr. Woodruff then introduced **Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr.**, Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Ground, who praised the splendid record of the men and women of Elwdood Ordnance Plant. General Harris presented the "E" flag to **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, who accepted it in behalf of the employees.

Following his appropriate remarks, Mr. Smith turned the flag over to **Richard G. Richards, Alice Taskey** and **Vincent Farrell**, elected to represent all of their fellow employees. The trio gave the flag to the color guard and it was raised on the flag pole.

Comdr. J. A. Flint, Inspector of Ordnance, Naval Ordnance Dept., presented "E" pins to the employee representatives and Mr. Richards responded with words of appreciation and a pledge that excellence in production would be maintained. The entire program was broadcast over Station WCLS, Joliet.

Distribution of the pins to all employees was started immediately after the ceremony and continued during subsequent days until completed.

2,382 Workers Sign For $50 War Bonds

Agreements to buy $50 War Bonds instead of $25 ones, retaining the same weekly payroll savings payments, have been signed by 2,382 employees, according to **G. A. Becker** of the EOP War Bond Department. A campaign to step-up the denomination of War Bonds was launched as a means of saving money for Uncle Sam at no cost to the purchasers. The same percentage of weekly savings is maintained, but it takes twice as many weeks to buy a $50 bond instead of a $25 one. Signed slips are required to authorize the change and foremen can obtain these slips by calling Mr. Becker, line 4195.

The Big Moment Is at Hand!

WITH CAREFUL TREAD Sgt. Clare Cosgrove, flanked by the other members of the EOP color guard and bearing the Army-Navy "E" flag presented to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant, advances to the pole for the big moment of the day.

Fellowship Meeting Features Bowling

Old fashioned chicken and dumplings were promised to all who attend the regular EOP Fellowship Meeting at the Mess Hall and Recreation Building Thursday evening, February 18. The promise was made by **F. Smith**, steward, who said he had obtained the chickens himself.

Another feature promised was a bowling match between a picked EOP team of male bowlers and the Budweiser women's team of Chicago, champion match team for 1942.

The committee in charge is composed of **Capt. D. P. Tunstall**, chairman; **J. W. Stark**, vice chairman; Mr. Smith; **I. E. Jackson**, assistant steward; **C. Kaplan, Capt. William Maskell, W. J. Reed, Karl Ulrich** and **E. L. Walkup**.

Report Lack of "E" Pin at Once

Elwood Ordnance Plant employees are proudly wearing their Army-Navy "E" pins. Distribution of the attractive emblems was completed as rapidly as possible after the ceremonies of February 12, but if any employee *who was working here January 9* has not received his pin, he is asked to report his name and clock number to his timekeeper and it will be traced. Such oversights, if any, are regretted by the management and will be corrected quickly.

New Officers Named By Employees' Group

New officers were named February 9 by the Employees' Activity Committee to serve for three months. **C. O. Finnegan**, who retired as chairman after serving three months, was voted a letter of thanks for his untiring efforts.

The officers are **Colby Eriksen**, Group 3-A, chairman; **Robert Wilhemi**, Inspection, re-elected vice chairman; **Lucia Jane Pearson**, Guards, re-elected secretary, and **Dorothy Lehman**, Group 8, treasurer. New members chosen by their respective groups were welcomed. They are **Mary Ragoni**, Group 3-A; **Leona Hagen**, Utilities; **Harvey Ingersoll**, Bus Transportation, and **E. T. Bennington**, Administration.

Kankakee Courses Begin Feb. 23

Registration for the University of Illinois courses at the Kankakee High School, starting February 23, can be made as late as that night at the school. The courses are open to both men and women employees of EOP and detailed information may be obtained from **Rollin T. Read**, EOP safety supervisor.

Karl Ulrich, assistant safety supervisor, will teach the course in safety engineering. Other courses include foundation of engineering (A) Mathematics—Physics, and electrical circuits (AC-DC circuits, pertaining to electrical industry).

Says "E" Flag Is Salute of Fighting Men

General Harris Presents Award To EOP Workers

Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr., commanding general of Aberdeen Proving Ground, termed the "E" flag he presented to the men and women of EOP February 12 a salute from the soldiers, sailors and marines fighting on fronts throughout the world, but added that the salute is accompanied by a plea for ever increasing production.

"Men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant," said General Harris, "your Government has taken note of the splendid work you are doing here by awarding you the Army-Navy 'E' for excellence in production. I come here today as a representative of the Undersecretary of War, the Undersecretary of Navy, and at the direction of the Chief of Ordnance, **General Levin H. Campbell, Jr.**, to present this award to you with their congratulations.

"My past duties in the Ordnance Department have brought me in close touch with explosives and loading; even during World War I, I was intimately connected with explosives and loading. I have had a close contact with the Elwood Ordnance Plant and with the operators, Sanderson & Porter; in fact, I helped to select the site upon which this plant was built and helped to secure the necessary approval in Washington for its construction and for its operation. So you may realize my pleasure and pride in your sterling performance, as it is one of the first plants built in the munitions production program.

"This is my first visit to your plant, but it is not the first time I have tried to come here. In February, 1941, I was scheduled to visit this plant and left Memphis, Tenn., one night by the Illinois Central railroad to visit Elwood the next day. We ran into a train wreck and were turned back and instead of arriving at the Elwood plant early in the morning, my train was 12 hours late and we passed through the following evening. It was my loss, as I was not at that time able to see the great construction job that was then being accomplished under the

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Six Finish Course In Safety Engineering

Six EOP employees have completed a course in safety engineering conducted by the University of Illinois through its Extension Division, it was announced by **Rollin T. Read**, EOP safety supervisor. Mr. Read said the workers deserved praise for taking the 96-hour course and for the excellent grades they made. The six are **Clifford Day**, Accounting; **Vernice Quade**, Purchasing; **Natalie Riddle** and **Benjamin Paresky**, Group 3-A; **Paul Embick**, Safety, and **William Harrison**, Army Inspection.

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"E" Award Is Challenge

"We men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant are proud of the new flag that soon is to fly over our plant. We're grateful for this recognition of our war efforts. We regard the Army-Navy Production Award not as a reward for past deeds alone, but also as a challenge to even greater efforts in the future. But proud as we are of our "E" Award and the individual emblems we will wear, even greater pride and satisfaction come from the knowledge that the ammunition we are producing is helping our fighting men on the world's battlefronts to hasten the day of complete and decisive victory. It is our sincere pledge that our energy and our efforts will be devoted ever increasingly to this cause."

This pledge was published with signatures of employees in a full-page advertisement in the *Joliet Herald-News* of February 11.

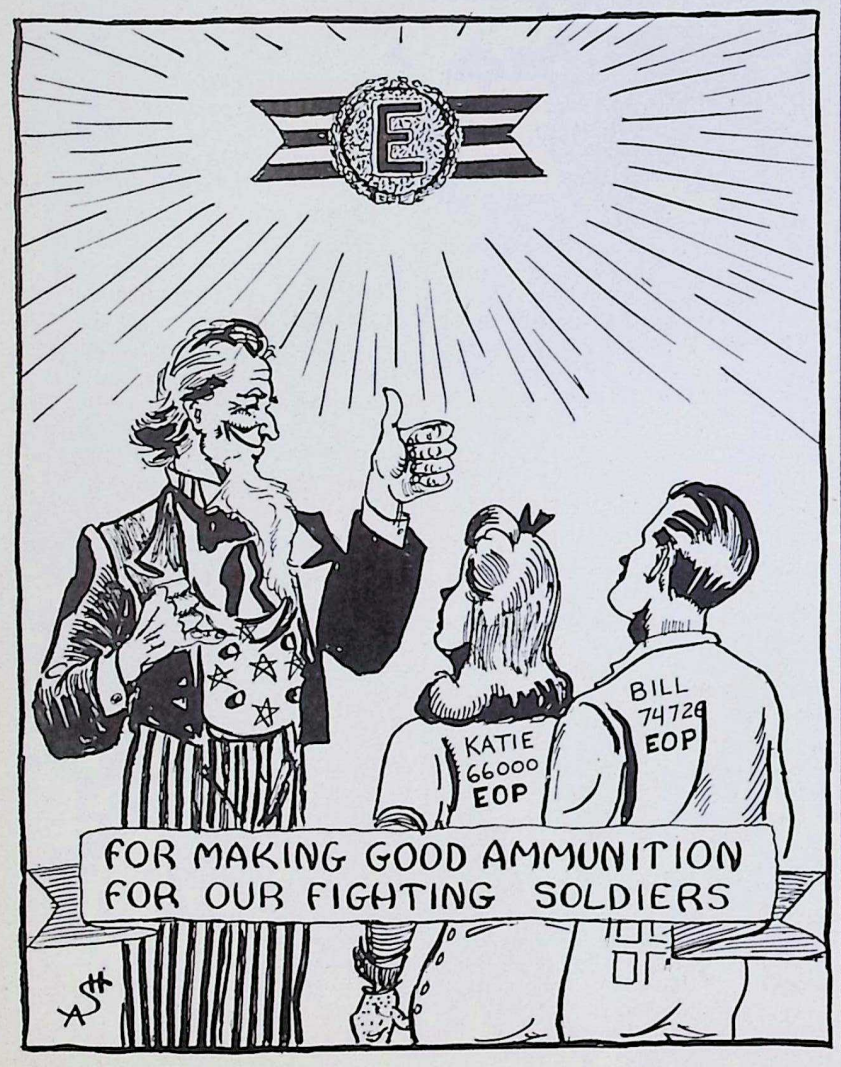
Keep Up the Good Work

"The award of the Army-Navy 'E' to the two munition plants in this community will spur all of the employees of those plants to new production heights," said *Jack Thorne* in his daily Page One column in the *Joliet Herald-News* following the ceremonies at EOP.

"The fact that Will County men on the firing line in many parts of the world are using powder and shells made here has put a tremendous responsibility upon the workers on the home front to produce these munitions with efficiency and dispatch . . . the thousands of workers in these plants will put forth new efforts to meet the demands for the arms of war so that victory may be achieved . . . to all of the munition workers we join with the community in saying keep up the good work and give the boys all the shells and powder they need so that the axis can be blown off the map."

Thanks Are Given

Thanks are due to a great many persons who made "E" Award Day at EOP such a successful occasion. In behalf of employees, management and Ordnance, *The Bomb-Shell* extends appreciation to the distinguished speakers and guests, to the committee which worked so hard to make every detail count, to the employee representatives, to those employees who labored at reception, entertainment and transportation tasks, to the Joliet Township High School Band, to Radio Station WCLS, to the *Joliet Herald-News* and all other newspapers which publicized the event.



The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

This time, it's the weather. After wearing down the assembled rags, bones and hanks of hair with a complete selection of Arctic Antics these many months, I got thinking about it all and decided to go off on a little research expedition about Spring—you know, that mystic harbinger of running sap (nothing personal, my friend) budding trees, a young man's fancy, Easter bonnets, and all that kind of rummage that signalizes man's release from those patented "fried oyster" earmuffs, itchy underwear, sore throats, and various and sundry other wintry weariers.

Having always nursed a secret desire to be a statistician, I decided the only way to settle the issue of Spring was to gallop through one of the famous Scorchy polls. You know, where you run up to a guy who isn't looking, ask him a dumb question, get an answer, and then draw a conclusion before he has a chance to copyright what he has told you. I asked a lot of questions, but forsooth, your scribe has to admit that he didn't get very far.

The first unsuspecting victim of this all-inclusive search for Truth (read a certain Chicago newspaper) was J. D. Stark of the Water Department. In my most ingratiating manner, I asked Mr. Stark what he thought about Spring. "I am sorry, Scorchy, but we get all our water from wells and there are no springs around here that haven't got a lot of algae (that's the word that keeps the mystery in the Water Department) in them. Now just look at that bottle of water, isn't it a honey? It's the best we have ever drawn." I must confess the water looked very much the same as any other water I ever looked at, but inasmuch as I wasn't getting far with Mr. Stark I decided to skip it, and proceed to more productive sources.

I dropped in on Stanley Kukulski of the Service Garage, more familiarly known as "Kelly," and asked him when he thought Spring would arrive.

"I don't know, Scorchy. You know we are having a lot of trouble getting parts these days, and particularly springs. We have had a right rear semi-elliptical spring on order for ME 12345678 since 1941, and if we don't get it soon, the car will have to be retired because of old age."

I didn't want to hurt his feelings by further questioning but you can see how thoroughly devoted he is to material things—just like the farmer—nothing lofty about him except his hay.

Next I called on the Honorable William A. Buck, the Ned Wayburn of the "hello" girls and seriously put to him the proposition of Spring.

"Spring—I know it well," said the venerable master of the mouthpiece with the glossy top dressing. Amongst my vast library (of telephone books) is a weighty volume for New York City and in it is a reference that if you call Spring 3100, you will get the Police Department. I trust sir, that is the information you are seeking."

I politely informed the Demon of the Dial that Spring 3100 was very interesting but Spring 1943 was much more to the point, whereupon the interview ended abruptly as the door to the Salon of Speech was closed, and I was on the cold side of it.

Somebody tipped me off that V. L. Knudson of Supplies fame might have the real lowdown on this apparently ethereal Spring, so up I went and put the question in my usual excruciatingly precise manner.

Turning to his assistant, Frank Smith, he shouted "Spring!" Smitty retaliated with a bunch of inventory cards reading something along these lines—"Spring—Helical 3 tempered"; "Spring, Valve, 1914 Chevrolet"; "Spring, Main, Ingersoll Watch," and so on to a most unsatisfactory answer to the question of the day. These few excerpts from the massive working papers of this marvel of fact-finding will readily demonstrate to the most doubting of doubtful readers that our conclusions regarding the arrival of Spring are really indisputable, and we ask you to brace yourself for the impact of these prognostications.

(To be continued at a later date, weather permitting.)

Acceptance of Award Renews All-Out Pledge

Smith Congratulates Workers on Effort To Hasten Victory

The text of the address of **Harrison Smith**, resident partner of Sanderson & Porter, who accepted the "E" Award in behalf of EOP men and women, follows:

"This is a very proud day for you men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant, many of you having given your best efforts for over two years in order that this plant might be the best of Uncle Sam's loading plants. Through your application to duty, I think, we have succeeded. You have every right to take pride in your accomplishments, and that pride is shared by myself and my partners, many of whom are here today.

"Our speakers have been kind to us, and have given us much credit. Perhaps this is appropriate, since *we* are receiving the award. I must remind you, though, that this is not a single-handed accomplishment of civilians. Whatever has been accomplished here has been the result of team work, and I should like to say a few words about the other half of the team. We (both Contractor and Army civilians) have been aided more than you know by two offices of the War Department—that of the Quartermaster General, succeeded by the Chief of Engineers, and that of the Chief of Ordnance. To enumerate our friends among the personnel of these two services, and to describe their activities and contributions to our success, would require more time than is available. I shall just tell you that there has not been one man among them all who has not performed his duty gloriously and with honor to himself and the service which he represents.

"You are complimented in having as your guests today **Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr.**, who represents our great Chief of Ordnance, **Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr.**; **Colonel D. C. Hall**, Deputy Director of Safety, who represents **Colonel F. H. Miles, Jr.**, suddenly called to Washington; and **Colonel T. C. Gerber, Lt. Colonel Charles F. Schneider, Lt. Colonel D. M. Hoffman, Major Kenneth M. Haber**, and many others, all of whom have worked with us and have proven themselves not only capable officers, but possessing great capacity for leadership. Among our guests are three of this plant's former junior officers, now commanding plants of their own. I refer to **Major P. S. Irvine** of Pantex Ordnance Plant, **Major Charles G. Tolson** of Green River Ordnance Plant, and **Major G. R. Griswold** of Coosa River Ordnance Plant.

"We likewise owe much to our friends in the Office of Services of Supply and Chief of Engineers, **Lt. General Brehon Somervell** and **Brigadier Generals W. H. Harrison** and **Leslie R. Groves**, all of whom gave us undivided support in the construction of this plant. They were to have been represented here today by **Colonel C. Keller**, District Engineer, Chicago, and by **Captain K. D. DeYoung**, our Area Engineer, and others. At almost the last moment Colonel Keller was unavoidably detained.

"I know of no higher honor that these gentlemen from the two branches of the service could pay us than by coming here to share our just pride in the accomplishments of this great plant. Verily, I may say, we have been blessed with capable and understanding friends!

"Ladies and gentlemen, you are to be envied today in receiving this signal award. But it is an occasion which should serve to remind you in the days to come that by accepting it, you are renewing your pledge, and again assuming an obligation to those men who have given and will give their lives for the preservation of life and liberty for you and your children, and your children's children.

"I wish, in your behalf, to express appreciation to our speakers and to our guests. All of the latter, in many ways, have contributed to the success of this plant and we thank them and are honored by their presence.

"This flag, symbolic of the 'E' Award for your outstanding accomplishment in production, so graciously presented by General Harris, I now hand to your chosen representatives, who will in turn hand it to the color bearers, who will raise it to its rightful place under Old Glory.

"My hearty congratulations!"

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Lawrence Ressler, former timekeeper and now an aviation cadet in Texas, visited the Time Office recently while home on furlough. Buddy, as he is known to his many friends, related many interesting details of an aviation cadet's life and expressed surprise in the physical change of the plant since he left.

Carl Cornelius, the golden haired boy, finally got his priority ticket to Tokyo and is now on his way. **Dee Johnson**, newer member of the department, got his call, too, and is now in the service.

When **Herbie Drummond**, reliable and very conscientious timekeeper at Group 64, was swarmed by women workers from Group 1, he was asked if he needed help and promptly replied in typical Drummond fashion, "No, thanks, I can handle them myself."

Word has been received from **Pvt. Joseph Petrosko**, former timekeeper at Group 2, now stationed out in the California desert, where the temperature is 90 to 95 degrees in the daytime. Joe likes the Army fine and would like to say hello to all his friends here.

Did you know that . . . **Roy Christiansen** is the son of a minister . . . that when the nurse at Group 1 left her station for a first aid call, she asked **Joe Smajd** to take care of the place, so all the boys are now calling him "Nursie, Nursie" . . . that not much has been said about the night men. **John Carmichael, Bert Rydman, Cloid Carlson, Dale Aman, Alfred Perley** and **Bob Brimm** . . . that **Jimmy Bean** is definitely interested in **Gerry Parthuns**, who was ill for several days . . . that little **Ken Bryant** is a squirt who drips all over the place . . . that **Shirley Van Duyne** writes to her girl friends in college all the moron stories she hears so that they practically travel all over the country . . . that **Larry Holz** is leading a very, very quiet life at Group 61 . . . that **Eva Sweda** is the **Bob Hope** of the Time Department . . . that **George Zobel** has a very cute sister named **Marion** . . . that **Jim Murphy** is back at the Section House after a long illness . . . that **Grant Stitt** is the idol of Group 4 . . . that **Paul Zamkovitz** has meaningless jargon, according to **John O'Connell** . . . that **Don Glasgow** is quite a basketball player . . . that **Peggy Warren** is very romantic . . . that **Clifford Day** is really a poet . . . that **Bob Bright** dates the daughter of the sheriff of Grundy County?

Haber Praises Spirit of EOP At Ceremonies

Says Employees, Executives, Ordnance All Work Together

The text of the address of **Major Kenneth M. Haber**, EOP's commanding officer, who introduced the master of ceremonies, **F. W. Woodruff** of Joliet, follows:

"Distinguished guests and, most of all, employees of Elwood—it is my privilege to welcome you and share this ceremony with you.

"Plants, like individuals, have definite personalities and Elwood's personality and spirit, it seems to me, are best exemplified in several lines from **Rudyard Kipling.** I cannot remember the poem of which they are a part, but these few lines deserve remembrance:

"'It ain't the individual,
Nor the Army as a whole,
But the close cooperation
Of every bloomin' soul.'

"That is the spirit of Elwood—employees, management and ordnance working together with unity of purpose to accomplish a common end—Victory.

"You men and women have earned the honor this day brings to Elwood and I am proud to be associated with you. I congratulate you and your fine leaders—**Harrison Smith** and **William E. Canniff.**"

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Everyone sure can be proud of that "E" pin that they wear on their lapel these days. . . . But now that "we got it . . . we got to live up to it . . . so back in harness we go at double time. . . . Remember there is no letting up at the front."

Room 10 at the Personnel Building is the scene of some kind of a feud these days. . . . Cokes are not plentiful and when one makes its appearance on the window sill anything can happen. . . . For further details consult the George and Haigh Collection Service. . . . Services recommended by **Evelyn Melby.**

If you want to hear a funny story ask **Gerry Ward,** fellow scribe, about the tale (and *tale* is meant) of the "pink" pajamas . . . seems as if **Capt. Alois G. Resch** can give additional info on it.

Bernice Shroba is looking rather mysterious these days . . . it may be something to do with the third finger left hand.

The extra gleam in the eyes of **Mary Scahill** is due to her becoming the blushing bride of one of Uncle Sam's pride and joy . . . yep, fran's, she answers to Mrs. now.

Didja know that **Bernece Carlson's** Pa is running for supervisor in the big city of Galesburg?

Kay Rosenbaum used the old glamor act of getting out on the road and waving a car down to help push her car up the slippery hill the other mornin' . . . course she wouldn't have any trouble getting someone to do this.

Bea Berge is getting quite adept at rolling bandages at the Red Cross . . . the gals from EOP sure made a good showing at the meeting of this organization that ain't afraid of workin' . . . no siree.

Marie Maren is still haunting the mails . . . she can't wait to hear the latest from soldier boy **Jimmy Veatch,** former EOP employee.

Sure thing **Bill Poole** looked good in his uniform when he was here . . . guess good ole grey beard knows what's good for his boys.

Heard from **Dottie** and **John Olson** the other day . . . they are living in Maine, practically on the ocean or in it . . . the picture looked like the tide rolled right into the living room . . . no foolin', it sure is a beautiful spot.

Gerry Kestel of Personnel is now getting ready to tote a gun for the U. S. . . . yessir, he is now 1-A, but as the saying goes . . . is still A-1 in **Pat Haley's** life. . . .**Ann Melovic** appeared in Mail and Record the other afternoon in a keen pair of navy blue slacks . . . she is now teletype operator since **Ralph Clutts** left for the Army.

Bea Peterson was having quite a time of it the other mornin' . . . she dropped a can of soap and as usual it rolled under a chair.

Wonder what **Mara Puett** and a fellow from Cyanimid were talking about the other evening . . . well, don't continue worrying . . . she and him had an unprecedented meeting with their cars.

Betty Kovach sure likes **Bob Hope** . . . she had everyone around her laughing the last time they appeared at the local cinema. . . . It's too bad everyone can't have a sense of humor like that . . . this ole tired out world would be a better place in which to live.

Dorothy Herbst is the new cutie pie in Mail and Record. . . . Think **Jo Kush** missed her calling . . . she should be a producer of girl shows . . . she has taken over Mr. Olson's title of "Best Picker of Female Employees." . . . By the way, no more info has dribbled out about that wearing apparel of Joe's . . . although a rumor did start about something that goes with shoes.

Jeanne Baskerville's handsome hubby is in officer's training in North Carolina.

Via the T. G. ("Town Gossip" to you). . . . **Claire Donoghue** of **Capt. K. D. De Young's** office is now getting that rice throwing look about her . . . seems that **Lt. Dale Yeoman,** now in Maryland, is keeping the wires hot with "When are you coming"? See they painted the flagpole . . . that's one job that takes calm nerves . . . looks swell though, so 'twas worth the effort.

If you see **Bess Moore** and she doesn't see you . . . don't blame her . . . she's got stars in her eyes . . . her flying Marine brother, "Smoky," is now an "Ace" and, by gosh, that's sumpthin.

Charlotte Matheny must have shown **Mavis Emerson** too good a time in Champaign . . . she's hasn't been able to come to work since. . . . Or could it be the three-day measles that got **Ray Sayers** down.

Well . . . still batting 100 per cent. . . . **Monica Limacher** ruined another pair of hose since the last issue . . . don't know whether it is an epidemic or what? . . . Anyway, Monica says she is going to get two burlap sacks and wrap them around her legs. . . . Can't you just picture neat little Monica doing something like that?

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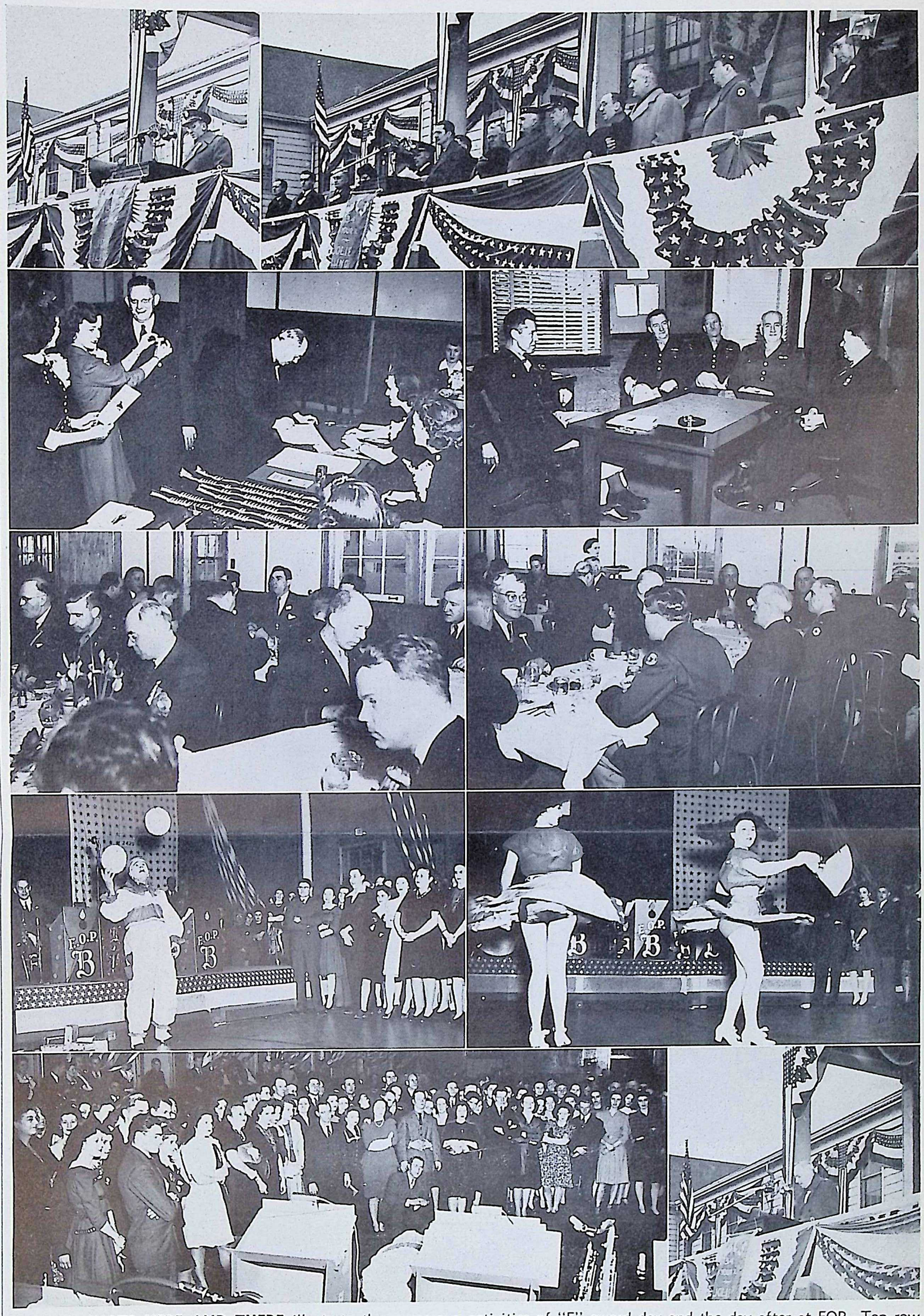

CANDID SHOTS HERE AND THERE illustrate the numerous activities of "E" award day and the day after at EOP. Top row shows Col. D. C. Hall, Deputy Director of Safety, and the assemblage of speakers. Second row shows the busy registration headquarters and an early morning conference between Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr., Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, Harrison Smith and others. Two views of the luncheon for distinguished visitors make up the third row. Fourth row scenes show professionals who entertained the "E" dance crowd (bottom row) Saturday night. At bottom right is Chaplain John B. Dalton.

MUTUAL PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED at Thursday luncheon meetings inaugurated by Supt. Joseph E. Salmon of Group 1. Representatives of production, administration and maintenance departments attend and talk freely. Considerable time is saved by the elimination of smaller conferences and group solidarity is strengthened. Included in this picture made January 28 at Change House 21 are: Mr. Salmon; George Gibson, assistant superintendent; Rip Allison, foreman, Building 13; Art Salvatore, general foreman; G. K. Bevering, expediter; Ken Chandler, carpenter foreman; Clarence Beck, general foreman; Robert M. Hartley, machinist foreman; John Mackender, electrician foreman; John Cima, foreman, Building 5-B; Lee Redell, foreman, magazines; Frank Grey, Building 16; Robert H. Kelly, inspector; Dominic Pastori, general foreman; Thomas Shay, expediter foreman; Harold F. Schomas, foreman, Building 14; John E. Connor, expediter; Andre P. Lombardi, quality control; Floyd Brouilette, foreman, Building 10; Ruth H. Petersen, forelady; Mary K. Palmer, forelady; Alice Busby, forelady; Dorothy McCormack, forelady; William Zerhoot, boiler room; Clyde Peterson, steamfitter foreman; Carl Stirlen, janitor foreman; Russell Girot, foreman, Building 4; Don Kurbis, foreman, Building 3; George Long, safety; Herman Behringer, safety; Walter Wilcox, expediter; Fred Singer, painter foreman; Walter V. Sorley, Government inspection; Sgt. Peter Lazar, guards; Otto R. Mietz, fire guard, G. Hafele, railroad.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nevin are the proud parents of a son born January 27.

The Machine Shop employees received their first letter from **Hank Schelling, Jr.,** since he enlisted in the Navy. He writes glowingly of life in the Navy and is very happy.

Judson Fish, tool room clerk, has been in the hospital for several days.

The singing and whistling one hears upon entering the Machine Shop is done by our small, uninvited, but welcome, guests, the birds. They have adopted the shop as their winter home and add a certain note of cheerfulness.

Service Garage Spares
By Eugene W. Gorski

Bill Briddick suggests that **William "Orator" Booker** take up a short course in whistling. The change would probably be a welcome one.

It seems that one door in the Garage opens with the greatest of ease. Some suspect **Joe Szwaja** keeps it that way because it's the one at the tire and battery section.

For some unknown reason **Raymond McCoy** has inherited a new nickname. He loves "jackrabbit" dishes.

Did you know that: **Remmell "Buck" Rogers** does not discuss the war with any one? . . .

Ralph Nickleski will center-aisle it very soon. . . .

Glenn Bitterman aspires to a parts specialist's *position* in view of the present body and fender lookout. . . .

Jim Wilhelmi devotes part of his spare time to winter farming. . . .

Walter Murphy will leave to become a Navy aviation cadet. . . .

Marvin "Heavy" Christensen is on a wrestler's diet. . . .

Francis Rabe and **Bud Wood** dislike telephone calls when *tearing* into a car. . . .

Norman "Ollie" Olson is not a Swede. . . .

Heinie Johnson is in the restaurant business in Wilmington.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christmas

In a controversy about world affairs, a friend approached **Supt. W. A. Buck** with "do you realize men are dying every day?" Buck answered sharply, "do you realize frogs croak every second?"

Joe Wyne, guard at the Telephone Building, has been seen studying seed catalogues. Looks like spring is just around the corner!

Loretta Bradshaw is very happy her husband has been transferred back to Joliet.

G. A. Peterson was on the sick list for a few days.

Electrical Epitomes
By Ben Webster

After a month in the hospital at Camp Grant, **George Beverly** has returned to the Electric Shop to *hook up* with the boys again.

Louie Skokan sends thanks to *The Bomb-Shell.* He sold his rug, but prospective buyers are still coming. More evidence that *The Bomb-Shell* is read!

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

It's a lucky thing for **Buck Dale** that **Clarence Regnier** always carries a lunch big enough for two. A sandwich around 2 p. m. really hits the spot.

Charlie Hagmayer can answer any question anyone might care to ask about valves and fittings—even the sixty-four dollar one.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of **Ray Kral** who has been acting very subdued since leaving the stockroom and joining the pipefitters.

Tom French has the honor of possessing the second largest pair of boots in the Pipe Shop.

Since the day of the blizzard, January 19, **Ed Washburn** has been allergic to cold weather.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

Since **Ken Storch** is on the night shift, his small daughter wears a very puzzled look. "Mommy," she says, "How come daddy stays out all night and sleeps all day?"

It seems **Al Johnson** was snowbound during the last siege of bad weather and is now prepared. He has been sighted bringing cans of vegetables to work with him for emergencies.

Clarence Coope is wondering if the square plastic purses seen around these parts are made on a waffle iron.

John Handel, first class radio technician, U. S. Navy, visited EOP February 4. Johnny is stationed at Norfolk, Va., after being graduated from Treasure Island.

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

The Shop is happy to report that **Gene Marvin,** who was struck in the eye by a piece of metal, is out of the hospital and expects to return to work soon.

Slim Mattox is the proud father of a daughter born January 31.

Word has been received from **Shorty Weidenbach,** attached to the Aviation Corps at Sherman, Tex.

Bill Ryan has started drinking diluted, sweetened milk! **George Binzen's** story about how a groundhog hibernates will amaze you.

Laundry Letters
By Violet St. Aubin

Arnold Vaughn and **Gus Ulfers** plan to return to their respective farms soon.

Jennie Naiden is making plans to center-aisle it in the very near future.

It is good to hear that Mrs. Orval Wolfe is improving rapidly after a recent operation.

Pat Runyan has developed a new technique in hunting by using her *No. 10's* instead of a shotgun.

Here and There

Cigars are rolling freely at the Paint Shop, since the arrival of **Sharon Lynn** January 30 at the **Verne Lucus** residence.

The Bus Driver dribblers are now in sixth place with their followers rooting for victories in the three games yet to be played. They are a good team, but somehow the Guards always beat them. However, the Guards are practicing when the drivers go to work.

Bus drivers who were transferred to day shifts are getting accustomed to the light and can see better.

Seveno Leggero has returned after a sick spell. **Lee Schonert** is recuperating after a week's illness.

Frank Kern and **Dick Roeder,** Motor Pool, were ill for several days.

Free air soon will be available at the Motor Pool and you are invited to help yourself.

Girls now outnumber the boys at the Motor Pool.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

New recruits to the army of ammonia nitrate employees are **Thomas Mally, Harold Miller, John Barello, Charles Klein, Leonard Dandurand** and **E. C. Henderson.**

Companions wish **Richard Unmisig** good luck, since he is leaving for the Navy.

Associates at Building 5 are a little worried about **James Morey** who nervously walks up and down the platform saying, "I wish it were over with, passing out cigars isn't so bad, darn it, I forgot to buy the crib." Your correspondent isn't worried about Jimmy so much as he is about **Phil Francois,** who has been nervous about three months now.

Frank Popstein claims that he only goes out on Saturday nights.

Main worries of the past week were **Bill Dooley** with a stiff neck. **Paul Burke** with a flat tire, and **Bill Brown's** wait until 2 o'clock one morning before being picked up by his wife.

Two stitches were required to stop the bleeding of **Al Brosseau's** finger.

January 30 was a happy day for **Mr. and Mrs. Francis Taylor.** A brand new baby was born to them. Baby and mother are getting along fine. Father is still a trifle upset.

A promotion was awarded to **Louis Vitzthum** as truck driver.

Letters were received from **Donald Godich, James Halpin, Chester Monik** and **Loren Horrie.** Former associates mention the heroes often which proves they are gone but not forgotten.

During the summer appeared in print **"Tony Ganz's** farm was flooded with nine feet of water." Now it is "Tony Ganz is snowbound—he walked many a mile to catch the bus."

Someone else gained when Group 61 lost **Fred Varvell** who went to work in his home town.

A newsy man is **Luther Kiersey** who celebrated his 16th wedding anniversary December 13, spent his birthday, January 19, working 16 hours, and says he likes to ride the cattle wagon buses from Fuze and Booster.

In Building 5 **Frank Webber** is official *taper upper* of bags and all around handy man.

James Sinkular isn't sure what day he was born. His mother says January 29 and his birth certificate January 30. **Ed Hasse** celebrated his birthday in Chicago. Accepted in the Army Air Corps was **Ero Woods.**

It would be nice if . . . **Henry Kiep** knew Mr. Dooley's relatives better . . . on his farm, **Ed Agnich** would build a chicken coop with all the brick he owns . . . everyone knew that **Don Lommatach** likes to work . . . interested people knew that **Stanley Slucki, Ray "Effingham" Ruffner, Bill Powers,** and **Frank Ariagno** were having an argument on who should take coveralls to the laundry. . . . **Al Amstien** contributed more news. . . . **"Coal Pile" John Kelly** didn't depend on **Jim Busing** for eats.

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EOP Honor Roll

Herman F. Alberico
Robert Calahan
William E. Case
David Cerar
Elwood W. Cook
A. A. Cooper
Marion B. Dombrowick
Mike Dubetz
Chris J. Economos
Sidney S. Francis
Norman Hambourger
William R. Hamilton
Frank L. Hansen
W. R. Jarvis
Robert Jessup
John S. Kelly
William Kelly
Anthony G. Kirincich
William Lueder
Joseph Machovec
John M. McDonald
Emil J. Malavolti
Randal H. Nephew
Lawrence L. Pankow
Stanley J. Prombo
Thomas J. Ryan
Henry J. Schelling, Jr.
Wayne J. Sebby
Richard G. Stanley
Theodore R. Steger
Eugene T. Telleson
M. J. Togliappi
Fred M. Treadman
Francis J. Van Duyne
Roy C. Wright

Early, Steady Production at EOP Is Lauded

Former Commanding Officer Cites Feat Of Fast Building

The text of the address of **Colonel T. C. Gerber** here February 12 follows:

"Having been associated with the Elwood Ordnance Plant from January, 1941, to March, 1942, as Commanding Officer and since August, 1942, as Field Director of Ammunition Plants, my return today is in the nature of an enjoyable homecoming. While the success of the Elwood Ordnance Plant has been entirely due to the untiring efforts of you men and women, I feel exceedingly proud to have been a member of your team.

"I have been asked to speak on the subject of Elwood's contribution to the war effort. While it is not possible in these times to use production figures in describing the Elwood effort, we can look back over the short, but successful, history of this plant and see how, through the vigorous activities of Sanderson & Porter and all those associated with them, you started and maintained production within eight months after the beginning of construction.

"Additional lines came into production shortly thereafter. Your productivity has been limited, not at all by what you could do, but by what you were permitted to do due to changing troop needs brought about by the fluidity of war. It has been necessary for you to share critical materials with other activities engaged in the war effort in order that the articles needed by our troops would be supplied them in the proper order in accordance with our shifting demands.

"When you started operating in July, 1941, you were the first establishment of its kind to initiate operations. This being the case, numerous key personnel from other plants, building and projected, converged upon Elwood to learn how this unique establishment was built and operated.

"Those were trying days for many of you because you were building, operating and instructing both your own personnel and visitors. You were very patient, despite the extreme pressure of those days. We know that the products of the Elwood Ordnance Plant have found their way to the far corners of the world wherever our troops are engaged. We know that they are high quality products. They are the best that American workmanship and American ingenuity can produce.

"So I would say that the contribution of the Elwood Ordnance Plant to the war effort consisted of early and sustained production of high quality ordnance and the use of this establishment as a training point in design, construction and operation.

"Sanderson & Porter and all of you associated with them have done a splendid job and I desire to add my congratulations."

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Occasionally relatives and friends of people whose names appear in this column become puzzled or confused (or sometimes even excited) as to the incidents described. This is not the right reaction, although it is flattering that the words should move them so. However, the purpose is to entertain, to amuse. If the truth happens to come into what is said, it is purely accidental, coincidental, unique and will occur in spite of efforts to ignore it (for the occasional failure of those efforts, apologies are humbly offered). The writers cannot be responsible for unwarranted inferences of imaginative readers.

The reason why Fire Inspector **Rudy Getson** of the demon dribblers is always alert and full of energy after a game is easy to understand. He is the slinking sleeper of the team, and spends most of the game lurking under the enemy basket waiting for his fellow players to throw him the ball. Whatever system the boys are using, it certainly is paying dividends: So far, seven wins and two losses!

Inspector **Walter Panian**, the great analyst of what is going on in the world, has been losing quite a few of his arguments of late because history never occurred just as he imagined. But he still gets fun out of arguing about things that never happened the way he imagines.

Inspector **Willard "Captain" Essington** was positive he could bowl about 600 for three games; he even went so far as to bet on himself. So far his confidence in his bowling ability has not paid dividends. However, Inspectors **Cyrillius Ochs** and **William Dust** are quite satisfied. Now "Captain" is plotting revenge.

Last week **Thomas Billadeau** became the Chief of the Tall Tales Teepee of the Prevaricators Personality Lodge. This term lasts about as long as that of an old-time Mexican president or about the lifetime of an ersatz girdle. "Chief" Billadeau is now holding eleventh place in this week's Prevaricators Parade, due to efforts like these.

Dayle Pratt: "It gets so hot down where I come from that when a rabbit crosses a clear patch of ground he has to carry a canteen to keep from dying of thirst."

Orville Milton: "I used to work in a lumber camp so large that it took 200 cooks to cook for the cooks."

John Harbison: "And two teams of horses were needed just to haul the salt and pepper shakers around."

Ralph Blake: "It gets so hot in my part of the country that the trees chase after the dogs."

Frank Skoff is one of the ace students here, but 'twas not ever thus—at one time, when called upon to paraphrase the sentence "He was bent on seeing her," Frankie rolled 'em in the aisles with "The sight of her doubled him up."

The boys at Station 3 traced **John Watkin's** ancestry back to Rip Van Winkle—without the aid of **Ralph Rausch**, engineer.

The boys on the Refuse Detail put their heads together and selected nicknames for each other. From now on they refuse to answer to any other name except the monickers here listed (this of course makes for a rather complicated roll call):

Frank Scoma — *Casanova;* **Joe Drazy**—*Silver Dollar;* **Frank Marek**—*Hit and Spread;* **William Bolton**—*Just Chief;* **Francis Ryan**—*Kinsman Hurricane;* **Donnie Jones**—*Lover;* **Tony Doman** — *Sleeping Beauty;* **Ed Markstrom**—*Ace in the Hole, and* **Al Renn**—*The Bird.*

A famous combination here is **Hayes to Hayes to Hayes. (Willie, Frankie and Pappy.)**

Joe Vacarro and **Rudy Getson** are buddies—eat together, go out together and sprout bushy mustaches together. They also probably will be called into **Chief R. W. Mortenson's** office together.

Now that **O. K. Olson** has left Station 3 for a stay at Station 2, he's all smiles, because at last he is a boss again.

Recently there has been a pronounced change in the appearance of timekeeper **Joe Baudino.** What at first seemed to be a sloping chest gradually assumes the appearance of a land-sliding landscape.

Tony Schnelton spent a day in Chicago attending the Homemakers Cooking Class. Tony gave a lecture on "My coffee and what it does for your ulcers" or "For an extra dinner guest just add another cup of water to the soup."

Some of the boys pitched a shindig for **Asst. Chief Clifford Weiss** the other night in Wilmington. "Cliffy" made an ideal guest of honor.

William Day of the bay window days is now firmly entrenched in the dog house. Willie says he just moved in to keep **Asst. Chief Charlie Davis** warm, but if asked to leave he can always go to live with **"Tate" Ehmen.**

Archie James recently started on a strict vegetarian diet, consisting mainly of carrots. These carrots must be of a certain size before Arch will nibble on them.

"No, **Mrs. Dillree**, **Jimmie** did *not* have to pay for that new sergeant's badge he is sporting."

George Zelke's sketches have won him considerable acclaim among the fire inspectors. **Nick Cleary** wants Georgie to paint his portrait over again, but the artist is now very busy working on a bust of **Frankie Nolan.** This is a tremendous undertaking and should keep Mr. Zelke busy for the duration.

Engineer **Mike Olson** recently let slip as to how he wished the guards at Gate 8 a Merry Christmas. He found that remote control stuff is O.K.

A few summers ago, while vacationing at a dude ranch, **Clyde Townsend** was asked by a cowboy which type saddle he would prefer for his forthcoming ride—with or without a horn. Clyde chose the saddle without a horn, arguing, "There doesn't seem to be a lot of traffic on these prairies."

Britannia is in for some hot competition in ruling of the WAVES —**Roy Wright** has enlisted in the Naval Reserve.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF

Correspondent

A lot of people think their Income Tax will put them in rags. When you stop to think, *rags* makes *paper*, *paper* makes *money*, *money* makes *banks*, *banks* make *loans*, *loans* make *poverty*, *poverty* makes *rags*, *rags* make . . . see, you are right back where you started, so pay with a smile.

It was surprising how many persons had business in **Comptroller John J. Cole's** office within a few minutes after a beautiful cake arrived from **E. G. McAloon** (whipped cream and strawberries, too). The occasion was Mr. Cole's birthday, February 1.

It looks like **John H. Connors** of the High Explosive Safety Engineers was frightened by a bowling ball belonging to **Johnny Gott** of the Tabulation Department. Any way, 'tis said he backed out of a bet.

Bob "Wimpy" Forst went to the opera in Chicago to see "Faust." In the third act the character, the devil, laughed at a victory for winning another soul and the curtain was supposed to fall. *Second laugh*, no curtain fall. *Third laugh*, no curtain fall. Finally running out of laughs, he whistled and the curtain came down with a bang that had the devil saying (to himself) "the devil with it."

Virginia Krause, secretary to **G. B. Pumphrey**, walked down the aisle February 5 with **John Philip Ray** of Chicago. She will be back to work after her honeymoon. All wish them *rays* of sunshine in the days ahead.

Evelyn Greenwood suffered an injured hand when she got out to help push **Harvey Walker's** car.

B. F. Nell, II, was bursting with pride February 1 when he introduced **Ensign Benno F. Nell, III**, of the U. S. Navy, assigned to Pacific merchant marine duty.

Those who know **Roy Sutton**, formerly of the Engineering Department, now of Pine Bluff, Ark., will enjoy hearing that the news he received last summer about his son being missing in action proved false. He has received word that his Merchant Marine son had been wounded and is now in a hospital at Archangel, Russia.

Audy Allison and **Edward Washburn** argue constantly in **E. V. Sperling's** car so they have been dubbed the *FOOLosophers.*

Winnie O'Connor got back to work in time to help make the first mailing of *Firepower*. **George Karas** is on the sick list.

"Come on, fellows, Mr. Carlson is here," says the sassy little bird on the tree outside. **E. C. Carlson**, purchasing agent, has lots of feathered friends that must say that every morning. There must be a bird password that they chatter before he throws crumbs to them.

Billie Roeder, Tabulating Department, underwent a tonsillectomy and is recovering splendidly.

Walter Krohn left the Accounting Department January 30.

Charlotte Hammond, Ditto Department, celebrated her birthday February 8. Her many friends remembered her with a luncheon and a gift.

Lorraine Guenette and **Bea McInerney**, Women Guards, are popular escorts because they are courteous and friendly.

Ben Pierson, Purchasing Department, left February 6. The entire department chipped in on a gift for this likable fellow.

Jackie Dailey, Accounting, heard the good news that **Jack Hastert**, her boy friend, has received a rating of corporal at Camp Clairborne, Louisiana.

Bertha Sexton and **Helen Donahue** have left the Payroll Department. Helen will teach the three "R's" to little roughnecks.

Larry Peterson, who was inducted into service recently, wrote to **Vic M. Dagenais** that he is basking in California sunshine.

The Payroll Department reported that **Beverly Drury** of Joliet underwent an appendix operation.

Ann Baird considered it a good joke on herself when her feet left the ground and she landed on the *parking lot*. She isn't the only one that slid to work February 3.

William "Ted" Willard, head of the night janitors, is really a pal. No favor asked by late workers is ever turned down. The whole night crew, in fact, is worth knowing.

WINNING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS is a habit with the Joliet Township High School Band, shown here as they played for the "E" award ceremonies, where they scored another big hit. A. R. McAllister is the conductor.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD

Correspondent

Best wishes for a happy birthday were extended to **Capt. A. G. Resch.** It isn't every individual who has the distinction of entering the universe on February 12, the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

A delightful surprise party honoring **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anker**, recent newlyweds, was given in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. William Brennan**, 525 N. Williams St., Joliet, January 28. Members of office personnel, including the following, were present: Captain Resch, **William F. Douville, William A. Van Houten, F. Warren Weithofer, Esther Noffke, Helen Boula, Ethel Dirker, Lois Martin, Clara Wehner, Linnetta Parry, Catherine Tomlianovich, Betty Ross** and **Geraldine Ward**, also **Vieana Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Eisler**, the guests of honor, the host and hostess and their son, **Billy Brennan.** Gin rummy was the diversion of the evening, prizes for high score going to Miss Dirker and Mr. Van Houten. Consolation prizes were given to Miss Wehner and Mr. Anker. Refreshments were served buffet style and a gift from the group was presented to the honored couple. The feature of the evening was a skit entitled "My Little Red Pajamas," enacted by Captain Resch. Not to be surpassed by the Captain's performance, Mr. Douville gave several vocal solos: "Sweet Adeline," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," and the Swedish conception of "A Pretty Spot in Ireland." Dancing was enjoyed later.

A class of 27 Fuze and Booster Government inspectors, instructed by **Kermitt L. Long**, assistant chief inspector, completed their training course in inspection of shells and bombs January 30 and have been assigned to Groups 1 and 3-A. They expressed appreciation for the courtesy extended them by **E. L. Walkup**, recreation director, and **Myrna Farris**, of his staff, while attending the classes conducted in the Recreation Building.

The class included **Frances Drake, Margaret Becker, Caroline Cleaver, Agatha Drager, Lorna Haller, Vera Peck, Mary Cucos, June Baxter, Rita Berglund, Florence Farley, Clara Bush, Gloria Annunzi, Naomi Apgar, Merle Denny, Marjorie Hancasky, Betty Jean Smith, Marian Weber, Genevieve Gill, Ann Radakovich, Evelyn Martin, LaVerne Luttrell, Margaret McGowan, Bernice Ksiazak, Betty Horvath, Margaret Larson, Lucretia Muldoon** and **Mildred Kaufman.**

Group 2

Paul E. Barhoover, inspector, left to become a "weatherbird" for Uncle Sam.

That job Uncle Sam's Navy had for **Arthur Friedburg** is at present being filled and it will be capably handled.

Laverne "Eskimo" Conroy is now occupied in Group 64 with a Government inspector's duties. Long underwear may be in order.

Pvt. Phillip A. Grove, formerly here, is now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He claims he is well taken care of body and soul. In the line of diversion, he does gunnery practice and a bit of pearl diving.

Group 3

If any of the boys here would like to get a hat lined with rabbit fur just take a look at **Donald "Manchuko" Mancini's** new one. He wears it only in Chicago Heights, because the mystery of "Who stole the rabbit" has not been solved. Super-sleuth **Stephen "Sherlock Holmes" Colfer** is still on the trail.

Group 3-A

"Direct Hits During the Snow Storm": Line Inspector **Roy Hallihan's** mouth watered at thoughts of a mouse between bread. A wild rabbit's life was saved when **Ted Rhode** was going to fry it but there was no frying pan. **Ethel Cooley**, better known as "Buttercup," will always remember the corner here. **Irving Slutsky** and **Harold Stark** shoveled their way home after an attempt to get to work.

Kathryn Sweedler has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Beatrice Rodgers has her arm out of a cast.

Evan Lewis, better known as "Sleepy Louie," hasn't been seeing those certain girls lately; he is extremely busy fixing his fishing kit.

Robert "Bob" Potter has done it again with an "A" report—what brains and what a smile! **James Musso** and **William Rimbey** have joined the armed forces.

Mae Murray has returned from a visit with her soldier husband in New Mexico.

Mildred Jean Ashley is proudly wearing a ring which soon means a walk down the aisle.

Leona Mass was pleasantly surprised with a party by the girls on Shift 2 January 28, when she was transferred from Group 1.

Group 6

Group 6 just isn't the same any more with all of the changes in personnel that have taken place since the advent of the New Year.

After several weeks of special training, **Gloria Annunzi, Rita Berglund, Mary Cucos, Lorna Haller, Bernice Ksiazak** and **Margaret McGowan** are working in the High Explosives Area.

Eugene Crumbaugh has been transferred to Group 2.

Elizabeth Button, who was transferred to Group 7 for a brief time, is welcomed back.

Goodbye was said with regret to **Bernice Unwin**, who resigned. She will soon be on her way to sunny California. Bernice was one of the first Government inspectors sent to Group 6. Her many friends wish her success in her new venture. On January 28 Bernice was guest of honor at a dinner held at the home of **Ruth Smith.** Other guests included **Margaret Carter, Kathryn Eberhart, Mary Meaux** and **Betty Thompson.**

Dorothy Haag recently spent a pleasant week-end in Chicago.

Group 61

A 7 pound, 1½ ounce son, **Francis A. Taylor the 3rd**, was born January 30 to **Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Taylor.** The proud father is employed as a line inspector here.

Q. A good many soldiers are wearing a lemon-colored service bar. What does it represent?

A. The lemon-colored bar with pin stripes at each end denotes that the soldier wearing it was in active service before Pearl Harbor, or Dec. 8, 1941. A small star on the bar denotes that the wearer has been in one of the major engagements — Bataan, Corregidor, Coral Sea, or Midway Island battle.

THOUSANDS GATHERED early to see the "E" award ceremonies held in front of the Administration Building of EOP Friday, February 12, Lincoln's birthday.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

The ground-hog tradition will be told again in the next six weeks. Sometimes it fails, but never to fail is the progress at EOP. Just look at that big blue flag with the Army-Navy "E" in front of the Administration Building along with the Stars and Stripes. Pause a moment — aren't you happy to know you helped put it there. Chosen to represent the Inert Storage Groups as usher in the celebration was **Richard R. Kuntz** —a true war worker.

Early morning breezes in summer are great, but early morning blazes in winter with temperatures below are just a little too much. What the dormitory fire in Wilmington costs is not known, but it did cost this writer two full hours of sound sleep. Thanks are deserved by the EOP fire fighters who took over when the volunteer outfit was swamped. In place of writing "I Saw It Burn," this piece stops right here.

Inert Storage dribblers came through with a win over Group 3-A 25 to 11. A well organized team with synchronized play from Group 3 known as the Leaders defeated the Inerts February 1 by 44 to 22. In the stands at this game was **Supt. A. P. Balston**, a true follower of all of the Groups' activities. Another team to beat off the Inert attackers was the Fire Guard outfit who turned in 29 points against 24.

The sick list claimed many in January, among them being **C. A. Kemper**, who suffered a toe infection.

Richard Ashworth has received Army censored mail from **Pvt. F. J. Kelly**, who formerly worked in the EOP engineering division and is now stationed somewhere in India. Many of his friends here at Inert Storage wish him success in the service.

Andrew Fris of North Inert reports his son, **Robert Fris**, is serving with the Signal Corps in Kentucky.

In the Lost and Found Department, there is **George Newton** discovering the answer to the heating question of the South Inert Office . . . ask George. Another question was answered by **Charles Gorham** who told **Charles Mann** that the reason for the deep snows being over his head was when he was a boy was that he was littler then. **John Wald** would like to know when the talk about boyhood days is to stop. **Charles Wardell** would like to know if spring water bounces.

All should get in the parade of War Bond changers . . . from $25 bonds to $50 bond denominations . . . it will save postage and time.

Lucky indeed is **Fred Ford** of South Inert who won a War Bond in the Inspection Department Bond Club. The club is sponsoring a drive to raise funds for basketball equipment. Fred says the bond will be given to the newcomer at their house . . . when the day arrives.

Jim Whitley has moved to larger living quarters where he can carry out his chicken raising campaign.

George Shaw was seen scratching around the turf at Group 27—perhaps he lost a coin or was checking on a location for next year's vegetable garden.

More dogs—more dogs. **Walter Petersen** at Group 27 has operated a kennel at Frankfort for many years and has had many winners at Skokie Valley shows. Perhaps some day there may be an EOP dog show, so that dog lovers here would have a chance to prove their boasts.

Great interest has been shown in the new class started at Group 27 on the subject of bomb car loading. First class was held January 23. The instructors were furnished by North Inert and all the students are grateful for their instructions. No date for the second class has been set, but all are looking forward with a great big smile.

William Moberly of Group 27 is interested in a maternity column. The tall story telling club at North Inert clockhouse has two honorary members, **John Feltenz** and **Elliot Hayes**. If you wish to try for a berth with the club, just tell your story at the clockhouse. **LaVerne Lyons**, who is on the night shift, is sporting a new felt hat.

Well liked at Inert was **Clyde Mulligan**, visiting timekeeper. **Sidney Bennett** of the checking staff wants 1,000 copies of the issue of *The Bomb-Shell* in which his name was published, and if this item appears he wants 1,000 copies of it.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Correspondent

James H. Liles, guard at Group 1, reports that his son, **Lovel Liles**, who is a sailor, is home spending a 30-day furlough. Young Liles was aboard the Northhampton when it was sunk in the Solomons area November 30. He and 25 companions boarded a life raft at 11 o'clock that night, when they were ordered to abandon ship, and rode the raft until 9 the following morning when they were rescued. Although still showing the nervous strain of his experience in the thirteenth engagement in which he had taken part while in the Navy, he said he was "anxious to get back into service and get it over with."

Sgt. Louis Hedstrom can answer queries regarding **Guard John Maxim's** unavoidable accident.

At the recent Goodfellowship meeting, the members were treated to some fine feats of magic by **Guard Lee Airs**. Even the Captain of his shift, **Capt. Joseph Killian**, who was a very close observer, was astounded at his magical ability.

The Guards team is pressing hard to win the EOP basketball championship. They won a hard fought, nip and tuck battle with Group 3 by a score of 26 to 25.

It has been discovered that **Henry Hunter**, Post 9, has put a padlock on his dinner bucket. He has made no explanation, but possibly **Officer Frank Willis**, his partner, could shed some light on the subject.

Word has been passed around to the boys that the Women Guards would like a bowling match. The question is, could the ladies recruit a 100-man team? That is about the number of Guard applicants who want to participate.

Remember When in January, 1941

Sgt. Earl Goodknecht and **Lt. Clarence Baker** rode in the squad car together, and Goodknecht threatened to break the windows unless Baker stopped smoking those pungent panatellas. Captain Killian and **Lt. William McClellan**, then mere squad men, lost their compass, and had to awaken a farmer for directions back to Richards Farm, then Guard headquarters. **Sgt. Joseph Kelly** reported for work at Forsythe Farm, clocked in at 8:10 p. m., rushed upstairs, put on his uniform and said to **Lt. J. Trecker**, "Sorry, I'm late, I missed my ride." Kelly was a trifle mixed up. He was supposed to report at 8 a. m. and had only been home four hours.

The Sergeants who dressed in the chief's sleeping room would sneak in very quietly on the night shifts, then absent-mindedly sit down and drop their shoes on the floor. This occurred at Forsythe Farm, where **Chief M. C. Baughman** had more sleepless nights than a night watchman.

Remember

Frozen lunches, oil stoves, no uniforms; watching **John O'Connell** learn to drive; parking lot at Richards Farm; white EOP cards for all workers; **John Burke's** stocking cap; **Capt. Thomas Murphy's** Durant; Lieutenant Trecker's yellow coat; **Lt. John Sullivan's** oxfords and no ear muffs; **Lt. Clarence White's** college sweater; **Lt. Herman Walter's** model "T" Ford; **Matthew Mueller's** hotel on wheels; the parking lot guards' daily first customer, **A. M. Lockwood**; **Lt. Eylar Brunskill**, **George Hazer**, and **Sgt. Clare Cosgrove** parking cars at Group 2, with their favorite order "On Down"; **Ray Harper's** friendliness; **Capt. Walter Bayer's** and **Lt. Robert Bodley's** description of a winter night lodging at their *"Cabana"*; people looking for work, asking **Sgt. Dewitt Davis** and **Sgt. Harry Williams** the location of the *Personality* Building; **Capt. William Maskel** trying to chisel materials for his various safety signs; the electrical foreman who used to ride a horse, and the time he attempted to tie the steed to **Sgt. Cosgrove** on a foggy day.

CANDIDATE for city commissioner of Joliet is John R. Barber, formerly employed in the Inspection Department here. He resigned because of ill health, but has recovered and is making a vigorous campaign.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL

Correspondent

Arthur Voss said the reason Hitler was unable to make his anniversary speech was that the defeats his army suffered in Russia were *naziating* to him.

Joe Green remarked that you don't hear anything more about the nudists, so evidently someone was able to pin something on them.

Swen Sandahl whirled into Chicago Street the other morning, just beating a red light, grazing a traffic sign, grazing a bus. A cop halted him. Deliberately the officer took out a big handkerchief from his pocket. "Listen, cowboy," he said, "on your way back I'll drop this, an' see if you can pick it up wit' yer teeth." Swen limped into work late that morning.

Mike Doyle doesn't see why there is so much fuss about eating horse meat—look how many eat hot dogs.

Don Foutch has moved from Chebanse to one of the homes in the Wilmington Housing Project.

Alvin Smerker said the axis believed their chances for world domination were *Fuehrer*. After Stalingrad they *know* their chances are fewer.

Harlan Kadow has onions in nearly everything he eats. He sure does not practice breath control.

Jack Murray, foreman on Engine No. 144, has been soliciting support for his son, **Daniel Murray**, who is a candidate for city commissioner of Streator.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON

Correspondent

Bea Bovee recently toured Group 1 — increasing her already wide knowledge of high explosives.

A recent visit to Chicago to see a certain member of the Air Corps was made by **Marge Howerton**. Report is: Nothing can beat the Army Air Corps.

Group 63

Paul Hall, supervisor, is really "tickled pink" since he has moved into his new home at 402 White Avenue, Joliet. Efficient help was supplied by **John Kezerle** and **brothers, Tommy Hall** and **Bill Hall**. Paul's friends are invited to pay him a visit, just a few at a time, however, he added.

Any information relating to the identity of a girl friend of material checker **Ray Offerman** would be appreciated. Said girl friend is soon to join the WAVES and many wonder what Ray will do on future Sunday evenings.

Guard **Clarence Scott** is very much occupied doing research work on that frisky little animal known as the zebra. He has even solicited the aid of some of the men at Group 63 and come spring and summer, no doubt, there will be field trips to Chicago's Brookfield Zoo on Scotty's behalf.

Former timekeeper in Group 8, **Eugene Schuck** recently took over similar duties here.

The welcome mat was laid in front of the door for **Pat Gilmore**, who had been absent for a short while.

From down Chatsworth way comes **John C. Brown**, better known as "Cam," and **Ed Suffern** of Joliet to join the Inspection Department; also **Tony Togliatti** of Coal City, who was formerly employed in Group 3.

Group 66

Now that the proverbial ground hog has seen his shadow, the Igloo boys are preparing for an extended siege of cold wintry weather. The only signs of seasonal discontent is portrayed by the way many of the boys are spending leisure hours—making fish nets. The disease, which has now grown to the proportions of an epidemic, is spreading relentlessly to the remotest corners of the area. Even the "Mill" has become infected. The real master behind the anglers' intriguing sport is none other than **Mac McClusky**, foreman. While watching his good wife crocheting a night cap for herself, he conceived the idea. It must be popular among the fair sex because it's really keeping the boys *in* at night. Maybe this surge is due to the farsightedness of the Isaac Waltons in forseeing the steak rationing bill.

Bob Clopp is back on the job after a siege of pneumonia.

Homer Peters has purchased a knobby looking 1941 Pontiac with all the trimmings. 'Tis rumored that he will auction the elder of his *three* cars.

Group 66 workers are excited by the momentous occasion which will give them the right to wear the famous "E" pins. It is remembered that their friend, **Dick Richards**, owner of the well known Richards Farm, was unanimously elected by them to be their representative at the ceremonies. Dick promised to wear "soup and fish" if the boys would provide them.

Mike Kelly, inspector, is becoming drum-minded — **Homer Peters** says he is really on the beat.

A winner in the War Bond contest promoted by the Inspectors was **Leo Davis**. Such a procedure is far more idealistic than *putting one's quarters in a check pool*, so here's to more *bond boards*.

Ordnance

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With the Timekeepers

Pvt. Harold J. Kapsch spent a furlough here recently. He is stationed at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin.

Because of **Willie Peebles'** and **Robert McEvoy's** untiring efforts, and their abilities as apprentice tailors, **Otto Zenke** now has all his buttons.

Betty Lou Page collects favorite recipes. Her prize—she reports—is *"somersault" salad.*

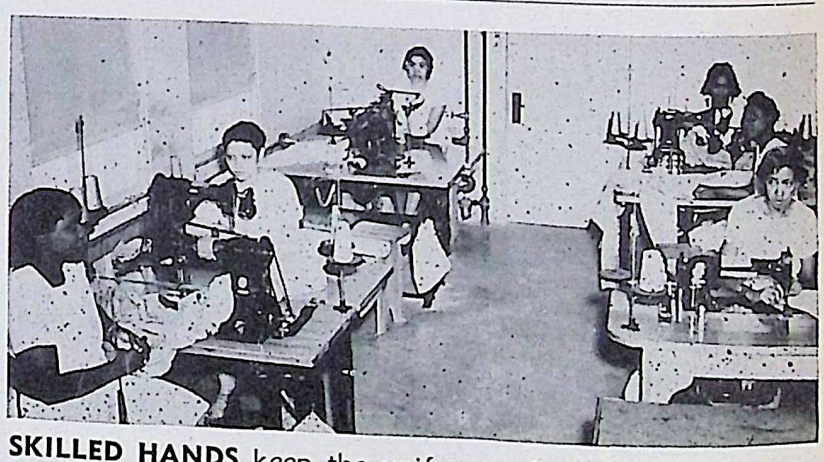
During **George Stevens'** recent illness **Ken Chapman** was much concerned, and he volunteered to rush some medical aid to George.

Dorothy Johnsen has the undisputed title of champion gum cracker at Richards Farm. **Anita Lawbur** and **Mary Kay Lohman** recently decided to give her some competition, but both failed miserably. The whole affair amused **Charlie Downes** very much.

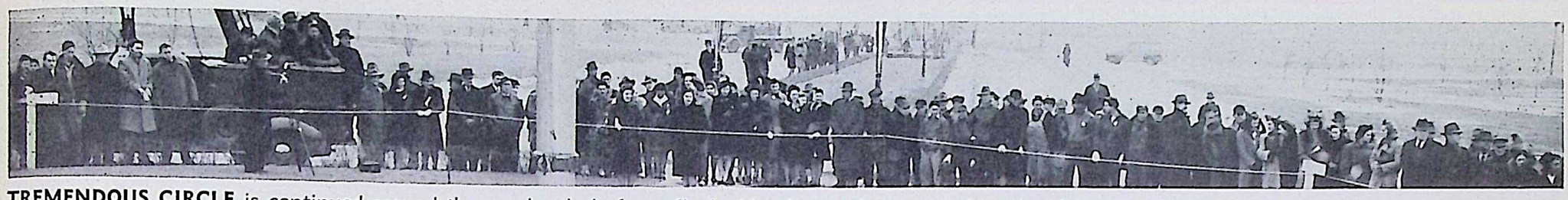
Frank Bravato recently purchased a home in the Briargate district in Joliet.

Q. Has the Army manual of arms been changed since the last war?

A. There have been a few changes, but only slight ones.



SKILLED HANDS keep the uniforms of men and women employees repaired at the EOP Laundry. Shown here in the sewing room, left to right, are Anna Wallace, Earnesteine Aldridge, Leona Denby, Ann Johnson, Equillas Lafford and Amy Hunt.



TREMENDOUS CIRCLE is continued around the speakers' platform, flanked by thousands more at the sides. Many employees' families held their places for hours.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Paul Kreuziger, Chemical Lab, answers best to the name of "Sonya."

Norma Battari, Building 14, left for sunny California to see her husband who is in the service.

Another diamond has made its appearance. **Rita Rossetto**, Building 14, is the proud owner.

Betty Foster, forelady in Building 14, enlisted in the WAACS. She left February 7 for Des Moines, Ia.

John Woods, Building 9, has been ill with pneumonia for a week.

Harvey Sessi is feeling much better since his operation. He has been heard asking **"Britt" Palmateer** for advice on marriage, so complete recovery is indicated.

"Wild Bill" Watt and **"Sweetie Pie" Noble** are back together again in Group 4. They are remembered as the "Terror Team" of Group 5.

Bill "Freddie" Wheeler was a guest at the Slant-Rock-Literary Society meeting held recently.

Group 6

Dorothy Connor makes all those trips to Dwight to visit her nephew —she says.

Joe Keefe has been transferred to Group 3-A.

Marcella Novak has been singing "Lonesome" for the last few days.

Juanita Thompson finally got tires from the board. And is she happy—even says she won't miss that bus at all!

Carey Laabs is really encouraged about that diet—the loss of two ounces is reported.

Helen Cryer of Morris is back to work after being ill with pneumonia.

Habit is a peculiar thing indeed —**Agnes Hodges** and **Dorothy Delaney** started looking for their EOP badges when they got caught in a traffic jam in Chicago recently.

Lil Malinski is having a hard time living down that picture she had taken over in Indiana.

Catherine Lasko's husband is coming home from Greenland soon —and that is a real furlough.

Deloris Wruk is also interested in furloughs. Seems a certain petty officer will be home soon from Norfolk, Va.

Rita "Timmy" O'Connors is quite a lady now since she discarded the coveralls.

Group 45

The office in Building 3 has been remodeled, and **Mac Agnich**, now in charge of trucks there, is thinking seriously of venetian blinds.

The new mascot of the Group is "Booster," a little dog, clock 13, who is considered quite the thing.

Seems that **Mary Byron** has a time with her tire inspection form. Recently her husband was standing outside of the gates waiting for her to reveal where she hid them.

Many wonder what **Edna Johnson** said when that big, big and heavy icicle fell on her head as she was making a delivery to Group 4.

Bill Blonske is gaining weight in the health resort at Group 45. It is reported that he drinks honey in his coffee. That's all right to take care of the sugar rationing, but what is he going to put in instead of coffee?

James Ewing is welcomed as the new foreman of Building 4.

Elizabeth Drennen, office, was reported apartment hunting.

Howard Oakes, boiler man, runs out to look at the chimney each and every time he fires up. That is really fire inspection!

Her associates send congratulations to **Alice Taskey** of Building 4 who was chosen as the representative of the Fuze and Booster Groups in the "E" award ceremonies.

Fleda Davis, formerly of Group 6, is welcomed as matron of Group 45.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Even though **Darwin G. Boitnott** is a new employee, there doesn't seem to be any reason for hiding him behind the fingerprint files. The recent change in rooms and position does afford the fingerprint men who are classifying prints more privacy, however. It is only after you are inside the room and look about inquiringly that you can discover that both Mr. Boitnott and **Maurice Evans** are well concealed behind three big file cabinets and busily engaged in examining swirls and whorls. Somehow that doesn't seem to be quite the right lingo, but readers will probably understand that better than the correct terms.

When a calamity befalls someone in the Personnel Department, one name seems to spring into the minds of the person to whom you are recounting the latest news before the true facts are disclosed. Yes, it was unfortunate **Audrey Deiss** skidded on the ice so weil polished and lubricated with water one recent morning. She didn't have a 'kerchief over her head and was trying to avoid getting her hair wet. Her head struck the edge of a car fender and brushed on past while other portions of her anatomy came into contact with the slush and firm ground rather violently. It wasn't her hair that got wet. Under questioning she volunteered that maybe it would knock some sense into her head.

Stephen J. McGann is in the "groove." While driving in Chicago recently, he was stopped at a red light by the uplifted hand of a city policeman. Without stopping his tirade, Mr. McGann reached in his pocket, exposed a small object in the palm of his hand and shifted gears preparatory to driving off down the street. He was startled by the laughing "cop," who informed him, "This isn't a defense plant, Buddy, just wait for the light to change."

It will be food with **Georgiana Flavin** until the last breath that she draws, according to her cohorts in the reference room. Rumor has it that every day she brings a small lunch so that she can diet and lose some weight, but before the noon hour is over she has had something to eat out of every single lunch in the room. There is the legend of the bananas. **Al Dearth** brought some back from Bloomington after a weekend, and she obtained two of them on the pretense of making a banana cake and bringing it out to the plant so everyone could have a piece. That was two weeks ago and still no cake. Now she wants somebody to bring the sugar. Nobody knows, but accusations are running rampant that Georgiana ate the bananas on the way home.

Bessie East could hardly tell the others her news one morning. She had a long distance telephone call shortly after she arrived and was so excited that she trembled and sputtered while explaining. She started in the middle and ended at the beginning, but perhaps if it is straightened out, it will be more readily understood. First, the telephone call was from San Francisco, Calif., and, secondly, it was her son, **Bill East**, on the other end of the line. He had just arrived in the United States and called to ask her if she could be in Harvey, Ill., by February 6, when he expected to reach there. All she could reply was, "Will I! I'll say I will." Bill is in the Coast Guard and this is the first time she has seen him in six years, and the first since both he and his brother, **Bob East**, who was home at Christmas time, were in Pearl Harbor December 7.

From this time hence it will be "Commando" Lundquist when referring to **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist.** This announcement was made recently and then—no more information. Of course, this could never be allowed to remain in such an incomplete state. The "inside dope" is that she never uses the same tactics twice except that she always comes out fighting.

If the ceiling had suddenly fallen, no one would have been more surprised. **Irene Mulligan** and **Marion Griffley** had the giggles. These two girls, who work side by side in the Statistical Department day after day, are usually models of office decorum. But that day, if anyone opened the door, they giggled; a walk across the floor produced a titter. The cause of the merriment or nervousness is still a dark secret.

Rose LeBeau just sat there, but **Jeanne Hershey**, in the back seat, did something about that skidding car. She removed her glasses and then leaned back and relaxed. It happened enroute to the plant on the Kankakee road Another car drove into the ditch to avoid the car the girls were driving. Their skid ended when they were but two feet from the other car and facing toward home. Jeanne said she didn't know whether or not that was a hint to go home to safety. Jeanne probably needs new glasses anyhow, as she opened the door of the doctor's office and started to enter a few days ago. Of course, the doctor had just changed offices with the fingerprinters, but anyhow—. . .

There's a real vacancy in the Transfer Department these days with the absence of **Kathryn Smith**, who is at home with her son, **Jimmy-Boy**, 2½ years old, quarantined with scarlet fever. **Rita Cooney** has been among those missing, but it was husband, **Ken**, on a five-day furlough in Erie, Pa., who prompted her leave of absence. Receiving the information one afternoon, she started her trip the same evening.

Since her driver was not at work one day, **Dorothy Kaldem** asked **Marcella Burnham** how she got to work and immediately regretted the query. Marcella's facetious reply was, "Oh, I always get to work 'thumb' way."

On opposing teams the night of February 2 were **George F. Bent** and **Floyd C. Schauland.** The team which Mr. Schauland was helping kept giving an additional handicap to the losers on each game until finally on the last game the other team won by the gift of 120 pins. **Russell Watt** went bowling to practice for the big sweepstakes to be held next week. His high game was 259 and he had a series of 590. Now all the men in the building are laying wagers that his average will not reach 150 during the competition.

Quiet **Vivian Jones** was all flustered. Answering a phone that was insistently ringing when practically everyone was out of the room at lunch time, she very seriously tried to aid the puzzled man on the phone who was plying her with questions. She was particularly embarrassed when she learned that it was jolly **Francis E. Peck**, just across the desk, who was on the other end of the wire.

After living in Texas for two months with her new husband, who is an Army dentist, **Lucille Dillon Venzara** is busily back at work here.

Some of the girls from the Personnel Department have joined the WOWS, an organization of Women Ordnance Workers, and one of the activities of the group is rolling bandages for the Red Cross each Tuesday evening. Last Tuesday, the girls appeared at headquarters for the first time expecting to work at rolling long strips of bandages. They soon discovered that their task for the evening was taking a piece of gauze six inches square and folding it into a hypodermic bandage two inches square. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Well, with the aid of a ruler and a knife, you must fold that material so that its measurements are exact and there is not one thread sticking out on any side. **Helen Bardi** took the prize, not only in dexterity but the fashion in which she donned her hair net with the elastic beneath her chin. **June Morgan** copied her hair style but her fingers just wouldn't work quite as well and there were dog ears on several of her bandages on the first folding attempt. If the little square doesn't meet requirements the first time, why you just try right over again on the same piece of gauze.

Latest feud of the building is about weight and the leading characters, **Gordon McQuiggin** and **Cora Adelman**, have stock phrases which they exchange when they meet. They run something like this—

Cora: "Gee, Mac, but you're getting fat. Wonder what you'll look like when you get your sixth chin."

Mac: "People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

SPAR bound with stars in her eyes, Lucille Ambrose of the Comptroller's Department left February 13 to become EOP's first entry into the Women's Auxiliary of the Coast Guard.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK
Correspondent

The Material Warehouse employees extend their sympathy to Material Checker **Edward Delaney** and his family. His brother was drowned last week off the coast of Florida while serving with the Army.

Building 62-1 in the South Inert Group has produced a one-hand automobile driver in the person of **Frank Abbott.** Frank said there is a reason for becoming a champion one-hand driver, but he failed to furnish her name.

Frank Rupnow, material checker at the clock house in Group 70, is still worrying about a load of lumber he checked one day last week in the lumber yard. The delivery ticket listed 1,200 board feet, but Frank couldn't find a wooden shoe in the whole carload, much less a board foot.

Johnnie Beldon, Sr., and his family moved into better and much more comfortable living quarters in Joliet last Saturday. All hope they will enjoy their new home.

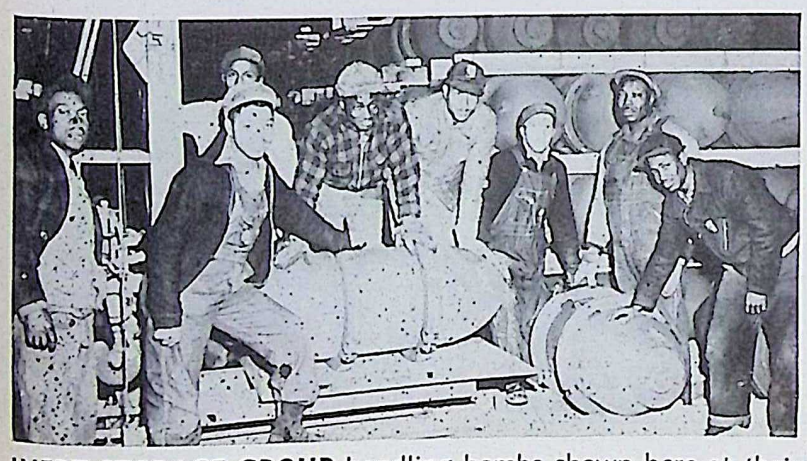
There are eight reasons why girls leave homes and laundries, and Store-Keeper **Harry Tilden** seems to be six of them and **Paul Roy** the other two.

Material Checker **Ronald M. Bennett** reported for work recently ready to fight. It seems as though the ragman knocked on his door that morning and asked him if he would donate the Ford car he is driving to Uncle Sam's scrap pile. Bennett said he is just two years older than the Ford and they are both well insured so regardless which one dies first there will be ample provision for their survivors.

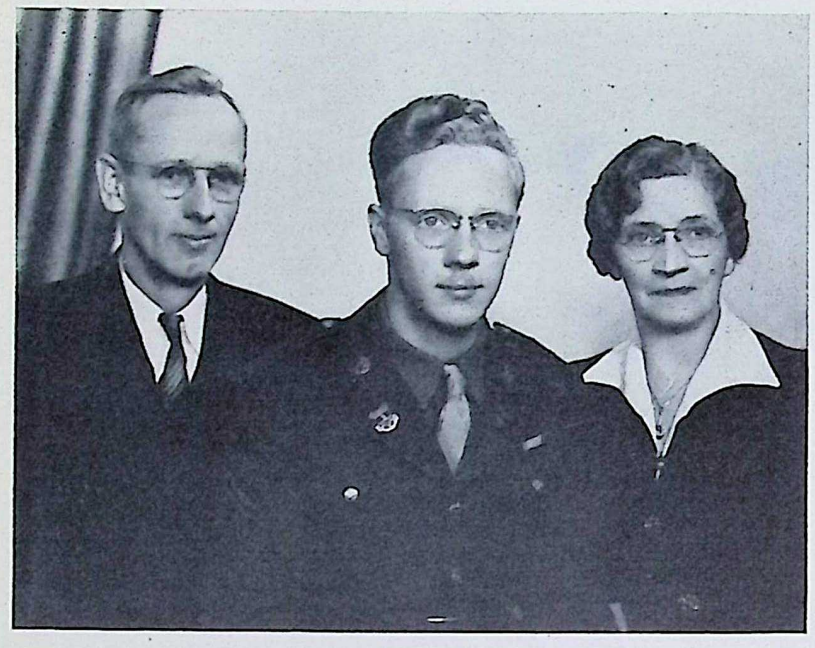
Joseph Horrell, material checker, called your correspondent out of a nice warm bed at 4:30 a. m. one day recently to watch a fire, which happened to be in the building next to the one in which we were sleeping. There was nothing to do but grab clothes and get out in the 16 below zero weather, which is making it hot for you one minute and plenty chilly the next.

Q. What is the value of a soldier's equipment?

A. When a soldier goes through a reception center at a camp, he is given no less than 79 articles of clothing and equipment. At retail prices, his equipment is valued at $150. This issue after recruit training is supplemented and varies according to the type of organization to which the soldier is assigned.



INERT STORAGE GROUP handling bombs shown here at their work includes, left to right, Porter L. Goodlow, Robert L. Darnell, Jr., Herbert Brown, Louis C. Pertiller, George Crenshaw, James M. Bowles, James Winfield and Ernest C. Pertiller.



WAR FAMILY is a title which can be claimed by the Utleys of EOP. Father, mother and four sons are actively participating in the war effort. E. J. Utley (top left) is a machinist foreman and has been here since October 24, 1940. His wife, Lucille Utley, came in January, 1941, and is a forelady in Group 6. Shown with them is Lt. Harold C. Utley. At the bottom, left to right, are: Jack Utley, in Officers Training School; Sgt. Howard Utley, serving in Arizona, and Sgt. Gordon Utley, Camp Bowie, Texas. Howard and Gordon are former EOP workers.

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

George Galvin and **Mac McLean**, component expediters, received telegraphic notice to report for duty in the Air Corps on January 30 They will spend the balance of the winter at Miami Beach learning how to fly and earning their wings.

Sgt. Alvin Schroeder will be at the station hospital, Ft. Bliss, Texas, for the next two months recovering from an operation on his shoulder. It would be a swell gesture if some of his friends in the group would drop the old sarge a line.

Edward St. Clair Farrell has broken out in a new place. He came to work one night last week with his pajamas on. You may have it for what it's worth but his story is that his brother was wearing the old red flannels to work on that particular day. Or was it night?

A group of luminaries from the insurance world traveled the length of the production line here to see how the ammunition is passed. In two groups under the guidance of **Supt. Joseph Salmon** and **Asst. Supt. George Gibson** they proved to be a deeply interested audience. **And there is one thing for sure.** They will never doubt that all safety precautions are exercised. Inspector **Edward McGarigle** prevailed upon one of the men to surrender his fur cap at the head of the line and the poor fellow had to walk through all the ramps uncovered. The day was cold, but there was no static.

Edward Kanoski and **Mrs. Kanoski** celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary February 6, and just to be original they agreed that it seemed "just like yesterday."

If a fellow had the druthers he would druther be as capable a cartoonist as is **August Ash**, ordnance inspector for the Government. Gus has been drawing some artistic pictures pertaining to the work at EOP, and they are seen from time to time in *The Bomb-Shell*.

The veterans of this group have held another party and it proved to be all that was expected from advance notices. The party was held in the main dining room of the Woodruff hotel the night of February 6. A first class buffet supper was served and there was pop and soda water for all. Old songs of World War I were sung. Five card peek and other indoor sports were played. **Davey Rosen** arranged a couple of boxing bouts. The first, featuring **Charlie Persiti** of Joliet, three-time local Golden Gloves champion, of Building 3, was rough and ready. The second, between **John McCarthy**, electrician, and better known under his old fighting name of **"Kid Mack,"** and **Jack Barry**, expediter of sorts, might have been a fair go 30 years ago when the lads were young and in their prime. Even so, as a feature, its face was saved by **Mr. Gibson**, who ably acted as referee. **Shorty Bowman** presented a new clown act which had the company in stitches and nearly blew off one stooge's ear. The party was a grand success and there may be another by-and-by.

George Ternan, guard, aroused much comment recently by his self-evident pleasure in swinging the Gate 6 when the temperature was 16 below zero. . . . And the vital statistics are getting better and better. If they have another war in 20 or 25 years there will be plenty of the children of Group 1 employes to carry on and on. **Bob Sherwood** announces the birtn of a son February 3; **Edward Johnson**, Plainfield, came around with the cigars for a son born January 27; Inspector **Clifford Scott** hailed a brand new daughter, named **Anita Louise**, January 5; Group Inspector **Mid Slack**, a daughter, **Delia Ann**, January 28; and last but by no means least, Inspector **Fred Harris** closed the books for this time by ringing in a bouncing baby girl. Poor Adolph. Tojo, and Mussi.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

It seems **Bruce Fahrner** is losing all respect for women automobile drivers. Bruce, having just recovered from an injured back, was coming to work February 1 when he had an encounter with another car at an intersection. The injuries were slight, even to the woman in the other car, and everything is straightened out, that is, everything except Bruce's car.

Gossip has it that **Sam Gomora**, Building 3, spent a recent weekend painting Joliet a particularly bright crimson. Incidently, by the time this is printed Sam will be a member of the armed forces. Sam is of slight stature, but says he can help lick the Japs.

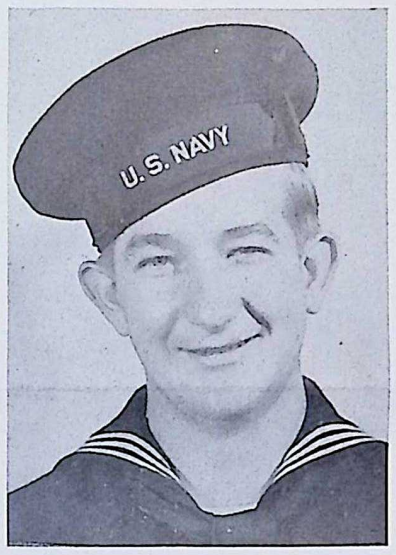
Supt. H. D. Dougherty returned to his office the other day and commented on a faint odor outside the building. Someone, wittingly or unwittingly, remarked, "Oh, that is probably caused by all the victims of our basketball team."

The team is really living up to its promise of causing their opponents plenty of trouble. So far the highiight game of the season was the one with the Guards. With only a few seconds left in the game, one of the Guards made a shot that was nothing but sheer luck. It was their decision, but still a good game.

In a game against Group 62, **Ted Struck** showed outstanding ability by making 19 points. Of course, the rest of the team was really in there fighting too, for the game was won 44 to 28.

Group 3 is a cinch to play for the area championship and any person who wants to see a great game is invited to come out and cheer for Group 3.

It is rumored that **Ernie Hill** and **Don Fread** have enlisted in the Army. **Melvin Day**, Building 16, says they are probably trying to escape all those blondes who are attracted to them.



TORPEDOED in the Pacific, Paul T. Brozman, who left EOP last March after wearing Badge 52 since construction was started, had many stories to tell during his visit here.

Ernie Myers, second floor, Building 4, has all the boys wondering who is kidding whom. But he passed out the cigars.

A hat found in Building 4 the other day was found to be too large for anyone but **Floyd Hoffman**, assistant foreman.

John Boucher, Building 4, wishes he had a newspaper of his own, so that he could advertise every other day for his lost dog.

Guy Hails is reminded he is next on the list for the cigars, it is hoped.

If **Bernard Boos** sticks to his promise, he should either pass out cigars or apple pie.

It is wondered . . . What great power induced **Bud McKune** to get rid of his cookie duster. . . . Why the groundhog went back in his hole after seeing **Jim "Viper" Fagan**. . . . Why they call **Sam Morgan** the shiek of Group 3. . . . Why **Vic Lemmon** doesn't love fat persons. . . . How the two foot rat, that **Jimmy "Houdini" Crane** reputedly saw, diminishes with every telling until it was small enough to fly away. . . . Why **Al Matteson**, head timekeeper, always has a big smile day in and day out. . . . Why the storeroom custodian, **John Belasich**, is called the best dressed man. . . . Why **"Boots" Martin** gets that homesick look in his eyes so often. . . . Why **Dick Owens** and **Herschel Laughlin** are worrying about getting larger bumpers on their cars. . . . Why **Bob Harkless** dropped the cigarettes in the cup of tea?

I have written . . . a poem!

Sunday at Richards Farm

This poem is of great interest becauseit expresses the thoughts and actions of the timekeepers that have to work at Richards Farm on Sunday and proofread time cards so that there are no mistakes. It was written by Helen Kelly, *timekeeper at Group 4, who more than once has worked that shift.*

The quiet is deadly when first you walk in,
The night shift, how sleepy, may give you a grin.
The timekeepers gaze at the cards stacked in piles,
Walk mournfully over so space seems like miles.
They take a small stack and sit next to a friend
To discuss the week's doings from start 'til the end.
The chatter grows louder and slams start to fly
Among all those present who've opened an eye.
"Those cards aren't in order," the key man will yell
Then in may walk O'Connell or MacShane or Treitel.
The timekeepers lower their eyes to their work
Muttering softly about "the big jerk."
When cards are in order, first reading will start
From the girls' sixty thousands old timers won't part.
The newer, hence braver ones, march to the table
They take personnel—to resist they aren't able.
They ponder and squirm over time and extension
They've earned in one Sunday their old age pension.
Meanwhile an argument loud and quite strong
Starts over a time card—both guys are wrong.
They bristle and glare while preparing to fight,
Then in steps O'Connell—the time card was right.
Peace reigns again while on candy we munch
Then somebody yells, "Hey, how about lunch?"
At one or some after, the gang wanders back
To proofread again—but not the same stack.
It's now that you'll find to your utmost dismay
That errors unnumbered you've made in that day.
You thought you were right, but somehow you're wrong,
O'Connell will sing out your name like a song.
The government men upon you will pounce,
Of brains—they say timekeepers haven't an ounce.
Your group will defend you, the others just gloat
Around you your errors like bubbles will float.
For errors in proofreading is something that "ain't"
Though clocks may be screwy and schedules are not shown
It's still up to you to correct and not moan.
'Long abut four peace again reigns supreme
The dog fight that morning could just be a dream
A blue haze of smoke lies over the room
A half hour to go—smiles chase away the gloom.
The cards have been finished by diligent workers
But now even they will talk to the shirkers.
All eyes on the clock and then with a shout
"Hey, ridin with me? It's time to punch out."

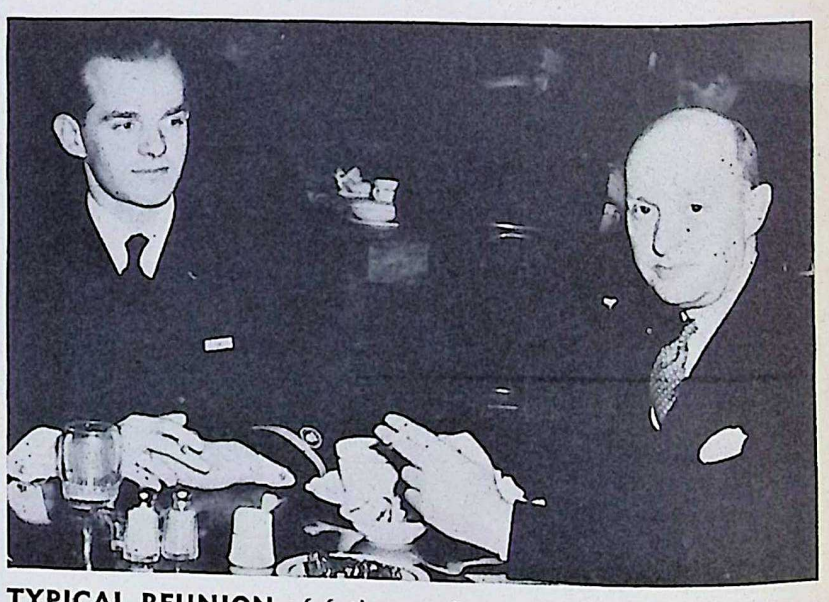
An Ode to a Guard

He dresses in blue, this fine, upright man
He's there for a purpose, and he helps when he can,
He does his duty, with all fairness to men
And when in trouble, he counts up to ten.
He stands at the gate, with a wide, friendly grin
He takes everything from you but your hat and your skin,
There's a reason for that, that all men cannot fathom
It's to see that the axis will wind up at the bottom.
There's many a thing he has taken from me
From spark making parts, that look harmless and free.
But he's there for that purpose as all men can see
To protect a free country from the Slavery to be
If a Jap or a Nazi should rule over me.
To some he's a cop, all sternness and brass,
To me he's a friend, with permission to pass.
He's here to protect me, my family and friends,
From dangers and pitfalls that may mean my end.
So here's to the Guard, so staunch and so true
He's my friend, let him be your friend, too.

—Guard Fay A. Horstmeier

Q. Who creates a new military medal of honor—Congress or the President?

A. Medals of military honor and merit are created by act of Congress. The medal may be a permanent decoration, conferred on all men performing acts of bravery or heroism, as prescribed in the act, or Congress may, by resolution, authorize a particular medal for a particular person for a particular act of heroism. It holds the same status of any private bill. The President may order the "striking of a new medal" for award for distinguished service, which is given the same military recognition as one created by act of Congress.



TYPICAL REUNION of father and son is shown in this picture of B. F. Nell, II, popular Purchasing Department buyer, and his son, Ensign Benno F. Nell, III, on leave before assuming merchant marine duties in the Pacific for the Navy. The photo was taken in the EOP Mess Hall February 1.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Those from this Group who have completed their work in first aid, as outlined by the Red Cross, are **Raymond Brennan, James F. Clar, Ernest H. Cooper, Mervin E. Dornburg, Colby Eriksen, George L. Hausser, Leo A. Kalman, Stewart Law, John M. Line, Jr., Noel S. Longton, Flossie Marshall, Emma M. Noel, Joseph L. Petko, Clarence L. Phillips, Walter C. Rasmus, Harold E. Shepperd.**

Congratulations to Guard **William Crossman**, who is the proud father of a girl, born January 14 and named **Mary Kathyrn.** Bill said, "This is our fifth child, and it takes a little time to get around the table now."

Oden Poynter, who had an accident sometime ago, wishes to thank the boys in Group 3-A for their contribution.

Mildred Askley can explain why a fire chief keeps a close watch on Gate 6 every afternoon.

It was heard that **Leonard Davis** from the Power House is always in the market for country sorghum.

After much questioning, **Charlie "Arky" White**, confessed that he owes his sweet romantic and youthful complexion to the miracles of honey and almond cream.

Amy Losby has been absent from work because of an appendectomy. She is making a speedy recovery and expects to be back to work soon.

Steve Falatti of Building 10 was seen giving instructions to the girls in Building 12 in the art of swinging a mop with the greatest of ease. Uncle Sam soon will be singing "I've Got My Eye On You."

After checking carefully every building in the Line for two weeks, **Red Buell** and **Ned Belesio** report they've located the "Ozark Kid."

Sincerest sympathy is extended to **Helen Hunter** in her bereavement.

Jessie Blackford is welcomed back to work, after being absent because of illness.

The stronger sex admires the gay colorful neckties worn by **Effie Homerding.**

The basketball team has new green and white suits. It is hoped this will inspire Lady Luck to start the players on a winning streak.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Written by Evelyn Doran during the absence of Evelyn Richards.

January 22 brought several visitors to the Hospital. The visitors were **Col. Louis Schwartz, Maj. S. M. Bick** of the U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; **Capt. H. Price**, U. S. Army; **Drs. Tibor Beredeck, W. Roy Hill, Ethel M. Davis, Paul H. Power, David C. Staus, W. H. Lipman, Clarence Shaw, Samuel F. Rosen** and **David M. Coken.**

Pvt. William T. Bryant, former insurance adjuster here, has been promoted to second lieutenant. He was one of the few to pass the test. The Hospital staff is proud of him. He is stationed at Camp Davis, North Carolina.

In the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* **Dr. Andrew Bustin** was introduced as a visitor to the Hospital, but now he is presented as one of the staff physicians here. Dr. Bustin was graduated from the University of Prague in Bohemia in 1937. He came to the United States in 1939, and was employed at the Ideal Hospital in Endicott, N. Y. Then he was a resident at the Memorial Hospital in Johnstown, Penn. He was a resident at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet just before coming to EOP.

Elsie Baer attended the lovely wedding of **Virgil James** and **William Herman** at the St. Bernadine's Parsonage January 30. A reception was held at the Flamingo Hotel in Chicago.

Apparently some persons know what to do on week-ends. **Myrtle Burrus** goes dancing in Coal City, and **Dr. Bohdan Giel** and Dr. Bustin enjoy dancing at the Aragon in Chicago.

It's good to see **Frank Grosey** all smiles again. His infant son, **Wally**, is home and well after a week in St. Joseph's Hospital.

All are sorry to lose **Earl McKinney**, former ambulance driver, and wish him the best of luck.

Dr. H. L. Schultz is back at the Hospital with plenty of vim, vigor and vitality as always.

Hurrah, for the ground hog! If he can stand it, so can others.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The happy routine of **Cyrille Grandame** has been interrupted by a call from his draft board. He probably will not get as many apples in the Army as he did at North Inert.

Owen Ralston is back on the job after a brief illness.

Anyone who is curious, just ask **Willie Vail, Sr.**, inspector at Group 6, about the height required for the Army Air Corps.

Benedict Suca and **John Turner** have joined forces at Group 62 North to whip the Axis.

The inspectors on the midnight shift at Group 61 welcome **Lloyd Thompson**, recent transfer from Group 2. They have all been promised free hair cuts by the genial ex-barber.

Ed Rashid, shift man, had just convinced one new employee he was the best man to ride to work with, being such a good driver and all. Was Ed fumming when it was found out that the prospective rider was working on the wrong shift!

Congratulations go to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Bob Karges** and to grandpa, **William Karges**, on the birth of the glamour girl, **Janna Diane.**

Rex Vane, the old timer of Group 1, wishes to be back in the good old salt mines.

Red Beeley, scale man in Group 1, bought himself a larger trailer. He said he can now stretch his arms and legs out and still be inside.

Sam Hoffman, former scale man, is doing nicely for himself in Chicago.

Packy Walsh has just returned from spending a few weeks in the Scale Shop. He probably was glad to get back to Group 2.

Bob Walsh, Group 3-A, is dispirited. **Bob Wilhelmi**, assistant to the chief inspector, is trying to raise something new, and it *ain't* hay.

Harold Troupe, gage technician, is going to buy himself a pair of roller skates. He has trouble keeping up with fast stepping **A. J. MacLellan**, chief inspector, walking through the groups.

Ed Sloss, Group 1, is on night vigil. He is in charge of the dog watch inspectors.

Glen Sparks is the most overworked fellow at Richards Farm. If you don't believe this, ask him.

The Inspection Department has organized a "Buy a Bond" club. The first drawing was held February 1. The following thirteen employees each won a bond: **Fred Ford, W. Lapinski, James DeLong, M. Bernier, Lucille Dobak, Erma Davidson, L. A. Davis, Nellie Ott, Guy Gagnier, Thomas Mooty, Stephani Bielec, J. Owen** and **Edward Warmier.**

Bill Kirban, scale superintendent, plays popular tunes during dinner hour. He boils his own soup.

Several inspectors in Group 2 wonder if the clothes **Bob Schmitz** wears to work are his work clothes, and if so, he must look like a mama's boy on Sunday.

Myron Champoux has just ordered for himself a couple of sky ladders to inspect bombs at Group 3-A.

Dave Rosen, Group 1, asks anyone wishing to participate in the sectional Golden Gloves tourney at Joliet to see him. He hopes to organize an EOP Team.

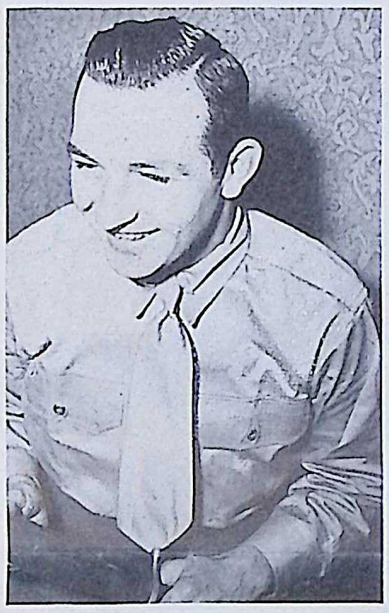
Best wishes accompanied **Elmer Nesius**, former senior inspector of Group 7, who left January 25 for Naval Officers Training at Notre Dame.

Judy Fusco has returned to Group 8 as an inspector, after serving as a Government inspector in Groups 9, 4 and 7 for several months.

Ruth Price is a transfer to Group 8 from Group 7, along with **Bernice Sperry**, who has been in Groups 7 and 6 and **Helen Stonitch** of Groups 9 and 7.

"Daddy" Goebel, shift inspector in Group 8, has been lullabying ever since little **Mary Frances**, born January 16, found out she could cry. Incidentally she's a big girl now—weighing six pounds, twelve ounces.

Bob Partridge left Group 1 for schooling as an Army aviation cadet.



HERO of the battles of Guadalcanal is Corp. John E. Barry of Joliet, who worked here for several months in 1941 on railroad construction. Wounded and returned home for a rest, Corporal Barry has been telling some thrilling tales. He is shown here with his knife on which appear six notches for as many Japs killed in hand-to-hand fighting. Some of his stories will be related in the next issue of The Bomb-Shell.

Says "E" Flag Fighters' Salute

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leadership of your operators, Harrison Smith and the other members of Sanderson & Porter.

Job Well Done

"In this conflict there were not enough government plants to begin to turn out the munitions required, consequently it was a policy of our Nation to turn to private industry and select reputable organizations to build and operate the new plants which the government financed. The firm of Sanderson & Porter was one of the first selected for this responsibility and the success of this vast undertaking is a tribute to the ingenuity, resourcefulness and determination of the management of that firm. The workers, too, did their part. All the wonderful things that have been accomplished have been the result of the combined efforts of management and labor. The wholeheartedness, determination and cooperation and co-ordination that is so necessary in the successful team has been shown in the construction and operation of this plant. It has been truly a job well done.

"War to be fought successfully requires the united and unswerving devotion of the whole people to the cause. To fight a successful war requires a morale of the highest order, a determination to do everything in one's power to aid the cause and a willingness to subordinate every pleasure and comfort to the ultimate object of victory. As evidence that you have here that spirit, I note your bond purchases, which are in excess of the 10 per cent requested by your Government; I note that the output of this plant has far exceeded its estimated rate; I note that the plant was built and placed in operation in a remarkably short time; that within eight months after breaking ground this plant was loading shells. A plant such as this, employing more than 10,000 people, is truly a strong arm for our side.

"Without the modern weapons of war our armed forces would be powerless to attack the enemy or to defend our country against their onslaught. The rapid production of these modern weapons of war therefore become of vital importance to our existence. The industrial soldiers behind our men on the fighting fronts of this global war are now producing these weapons in greater quantity and of better quality than the Axis nations can produce. In view of that achievement we may rightly be confident that victory will ultimately be on our side. Of all the present implements of war, none is more important than the ammunition which the gun fires. Without the loaded shell there would be no need for the gun or for the men behind the gun. The loaded shell is the means by which death and destruction are inflicted upon the enemy. The loaded shell is the fist of Uncle Sam. Therefore you men and women in this plant know that you are pretty close to war, and that you are very necessary to winning the war when you are loading shells and bombs which are the only parts of our weapons which actually touch and destroy the enemy. You write messages here in this plant to Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito and those messages are not love letters.

Doing Their Part

"New weapons have come to the fore in this conflict. We have seen the supremacy of the tank, the devastating effects of the airplane. A whole new technique of naval warfare has been developed. Yet, if the plane did not have ammunition for its machine guns; if the tank did not have shell for its cannon; if the battleships' magazines were empty of shell, the heaviest armor plate, the fastest airplane motors would be of no avail against the enemy.

"When our Nation entered this second World War we did not have any loading plants, nor did we have very much loaded ammunition. The need for quickly providing loading capacity was of first priority. The Elwood Ordnance Plant was the second loading plant started after our entry into the war and has been used as a model or pilot for many of the plants subsequently built. In the early days this was one of a few loading plants operating, and now it is one of many. But the road has been a hard one, the struggle to achieve this degree of preparedness has been severe. There have been human casualties and those who have died are just as much heroes and have contributed just as much to the Nation as the soldiers who have been killed in battle. In many ways the civilian behind the soldier has to suffer mentally and physically just as severely as the soldier himself. So you must feel that you are doing your part to help the men who are fighting your battles.

"When I present this award to you today, it carries with it a salute to you men and women of this plant from the soldiers, sailors and marines fighting on the distant fronts in many parts of the world. But this salute from your fighting men brings with it also a plea—a plea for even better production. You have done well, remarkably well, but not well enough. We cannot let up for one moment; we cannot rest on a job well done because this war is a fight to the death. It is, in fact, either the Axis or us. One or the other will go down, and we must work and fight, toil and sweat to make sure that in the end our cause will be victorious.

"It is my privilege to present on behalf of the Army and Navy, the Army and Navy Production Award of Excellence in Production to you men and women of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. As a token of this award, I now hand to you, Mr. Smith, this flag, which symbolizes the successful contribution of this great organization to the war effort of this country."

BALE OF HAY was presented to Paymaster John F. Dolan by E. C. Carlson, purchasing director (extreme left), for a horse he is alleged to have bought. The paymaster's assistants look on laughingly, but the tables were turned when somehow the bale of hay, unbaled, was found in Mr. Carlson's car later.

The Inquiring Line

Q. What is the difference between an "alien" and an "enemy alien?"

A. Section 601.2 of the second edition of the Selective Service Regulations defines the term "alien" to mean any person who is not a national of the U. S. A "national of the U. S." is defined as a person: (1) Who is a citizen of the U. S. (2) Who, though not a citizen of the U. S., owes permanent allegiance to the U. S. The term "enemy alien" is defined to mean a citizen or subject of any country which has been or may hereafter be proclaimed by the President to be an enemy of the U. S.

Q. Is it still possible for enlisted men to rise to the rank of general?

A. Absolutely! It has always been so, and don't forget that many generals have risen from the ranks.

Q. What does it cost the Government to ration a soldier?

A. The cost varies according to locality and size of mess. The Government spends approximately 42 cents a day for the ration of a soldier in the continental U. S.

Group 3 Quint Holds Lead As Pace Increases

Guards and Chemists Not Far Behind As Season Nears End

Group 3 continues to hold the lead in a hotly contested race in the EOP Basketball League, having won eight and lost one. This team always puts up a good, clean, fast game and it is a pleasure to watch the play, also another reason why the number of spectators at the Recreation Building is growing every week.

Among the players is **Don Fread**, a six-foot forward, who has had three years experience at Morris High School as forward and center. **Elmer Emanuelson**, the other forward, played with Coal City High four years and was second for state scoring honors during his senior year. Elmer is five foot 11 inches tall, and one of the leading point getters. Six foot two **Bob Hankis** handles the center position. Bob has played considerable independent basketball in addition to his three years at Naperville High. He also had a year at college.

Theodore Struck played four years independent ball in addition to his high school experience. He is five feet ten. The captain **Gus Juricic**, played lightweight ball with Joliet High, and independent ball.

One of the real rugged and aggressive players, both on offense and defense, is **Tex Donaldson**, a six-foot forward, who played with Ramsey High School.

Everett Harris is another forward who can be depended upon for many baskets. He is a good shot, five feet nine and played with Pontiac High.

The others on the team are just as dependable and fit into the play like clockworks. **Wilbert Helmick** is a six foot two forward. **Edward Pecar** is a guard, formerly of Catholic High, Joliet. **John Pekar**, also from Catholic High, and **Harrison Beasley** add to the strength.

Supt. H. D. Dougherty credits Coach **Charles B. Harrisson** with much of the success of his team as Charles was coach at Kankakee High School for 16 years.

The standings as of February 6, follow:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Group 3	8	1	.888
Guards	7	1	.850
Chem. Lab.	5	1	.833
Fire Guards	5	2	.714
Group 62	4	2	.666
Bus Drivers	3	5	.375
Group 61	3	5	.375
Inspectors	3	5	.375
Group 3-A	2	5	.285
Group 1	2	6	.250
Army	0	9	.000

Box scores of games played since the last issue and including February 6, follow:

Chemical Lab. (21)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	3	1	0
Partridge	0	2	1
Bridwell	1	0	1
Hull	0	0	2
Hines	2	2	0
Elliott	2	0	0
Blatt	0	0	0
	8	5	4

Group 1 (13)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Testa	2	1	3
Edwards	1	0	2
Singer	0	0	0
Shay	0	0	1
Sherwood	0	2	2
Tucker	1	0	1
Sharkey	0	2	1
	4	5	10

Group 3 (29)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	2	0	0
Beasley	0	0	1
Emanuelson	2	0	0
Donaldson	1	0	0
Hankes	2	0	0
Helmick	1	1	0
Struck	2	0	1
Harris	2	0	0
Juricic	2	0	0
Pekar	0	0	0
	14	1	2

Army (13)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Bowler	1	1	0
O'Connor	0	0	0
Anker	0	0	1
Grant	1	0	1
Murphy	1	0	2
Mottn	3	0	1
	6	1	5

Bus Drivers (18)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Scoggin	3	0	0
O'Connor	0	0	1
Cole	2	0	0
Hayes	0	0	1
Anderson	1	0	1
Glasgow	3	0	0
	9	0	3

Group 61 (23)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Sartl	1	0	1
Kurkamp	0	0	0
Darkins	3	0	0
Rouff	3	0	0
Motta	4	0	0
	11	0	1

Chemical Lab. (28)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	2	0	1
Hull	4	0	2
Burk	0	0	0
Partridge B.	1	1	2
Elliott	3	0	0
Hines	2	1	1
Bridwell	1	0	1
	13	2	7

Inspectors (24)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Layfield	4	0	3
Marlette	0	0	0
Oram	0	0	0
Partridge	2	0	3
Hair	2	1	3
Bealey	1	3	1
Brennan	0	0	0
Darkins	1	0	1
	10	4	11

Group 62 (24)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Williams	5	1	0
Spezio	2	1	2
Ramsack	2	0	0
Adams	1	2	5
Booth	0	0	1
Gasperich	0	0	2
	10	4	10

Fire Guards (29)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Dailey	2	0	4
Hart	2	2	3
Guyot	3	0	1
Stricklin	3	0	0
Catalina	3	1	1
	11	3	9

Group 3 (32)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	3	0	0
Donaldson	0	0	0
Emanuelson	5	3	0
Hankes	4	1	3
Helmick	1	0	1
Struck	0	0	0
Harris	0	0	2
Juricic	1	0	2
Pekar	0	0	0
Beazley	0	0	0
	14	4	8

Group 1 (19)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Testa	1	2	4
Edwards	0	0	0
Tucker	4	0	0
Grant	0	0	0
Sharkey	2	0	3
McLean	0	0	1
Shay	1	1	3
	8	3	11

Fire Guards (23)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Catalina	1	0	1
Getson	2	0	0
Hart	7	0	1
Dailey	0	0	0
Guyot	0	0	1
Getson	1	0	0
Dickens	0	1	0
Stricklin	0	0	0
	11	1	3

Group 1 (12)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Tucker	3	0	1
Sherwood	0	0	0
Grant	1	0	1
Singer	0	0	1
Kane	2	0	1
	6	0	4

Army (33)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Phelan	5	1	0
Bowler	1	0	1
Aschenbrenner	3	1	1
Heavens	4	1	0
Anker	0	0	1
Grant	2	0	1
	15	3	4

Group 61 (14)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Plese	2	0	0
Wood	1	1	0
Waller	1	0	0
Ratchet	1	0	1
Morrison	0	0	0
Rouff	0	0	3
Bumgarner	0	0	0
Motta	1	1	1
	6	2	5

Group 62 (25)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Sudaltz	1	1	1
Spezio	2	2	1
Ramsack	4	0	1
Clark	4	0	0
Harsha	0	0	0
Adams	0	0	3
	11	3	6

Group 3-A (11)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Blecha	1	1	0
Guiterrez	1	0	4
Severns	1	0	2
Beatty	0	0	0
Griffin	0	0	1
Law	0	0	0
Cornelius	2	0	0
	5	1	7

Guards (24)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Waller	2	0	2
Arms	1	0	1
Gebhardt	0	1	1
Dutter	1	0	0
Grimsley	2	0	3
Farber	3	0	1
Lawrence	1	0	2
Sack	1	1	0
McCarthy	0	0	1
	11	2	11

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Those who did not attend Ladies' Day January 29 missed a swell time. There was plenty of fun for all including bowling, ping pong, basketball and some mighty serious pool shooting. The Group 7 bowling team defeated Group 6 with **Isobelle Green** of Group 6 holding the high series. Group 9 defeated a representative team from the Personnel Department with **Ginger Bendrick** of Group 9 getting high series. The teams from the Hospital and the War Bond Department were tied and scheduled for a play-off. High game of 180 pins was rolled by **Dorothy Schoop** of the Hospital. These teams are interested in competition, so if any would like to challenge them, please call the Recreation Department and games will be arranged.

The ping pong tournament will begin February 22. There are now 35 entries. Some of the finest players in the plant have entered this fast and exciting tournament, so if your entry is not yet in call the Recreation Department and have your name put on the dotted line.

There has been a request for a Gymnastic Class once a week. Those who have had experience with tumbling, horizontal and parallel bars and horses are asked to call the Recreation office. **Victor Kindelberger** and some of the boys at Richards Farm have had a lot of experience in gymnastics and are eager to meet others.

Bowling Tourney

There was plenty of wood flying around the Recreation Hall the week of February 1. The men's sweepstakes tournament with 100 entries was in full swing. With twelve more men to roll, the following list shows the leaders as of February 6.

		Series	High Game
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1.	Andy Plym	608	213
2.	R. Wheatland	599	213
3.	B. Day	596	218
4.	A. Lutkus	595	247
5.	H. Troupe	592	206
6.	T. Helling	574	203
7.	E. Murphy	573	221
8.	J. Hennessey	567	198
9.	J. Vaccaro	561	199
10.	R. Walsh	559	203
11.	D. Matter	558	193
12.	R. Robinson	554	221
13.	E. Fitzer	552	208
14.	W. Colby	551	189
15.	P. Eliott	546	189
16.	E. Byers	543	199

High score single game—**Lutkus**—247.

Second high single game—**Capt. G. A. Grant**—235.

Group 3 (23)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	1	0	1
Harris	0	1	2
Emanuelson	3	1	0
Hankes	2	4	1
Helmick	0	1	0
Struck	0	1	1
Juricic	1	1	2
	7	9	7

Group 62 (28)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Sudaltz	1	0	0
Clark	1	0	1
Spezio	3	4	3
Ramsack	0	0	0
Williams	5	0	2
Adams	2	0	4
Gasperich	0	0	0
	12	4	10

Group 3 (44)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	4	0	1
Emanuelson	4	1	0
Hankes	3	2	4
Donaldson	0	0	1
Struck	8	1	1
Juricic	1	0	0
Pekar	0	0	0
	20	4	7

Guards (46)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Waller	5	0	0
Dutter	2	0	2
Gebhardt	3	0	0
Grimsley	0	0	1
Allen	3	0	2
Farber	0	0	0
Wolff	1	0	0
Armes	2	2	1
Lawrence	3	0	0
Sac	0	0	1
Dowden	2	2	3
	21	4	10

Group 61 (6)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Morrison	1	0	0
Rashid	2	0	0
Leser	0	0	0
Bumgarner	0	0	0
Miller	0	0	0
Rouff	0	0	3
Barello	0	0	0
	3	0	3

Army (42)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Aschenbrenner	4	2	0
Phelan	2	0	1
Swanson	2	1	1
Irwin	0	0	1
Bowler	3	2	2
Heavens	3	0	4
Grant	1	0	1
Anker	1	5	3
	16	10	13

Inspectors (31)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Marlette	2	0	0
Brennan	0	0	1
Darkins	1	1	1
Wilhelmi	0	0	0
Beeley	3	0	2
Oram	5	1	1
Carroll	1	2	0
Hair	1	0	3
Pitt	0	1	2
	13	5	10

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

Although there wasn't a chance to say good-bye to **Bob Burke**, it is fortunate indeed *The Bomb-Shell* can be used to wish Bob good luck and success as a Chief Specialist in Uncle Sam's Navy. Bob, as was reported earlier, is a former major league pitcher and is in the hall of fame for having pitched a no-run no-hit game for the Washington Senators.

It is reliably reported that **Otto Koch**, the round man, is making a girdle for himself out of some good old galvanized sheet metal. His new name probably will be Otto "Metal Girdle" Koch.

What's in a name? **Moe Goodspeed** is a member of the Speed Boys Club and they say he really speeds things up at the club.

Many wonder why **Charles Gaby** goes to Clinton, Ill., every time he has a day off.

Don Bryant is welcomed back. Don recently underwent an operation so he will be fit as a fiddle for the Navy Air Corps.

Gene Hunt, they say, is a rabid wrestling fan and will do most anything to attend a good grunt and groan session. Gene said his ambition is to meet the horrible King Kong of wrestling, "The Angel."

Sympathies are extended to **Corliss Van Meter**, whose father-in-law died last week.

Gridley Wheeler, the old paper hanger, is trying to get priorities for paste to hang curtains in the Group 2 Time Office.

Roland Sisk, assistant foreman, left to join the armed services recently and all wish him good luck.

Charles Chapman, appropriately nicknamed "Vitamin Kid," is reputed to be an unalterable booster of the alphabet medicine and spreads their beneficial fame far and wide. He should be reminded that fish oil, they say, will turn one into a runner.

Those who have heard **Art Ricketts** sing, "He Waits With His Arms Wide to Meet Me Home," consider him as one of the finest choir singers in this part of the state.

Pete Fleming, crack expediter, received a very fine letter from **John Barry**, who is now stationed with the Army at Camp Phillip, Kansas. John said *The Bomb-Shell* is very entertaining and interesting.

When it comes to telling tales out of school, the temptation to tell one about **Bill Galbraith** can't be resisted. Bill, it seems, has a habit of turning off the alarm clock in order to catch a few more winks of sleep and while visiting in Aurora recently did the same thing, only to wake up about 7:30 a. m. and discover he still had to drive to the plant and start work at 8 a. m. Bill says any ideas to help in overcoming this habit will be more than appreciated.

Although **Terrance McGovern** is bordering the golden age of 60, every one was amazed to learn that his draft board had declared him a delinquent. However, Terry cleared up a little technicality and everything is all right once again.

A friend asked it be reported that **Merle Bryant** walked down "Death Valley" January 29. Merle did get married that day to a very charming young woman. It is reported **Barney O'Conner** was best man. Information could not be obtained from Barney, but from his actions and his own words to **Bill Fiene**, "Wow, what a party," and, "Say, tell me who got married this time," it is apparent Barney thinks this marriage stuff is great.

George Williams is seriously considering a change. George is now an air hoist operator, but after Thursday is going to take up the art of magic. His able assistant is none other than **Jimmy Falbo**, known to all in the plant as "Slicker Jim." It will be well worth anyone's time to watch this team put on an exhibition.

Duane Huston, the dapper Dan of Joliet and an inspector in this group, had not been able to give a plausible excuse for his thumb being in a cast. Some think it's a cramp from holding a cup of tea, but **Ode Golden** asserts it's from thumbing a ride from Highland Park.

John Kelahn, assistant superintendent, attributes his rise in production due to the *Gremlins* he has in Building 12. Their boss is **"High Pockets" Bradley**, the walking cud of chewing tobacco.

Elmer Parrish, explosives operator, looked into the mirror admiring himself, then looked a little closer and said to his wife, "Yep, I thinks it's TNT rash, all right." Some of the boys disagree, say it's Rock Creek rash.

Frank Burk is trying his best to make the most out of his gasoline. He buys the best gas to be had, has a light oil in the crankcase, keeps his tires inflated and even goes into Kankakee to a motor supply store and buys a set of 42 ignition points. For a '36 Ford he should have bought 36 points.

One evening **Eddie Keenan** was relating his experiences to a few guests and said, "Now if I were married, and, etc." He took a vacation last September to get married and now the boys wonder.

Leap Year Babies' Friends Puzzled

Friends of eight EOP employees are puzzled as to when to send birthday greetings to them. These eight once were Leap Year babies, born February 29 of their respective years. You could call them either February 28 or March 1, or, to play safe, you *could* call them both days. The eight are **Joseph Bejma**, Group 1; **Walter Johnson**, High Explosives; **Claire Shols**, Ordnance; **Dorothy Stahler**, Group 8; **Clarence Vangampler**, Group 1; **James Ventsias**, Group 1; **Stanley Wiencek**, Inert Storage.

Accidents On Increase, Unbelievable—But True

In 1941 there were 4,000,000 workers injured. Of these 1,600,000 were injured while at work, while 2,400,000 were injured away from their jobs. Fifty thousand of these died, while 170,000 were permanently disabled.

In 1942, with employment increased, the National Safety Council estimated a total of 4,400,000 injuries—52,000 deaths and 180,000 permanent injuries.

In 1942 approximately 500,000,000 man days of labor were lost because of accidents. This is equivalent to 2,000,000 men working 50 weeks of 40 hours each—enough manpower to build

71 battleships,
625 destroyers,
24,000 flying fortresses,
120,000 fighter planes or
312,500 light tanks.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

February 15

John Abraham, Inspection; **Flora Baxter**, Group 9; **George Blair**, Group 4; **Zan Collier**, Utilities; **George Frale**, Group 1; **Gordon Halweg**, Utilities; **Raymond Hyatt**, Utilities; **Charles Jenkins**, Utilities; **Allen Johnson**, Guards; **Mary Kleeberger**, Plant Protection; **William League**, Group 1; **William League**, Group 1; **Anthony Lutkus**, Group 2; **Frank McCormick**, Materials & Stores; **Ellsworth McKnight**, High Explosives; **Donald McLaughlin**, Group 1; **Richard O'Donnell**, Guards; **Joseph Olson**, Group 3; **Andrew Ruder**, Utilities; **Raymond Ruder**, Group 9; **Ralph Ryan**, Group 3; **Lewis Schuck**, Ordnance; **Margaret Shelko**, Group 9; **John Vallerugo**, Group 1; **Wesley West**, Utilities; **Floyd Zerfowski**, Group 1.

February 16

William Anselme, Group 66; **Pete Bereolos**, Inert Storage; **Leola Burgess**, Group 9; **Merton Burris**, Group 4; **James Cassidy**, Group 1; **Victor Charnetski**, Group 6; **Daniel Considine**, Ordnance; **Darwin Cooper**, Group 2; **Eleanor Czajkoski**, Ordnance; **Lavin Ecklund**, Group 3-A; **Charles Gorham**, Materials & Stores; **Bessie Hamilton**, Group 7; **Edward Jilek**, Inspection; **Josephine Kaiser**, Group 7; **Frank Kripner**, Utilities; **Eugene McKay**, Utilities; **Joseph Powell**, Group 1; **Andrew Rhode**, Group 8; **James Sassano**, Group 3-A; **Julia Seelinger**, Group 8; **Raymond Stephens**, Group 61; **Joseph Vacca**, Group 1; **Robert Walker**, Utilities.

February 17

George Abel, Utilities; **Emory Akeman**, Safety Department; **Robert Bailey**, Purchasing; **William Baima**, Utilities; **Wallace Benson**, Accounting; **Glenn Bitterman**, Utilities; **Robert Conway**, Group 3; **Lloyd Changnon**, Group 3; **Charles Dipeso, Sr.**, Timekeeping; **Edward Downey, Jr.**, Inert Storage; **Richard Driscoll**, Group 1; **Anna Esser**, Group 4; **Clara Favaro**, Group 9; **Jay Folk**, Ordnance; **Victor Gladish**, Group 1; **John Horvath**, Group 2; **Harry Luith**, Group 2; **Ernest Lockwood**, Utilities; **Mary Lohman**, Ordnance; **Stanford Maresh**, Ordnance; **Frank Musaraca**, Group 1; **Warwick McClure**, Group 3; **William McElroy**, Group 1; **Michael Murphy**, Utilities; **Roland Oertel**, Accounting; **Lora Oberholtzer**, Group 7; **Marshall Pound**, Guards; **Ines Rarick**, Group 5; **George Stevens**, Ordnance; **William Weatherford**, Plant Protection; **Kenneth Wehling**, Materials & Stores; **Edward Williams**, Group 2; **Robert Zentarski**, Group 1.

February 18

Louise Ariagno, Group 1; **Lester Arling**, Group 2; **Elizabeth Benko**, Group 9; **Raymond Berta**, Utilities; **Mary Biernat**, Ordnance; **John Cinotto**, Utilities; **Thomas Cooper**, Utilities; **John Daly**, Group 1; **Edith Duncan**, Ordnance; **Denton Elliott**, Group 4; **Gerald Ferguson**, Fire Department; **Emery Filacz**, Utilities; **Mary Gable**, Group 8; **Donald Glasgow**, Accounting; **Fred Hall**, Group 1; **Virgil Jordan**, Group 61; **Joseph Keefe**, Inspection; **Georgina Keir**, Group 5; **Everett Munger**, Group 3-A; **Lucille Nahas**, Hospital; **Raymond Nemanich**, Guards; **Arthur Nielsen**, Group 3; **Irving Olson**, Safety Department; **Mary Pavich**, Group 9; **Clara Petrelli**, Group 4; **Frank Porro**, Utilities; **Charles Schmitz**, Group 1; **Beno Sebben**, Group 3-A; **Paul Smith**, Ordnance; **Dorothy Sonntag**, General Office; **Thomas Stewart**, Finished Rounds; **Rilla Tallman**, Group 4; **Burnell Trost**, Group 1; **Gordon Venturo**, Inert Storage; **Lawrence A. Walsh**, Utilities.

February 19

Earl Ayers, Guards; **Margaret Beach**, Group 5; **Raoul Benoit**, Group 4; **Henry Canfield**, Utilities; **Wilbur Cordes**, Guards; **Edmund Fields**, Guards; **Phyllis Filetti**, Group 8; **Loretta Geisler**, Group 5; **Willis Goembel**, Guards; **Edna Goldenstein**, Group 5; **Thomas Graham**, Group 1; **Eva Hossack**, Group 5; **Edward Howard**, Utilities; **John Jones**, Utilities; **Steele Lenke, Sr.**, Group 3; **Fred Malokosky**, Group 1; **Whitney Miller**, Group 61; **John Murray**, Utilities; **Dorothy Pryde**, Group 7; **Franklin Reils**, Group 4; **Chester Reynolds**, Group 61; **George Ricketts**, Utilities; **Thomas Roe**, Group 61; **Walter Roth**, Group 3; **William Sheppard**, Utilities; **Stanley Slucki**, Group 61; **Fred Steinberger**, Group 8; **Helen Welsand**, Group 4; **Chauncey Williams**, Guards; **Flossie Yancey**, Group 5; **Glenn Yocum**, Utilities.

February 20

Joseph Beukema, Accounting; **John Breitfuss**, Accounting; **Daniel Bryan**, Group 9; **Patricia Carlos**, Personnel; **M. T. Christensen**, Inert Storage; **Donald Cockburn**, High Explosives; **Charles Collins**, Utilities; **James Condon**, Group 61; **Sam Dickenson**, Utilities; **William Dolan**, Utilities; **Evelyn Doran**, Hospital; **James Dvorak**, Group 8; **Max Feinberg**, Inspection; **John Fonch**, Group 9; **Arlene Forrest**, Group 7; **Philip Hahn**, Ordnance; **Owen Harness**, Group 9; **Agnes Hatting**, Ordnance; **Earl Herlaud**, Guards; **William Jiskra**, Utilities; **Alexander Kireger**, Group 6; **Charles Lenzie**, Group 3-A; **Raymond Lynn**, Guards; **Glenwood Martin**, Group 3; **Stephen McGrath**, Group 1; **Arthur Mitchell**, Inert Storage; **Frank Paul**, Group 1; **Harold Pope**, Utilities; **Lena Pratt**, Group 5; **Alphonso Quick**, Group 3-A; **Eleanore Rapp**, Group 5; **Joseph Schuck**, Guards; **Catherine Senffner**, Group 7; **Frank Smith**, Purchasing Department.

February 21

William Birtwistle, Group 8; **Howard Brett**, Guards; **Walter Camm**, Group 1; **Raymond Chase**, Group 1; **Edward Decker**, Guards; **Eleanore Fay**, Group 4; **Robert Feeney**, High Explosives; **Edwin Foley**, Group 5; **Orville Granger**, Group 4; **Clyde Gunn**, Guards; **Dale Gustin**, High Explosives; **Harley Harsha**, Utilities; **Joseph Marek**, Utilities; **Dorothy Rohr**, Ordnance; **Ann Sceniak**, Group 5; **Albert Schutten, Jr.**, Engineering Department; **Boyd Sorensen**, Guards; **Dorothy Tallmadge**, Group 5; **Paul Wadley**, Group 1; **Philip Watkins**, Utilities; **Palma Weston**, Ordnance; **Harry Wollgast**, Utilities; **Ernest Wilson**, Group 8.

February 22

William Booker, Utilities; **Rita Brandenburg**, Group 8; **Celia Buczek**, Group 9; **George Chrisiansen**, Guards; **Margaret Csepregi**, Group 5; **Leo Davis**, Utilities; **Sam Finkelstein**, Utilities; **Edward Frame**, Guards; **George Gagliardo**, Inert Storage; **Ruth Green**, Group 9; **John Kelly**, Utilities; **George Knarr**, Maintenance; **Alex Kravitz**, Accounting; **Lillian Lekl**, Group 9; **Matthew Ludig**, Utilities; **Lorraine Mayotte**, Group 9; **John C. McCulley**, Group 3-A; **Eveline Mikuce**, Group 4; **Margaret Morris**, Group 9; **George Palmer**, Inspection; **Mercedes Pomatto**, Group 7; **Helen Pasternak**, Group 6; **Esther Pinneo**, Group 5; **George Rauwolf**, Utilities; **Loyal Reader**, Group 3; **Nancy Riordan**, Group 6; **George Smith**, Group 1; **Bethel Snevely**, Ordnance; **John Sveinsson**, Utilities; **Henry Tuntlando**, Utilities; **James Walsh**, Group 7; **Mose Williams, Jr.**, Group 61; **Laura Wintersteen**, Group 9.

February 23

Aloysius Ballun, High Explosives; **Olga Becker**, Group 8; **Lloyd Carpenter**, Group 3; **Billie Chaney**, Group 3-A; **David Chobar**, Group 1; **Ralph Crop**, Group 1; **Maria Darin**, Accounting; **Glenn Darnell**, Guards; **Robert Doyle**, Group 1; **Milton Dralle**, Guards; **Cyril O. Finnegan**, Engineering Department; **Fred Harms**, Group 9; **Robert Harris**, Group 3-A; **John Hartley**, Group 7; **Velma Hasemeyer**, Group 5; **Philip Hubert**, Group 7; **Rosa Kammermann**, Group 8; **Edward McKinney**, Group 61; **Marjorie Kirincich**, Group 8; **Edward Mallie**, Guards; **Frances Murphy**, Group 9; **Wayne Ogden**, Utilities; **David Secrist**, Utilities; **Ivan Spenard**, Group 1; **Milton Stein**, Group 5; **Hazel Stephens**, Group 5; **Cyrill Taylor**, Utilities; **William Willard**, Maintenance; **William Wright**, Ordnance.

February 24

Joubert Arseneau, Group 1; **John Auberry**, Group 61; **James Belden**, Utilities; **Louis Christensen**, Utilities; **Paul Coppel**, Accounting; **Dean Craver**, Group 3-A; **Cecil O. Ellis**, Guards; **James Ferguson**, Guards; **Thomas Gavlean**, Utilities; **Henry Gerber**, Group 61; **James Hagerty**, Group 1; **John James**, Group 1; **Clifford Kidney**, Group 61; **Madonna Levitt**, Group 4; **Matthew Micetich**, Group 2; **Niel Nielson**, Group 1; **William Patchell**, Utilities; **James Pavel**, Ordnance; **Otto Paul**, Inert Storage; **LeRoy Rimmele**, Group 3; **Buel Sims**, Utilities; **Linna Studa**, Group 9; **Grace Taff**, Guards; **Catherine Thomas**, Group 4; **Matthew Vohanich**, Group 1; **Clyde Wade**, Utilities; **Vern Wurzdurger**, Guards.

February 25

Gladys Allie, Group 7; **Irma Ashline**, Group 9; **Robert Benson**, Group 1; **Elda Broux**, Group 7; **Horace Clarke**, Inert Storage; **John Clark**, Group 9; **Dale Edwards**, Inspection; **Frank Hudy**, High Explosives; **Ira Jackson**, Engineering Department; **Charles Karges**, Inspection; **Mary Kellher**, Group 4; **P. K. Kusunis**, Group 9; **John Lafferty**, Fire Department; **John Miller, Jr.**, Group 2; **Charles Moorehouse**, Fire Department; **Lawrence Nelson**, Group 4; **John Pate**, Production Planning; **Zemma Powell**, Group 8; **Swan Sundahl, Jr.**, Utilities; **Francis Sharkey**, Group 1; **Chester Stanley**, Guards; **Margaret Zugel**, Group 6.

Do You Belong

For January, 1943

"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

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Group 5*
Group 23*
Group 60*
Group 61*
Group 27*
Group 62 S*
Group 63*
Group 64*
Group 65*
Group 66*
Group 66-A*
Group 68*
Group 45*
Richards Farm*
Utilities*

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during January.

Make 1943 Accident Free

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Good-byes were said last week to **Connie Sternberg, Harriet Jensen** and **Dorothy Nemanich.** Meanwhile welcomes were extended to **Justine Kastelec, Freelic Reid** and **Mable Robbins.**

Uncle Sam has acquired another good man, **Francis Schade**, inventory clerk. **Willie Duperrieu**, formerly with **E. A. Evans**, chief field engineer, has taken over.

Jim Murphy has been proudly displaying a picture of his brother-in-law, **Pvt. Bud Zamboracz**, former equipment checker. Bud is now stationed at the Army Radio School, Omaha, Neb.

Dick Court gave all a very pleasant surprise when he showed up to spend an afternoon before returning to Great Lakes where he has been in training. He expects to be transferred soon.

Genevieve Carr says "you wanted news, so here is some. I had the misfortune to run into a snowbank." Genevieve came out best with only a few scratches.

Mary O'Connor reports that **Geraldine Weir** of the multilith room has been celebrating her eighth wedding anniversary, and at the same time **Dorothy Mihelic** is waving her banners high for a certain gent from across the tracks. **Christine Dare** is trying to keep her ears warm after the loss of a few locks of hair, but she looks well. Miss O'Connor's associates have issued a warning to all who enter their little office to be on the lookout for flying tools, while Mary handles the task of repairs. Perhaps a petition signed by all might get her a chance as a pitcher for the big league teams, at least one of them.

Andy Vail of Salvage Department has some explaining to do because **Elva Thomas** does not like being quoted, especially when she does not quote exactly what he says.

Helen Hausser is greatly appreciated as the new helper of the Traffic Audit Department.

This item is written as an advertisement in the hope of obtaining a new pair of glasses for **Eugene W. Wright**, and if there is no luck with that plea, someone will have to get another assistant for him. **Dorothy Maxwell's** eyes have been betraying her lately; she has lost the little appetite she had, and the only cause for such things taking place seems to be the fact that her one big moment has been interned in a hospital for a few days. It even delays her means of transportation, which is very bad.

Myrtle Cooper seems to have little or no trouble in completing the many summaries she is called upon to compile, perhaps it is due to the assistance of **Frances Mores**, whose remarks and humor hurry the problems along, and the aid of little **Lucille Brown**, who also is a great help.

Marjorie Gall is weighted down these days. It is said the load she carries on her shoulders is too much. If only some one would come to her rescue! The Marines might help.

Mary Serdar has returned after a long illness, and said she is glad to be back.

Shirley Wessels has been under the guidance of **Ray Banker** and apparently is enjoying it. They are both doing nicely. In fact, if they were able to see above the work, which is forever snowing them under, they could do much better.

Harry Brown is carrying tootsie-rolls in his pockets 'tis said, and many wonder if it is becoming a serious habit.

Group News

Group 1 reports there is to be nothing forthcoming this week, as the time it has taken them to rush from Change House to the remainder of the buildings in which the Progress Clerks have been scattered is taking the time up that they would ordinarily spend collecting their items. Their effort is appreciated.

Group 2 sends news that **Ralph Hatch** departed last week and has been replaced by **John R. Williamson.** Ralph is greatly missed by his associates and they wish him luck in his new adventure. Honors are bestowed upon **Paul Somerville**, who is their standby in all emergencies. The duties of **Ray Nelson**, who was inducted into the armed forces January 6, are now under the supervision of **Orville Rasmussen.**

At Group 3 **Wayne Munyon** and his associates could not be located, but is is assumed they have managed to make their many trips daily through the lines in order that production can be carried on faithfully.

Group 3-A has been wondering if **Mary Bertino** isn't thinking of joining the WAVES since her friend has enlisted in the Navy.

February 26

Lawrence Barutello, Utilities; **James Brophy**, Group 2; **Gladis Chinski**, Group 1; **Joseph Chiovatero**, Utilities; **John Frick, Jr.**, Group 3; **Lewis Gill**, Group 3; **Reuben Grob**, Inert Storage; **Vivian Jones**, Personnel; **Eugene Kahler**, Utilities; **Louis Klinger**, Group 2; **Margaret Larson**, Ordnance; **Roscoe Laver**, Group 61; **Clarence Mascal**, Utilities; **Clara McCarthy**, Group 9; **Ester Miller**, Group 9; **Sophia Mixner**, Ordnance; **Robert Murphy**, Group 2; **Fred Oliver**, Group 4; **Paul Owens**, Group 1; **Frank Pauly, Jr.**, Utilities; **Alexander Plunge**, High Explosives; **Theodore Potter**, Guards; **Mose Raymond**, Group 4; **Lois Ressler**, Ordnance; **J. C. Rohder**, Utilities; **Genevieve Shelly**, Group 8; **Alice Slone**, Group 9; **George Sweeney**, Guards; **Arthur Tadlock**, Group 1; **Margaret Tilstra**, Group 9; **LaVern Wynn**, Group 2; **Arlene Vehrenkamp**, Group 9.

February 27

Ewald Becker, Accounting; **Willy Bergmann**, Group 1; **John Churchill**, Group 4; **James Dermody**, Group 5; **Frances Duckmanton**, Group 5; **M. J. Finkelstein**, Group 1; **Irene Fox**, Inspection; **Audrey Gerkin**, Group 7; **James Goggins**, Group 1; **William Griswold**, Group 3; **Harry Gunchin**, Ordnance; **John Handorf**, Utilities; **Frank Jankowski**, Group 2; **Frances Kraus**, Ordnance; **Roy Lawson**, Fire Department; **Mae Manuel**, Group 7; **Ethel McCann**, Ordnance; **Marion McShane**, Group 8; **Dorothy Millerin**, Group 8; **Marji Morris**, Group 3-A; **Leora Owens**, Group 9; **Mary Owen**, Group 7; **Joseph Tonkovic**, Group 3; **Claude Webb**, Finished Rounds; **Frank Zupancic**, Inert Storage.

February 28

Amel Angesen, High Explosives; **Edwin Bertrand, Jr.**, Guards; **Robert Brais**, Group 61; **John Davidson**, Group 1; **Herbert Douglass**, Utilities; **Edward Dvorak**, High Explosives; **Ray Henneinke**, Group 3-A; **Wesley Howard**, Group 1; **Frances Kramer**, Group 9; **Earl Lagesse**, Group 2; **Rose McGurk**, Group 6; **John McMenamin**, Group 61; **Irene Metro**, Group 4; **Maynard Nicholson**, Guards; **Alonzo Officer**, Group 3; **Rose Partak**, Group 4; **Ted Rhode**, Ordnance; **Emily Rolando**, Group 7; **Harry Ross**, Guards; **W. J. Shaughnessy**, Group 5; **Anton Simon**, Fire Department; **Steve Steck**, Group 1; **E. J. Walsh**, General Superintendent Loading Lines; **Frank White**, Utilities; **Rayford Winters**, Maintenance.

New Phone Books Now Available

A limited supply of new EOP telephone directories is available at the Telephone Building and may be obtained there, according to **Supt. W. A. Buck.** Mr. Buck said also that 34,780 calls were handled by the switchboard operator January 19, the day of the blizzard, when only one out of every seven employees was able to reach the plant and the night forces were marooned here.

Group 2 Worker's Song Is Published

"If You Can't Go to War Buy A Bond," is the title of a new song published last month by Bell Music Company, Chicago, music and words of which were written by **Winston Wascher**, a storekeeper in Group 2. Mr. Wascher is an accomplished arranger and has worked with many name bands. He is receiving congratulations from friends throughout EOP. The words are as follows:

"Listen all you mill and office workers
There's still another job to be done.
You don't want the name of being shirkers,
Although you can't carry a gun.
North and South, East and West,
Every one must invest,
If you can't go to war buy a bond.
Now's the time, don't delay
When they hand you your pay,
If you can't go to war buy a bond.
Let's keep the Stars and Stripes forever flying,
We've got to win this war, so keep on buying,
Everywhere send the word,
Let this message be heard,
If you can't go to war buy a bond."

Former Guard Here Prisoner In Italy

Walter W. Plumb, former EOP guard and later a parachutist with United States forces in North Africa, reported missing in action last December, is a prisoner in Italy, his grandmother, **Mrs. Theresa Watson**, of Odell, was informed by the War Department. His former associates among the Guards were glad to hear he had not lost his life as they feared at first

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—'38 Chevrolet sedan. Good condition. Four new tires. Price $375. Owner leaving for Army. Call Joliet 2-4614, or Line 4244.

To Buy—Used outboard motor about five horsepower. Please state condition and terms. See **George Hatting**, Group 66.

Room and Board—See **Mrs. Ray Rother**, Elwood.

For Sale—18 foot trailer completely furnished, 9 x 12 screened porch. 18 x 18 tarpaulin covering trailer and porch. Can be seen at Island Trailer Park, Wilmington. $275, terms. Call Line 5230.

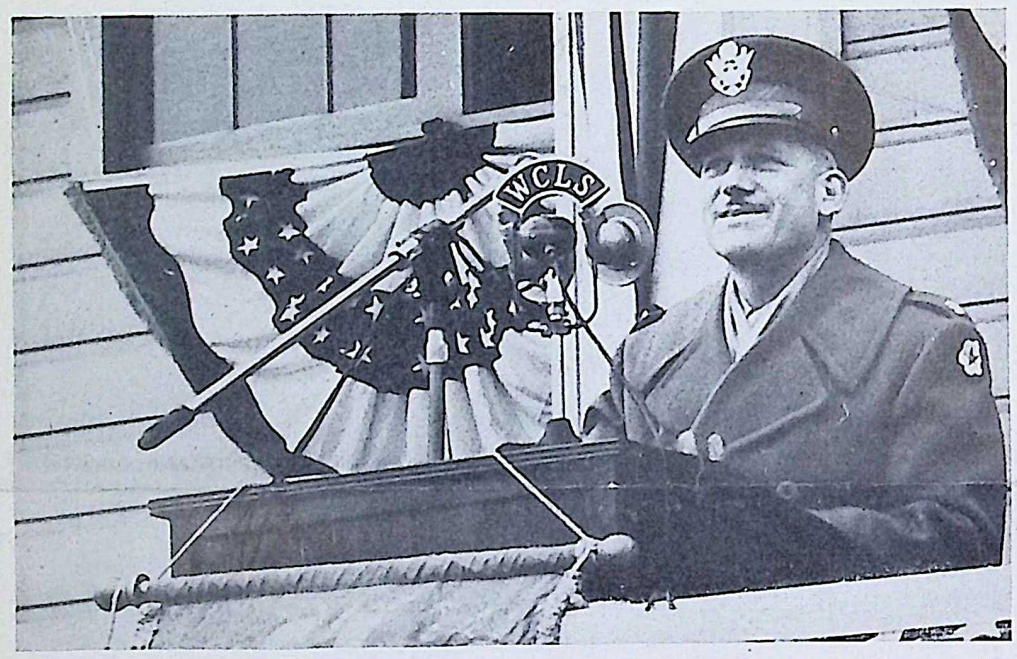
Riders Wanted—From Chicago to EOP. Steady 7:30 to 3:30 shift. Meet driver on near north side on Ogden Avenue. Call **Edwin Scholl**, Power House, Group 4. Line 4144.

For Sale—Schick electric shaver ("Colonel"), single head, brand new, retailed for $17.50; excellent condition. Box with steel mirror included. Call **Frank Skoff**, Line 4259.

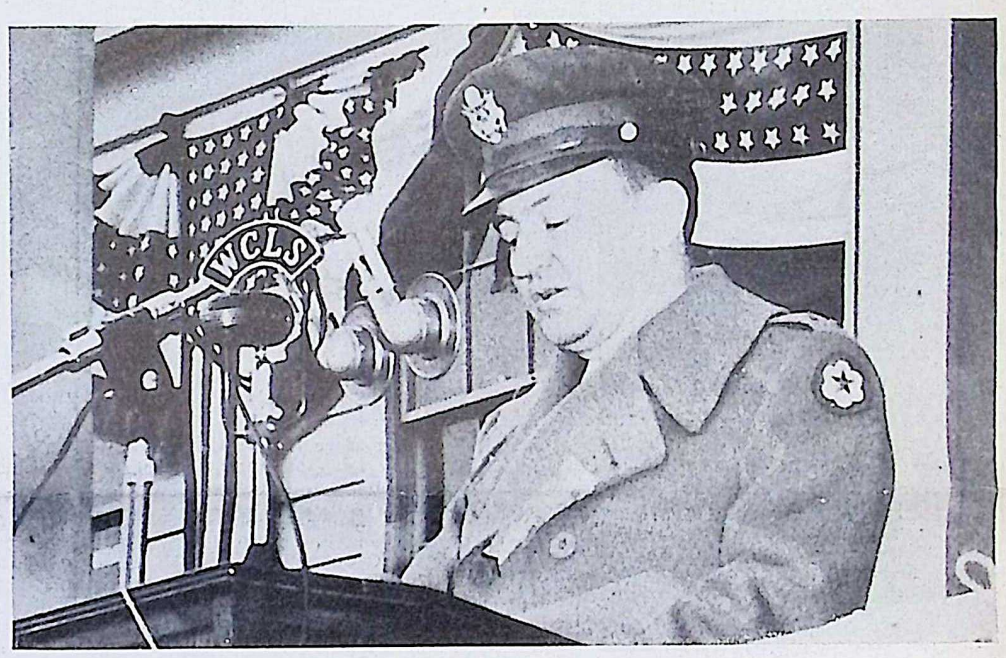
ELWOOD ON PARADE

WORDS OF WELCOME were spoken at the "E" award ceremonies by Major Kenneth M. Haber, Commanding Officer of EOP, who launched the program Friday afternoon, February 12.

WORDS OF PRAISE for the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant were heard from Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, EOP's builders and operators.



WORDS OF PRIDE were uttered by Lieutenant Colonel Don M. Hoffman, who told his audience that he was glad to have been associated with them as Commanding Officer.



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT were expressed by Colonel T. C. Gerber, another former Commanding Officer, who is now Field Director of all Ammunition Plants in the country.

PARTLY HIDDEN, BUT THERE NEVERTHELESS is the happy smile worn by Harrison Smith as he received from the hands of Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr., Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Ground, the coveted Army and Navy "E" flag, and accepted it in behalf of all EOP's men and women soldiers of ordnance.

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Grim Tales of War Told Here By EOP Hero

Group Spellbound As Marine Relates Pacific Experiences

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Realization of what hand-to-hand fighting with the Japs in the Solomons is held by those who attended the EOP Fellowship Meeting in the Recreation Building February 18 and heard **Corp. John Barry**, former employee, tell of his experiences as a marine at Guadalcanal.

The audience of nearly 200 was held spellbound by tales of killing at least six Japs with a knife, of being wounded in both legs and being returned to his home in Joliet for a rest, after having received treatment in several hospitals.

It was a grim story, a story that brought war home to EOP because it wasn't so long ago Corp. Barry was working here. From September 3, 1941, to December 31 of the same year, he was employed in railroad construction under **J. L. "Pop" James.** Five days after resigning he enlisted in the Marines and in May of 1942 went overseas with a raiding battalion.

On Two Sunken Carriers

He was assigned to duty on the carrier Lexington and was on board that ship when it went down in the Coral Sea. Rescued after two hours in the water, Barry eventually got back on another carrier, the Yorktown. That went down at Midway, and once again he slid down the ropes into the sea and was rescued in two hours.

He is perhaps proudest of the fact that his battalion participated in the famous commando raid on Makin Island, led by **Lt. Col. James Roosevelt** and **Col. Edwin F. Carlson.** The now famous "Carlson's Raiders" landed on the island under cover of darkness and completely annihilated a Jap force of 350 men. A seaplane base was wiped off the map as the marines destroyed everything in sight.

Japs Always Dig In

After Makin the raiders were ordered to relieve their mates on Guadalcanal. Barry's outfit arrived on Oct. 1 to relieve the remnants of the gallant marines who had fought since August.

"We were a guerrilla outfit," he explained, "mopping up back in the jungles and swamps. We used machine guns, knives, hand grenades, our fists, clubs, mortars; anything that was handy. We lived in the jungles on rations and a few bananas and cocoanuts, lugging our equipment everywhere. It was plain, simple hell."

The leathernecks were machine-gunned, shelled, bombed. The Japs used every weapon at their disposal to halt the steadily advancing Americans.

"Every time a Jap stops for five

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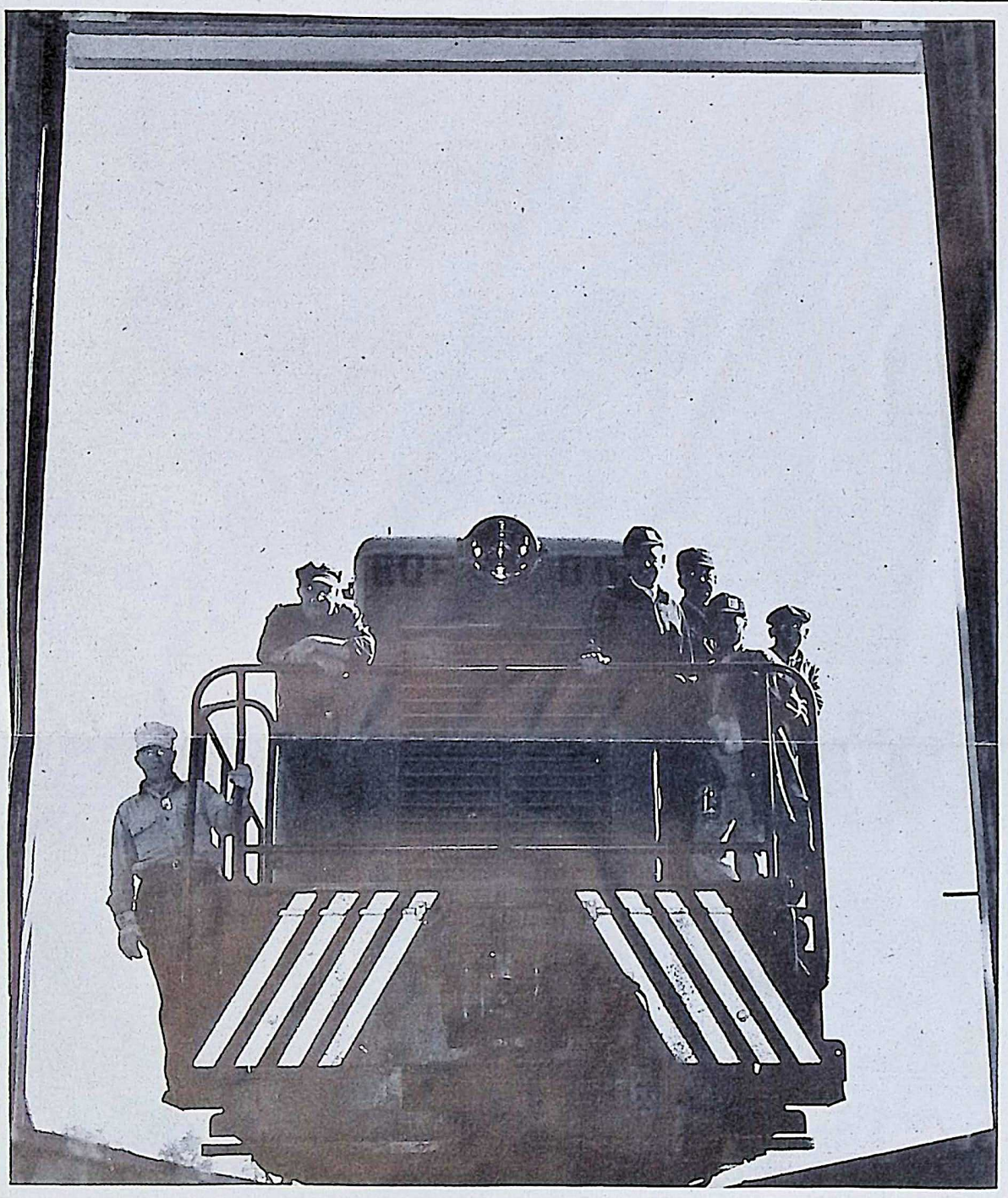
Ready for a Day's Work at EOP



FRAMED IN THE ENTRANCE to the EOP roundhouse is this powerful diesel locomotive and its crew. Shown left to right are: Kenneth M. Morgan, switchman; Robert DeGrace, engineer; Joseph E. Dunn, engineer; Charles E. Clark, oiler; Walter H. Horst, switchman; William C. Weitzel, switchman foreman.

See Own Boards After March 1

Issuance of gasoline rationing cards has been completed at EOP and those who do not receive their cards by March 1 are advised to apply at once to their local rationing boards. Assistance to employees in filling out their applications and issuance of cards for some counties was started at EOP February 16 and completed February 23. Several thousand workers took advantage of the service.

Fellowship Meeting March 11

The next meeting of the EOP Fellowship Club in the Recreation Building, originally scheduled for March 4, has been postponed to March 11.

Colonel Reed Pays First Visit Here

Col. C. S. Reed, chief of the Inspection Section, Ammunition Division, Ordnance Department, Washington, paid his first visit to EOP February 18. He inspected the plant in company with **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer, and **Capt. A. G. Resch**, Ordnance inspection officer.

Harrison Smith Returns From Business Trip

Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, has returned from a trip to New York and Shreveport, La. He left February 13 and spent three days in New York on business. In Shreveport he inspected the Louisiana Ordnance Plant, an operation similar to EOP, as the guest of a former associate, **Leslie Myer**, vice president of Silas Mason Co.

Workers Reminded To Get "E" Pins

Employees who have not yet received their "E" pins are again reminded they may obtain them through their foremen. Those who were on the payroll January 9 are eligible. If production is maintained at necessary excellence for six months, EOP may be awarded a star for the flag and in that event employees on the payroll then will be eligible for pins.

Spring Activities Planned

The Recreation Department is busy planning spring activities, according to **Director E. L. Walkup**, and those interested in baseball, softball and tennis are asked to communicate with him.

War Fund For Red Cross Is Sought Here

Employees Asked To Give at Least Two Hours of Pay

The campaign of the American Red Cross for its $125,000,000 emergency fund is on and the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant will be doing their share the week of March 1 to 8.

Contributions from the workers in the groups will be handled by their respective superintendents and there is no doubt but that each group will play its allotted part.

Each contributor will receive a tag . . . buttons are out this year because of the metal shortage. Stickers for automobiles or residence windows are available to those who wish them.

Employees are reminded that the Red Cross functions inside the military camps in this country and with the armed forces in the field throughout the world. United Service Organizations operate outside of the camps within this country. USO's principal function is to look after recreational features for the armed forces when members are on leave.

Many Families Represented

This is not the annual Roll Call of the Red Cross . . . it is a call to aid in the direst emergency ever faced by the Red Cross or by this Nation. It is a campaign for a war fund and all are asked to give to the limit of their ability. It has been suggested that the minimum contribution should be not less than two hours' pay. It will require the help of every individual to raise the necessary funds. Heads of families are asked to give for each member, as the emergency faces all.

Each contribution to the Red Cross will go to alleviate suffering or to meet the needs of some loved one . . . so great is the representation of families in the armed forces here and abroad.

The American Red Cross today faces the second year of United States' participation in World War II secure in the knowledge that its vast resources have withstood the rigid tests of wartime in the months since Pearl Harbor.

To meet its increased wartime responsibilities, the Red Cross has set a goal of $125,000,000 for the 1943 War Fund. Of this sum, $80,000,000 will go to the national organization to further its services to the armed forces.

Distant Outposts Aided

At distant outposts where American fighting men are guarding freedom, from India to the tiny garrisoned islands of the South Pacific, Red Cross services have reached out to keep pace with the fast-changing requirements of global warfare.

On the home front, the Red Cross has broadened its program to guard against the unbridled

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The Red Cross Helps

Somewhere, today, an American serviceman needs help. He may be at a distant domestic camp or base, on a ship at sea, in an unfriendly prison camp. Wherever he is, there also is the American Red Cross, offering him its many resources. Whether his problem is personal, physical, mental or financial, the Red Cross stands ready to assist him and his family. Somewhere, every minute of the hour, every hour of the day, every day of the year, the Red Cross is helping someone.

Won't you help, too?

Railroad Crossings

In the past few weeks we have had reports not only from our train crews, but other employees as well, as to the chances some automobile drivers are taking at all railroad crossings in the EOP area. Fortunately, nothing serious had come of this practice until a few nights ago when an automobile driven by one of our employees collided with one of our diesel engines. Both occupants of the automobile were taken to our plant hospital where it was determined that their condition was not serious although they both needed medical attention. Now, an accident like this could be very serious—maybe loss of life; then why is it people driving cars in this plant insist on trying to beat our engines to the crossing!

This is not the first time that a diesel engine has been in an accident with an automobile; however, I believe that the seriousness of this accident should make us all think for a few minutes just how serious this accident *could have been.* There are signs posted at each of the crossings and, at the south sub-station, where we believe there is more chance of an accident, there is a flasher-light posted with the word "STOP" on it, but to most of us it might as well read "GO," for very few motorists ever stop at this crossing. Let all automobile drivers make a pledge to themselves not only to slow down, but to come to a complete stop when approaching all of our railroad crossings. There aren't many, and the few minutes lost will be repaid by the feeling that you are not only protecting your own life, but the lives of each of your riders.

Remember that until someone invents a steering wheel for our engines, it is up to you to take every precaution in preserving the safety of your fellow employees; and the members of our train crews will continue always to be alert and to use every safety measure at their disposal to inform you of an engine approaching a road crossing.

Give them a break during this bad weather and drive slowly so that you will not have any difficulty in stopping even though the road may be slippery.

—George J. Reilly.

"Momie! Does he say 'keep 'em rolling' in this letter, too?"

The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

The recent activity down at the Administration Building where all our fellow toilers are trying to get another eye-dropper of gasoline for the ensuing few months suggests that rationing may provide the season's best admission ticket to all the local insane asylums.

Last November's spasm on gasoline was just a teaser, although it did force a lot of the boys to find out the names of their "buddies," who they were transporting to and from work for fees that would, in the aggregate, amortize the mortgage on the old jalopy long before the war is over; and permit the owner-chauffeur to buy an occasional cigar that stunk up the tonneau to the point where some of the passengers were almost ready to get out and walk.

Yes, those were the rosy days when shoe stores were free institutions, and the fronts of grocery stores were made of glass instead of hard steel bars.

We have already been driven to sorrow for the fellow who protested that size 17 shoes were too big for him, but he finally got it through his skull that 17 is only the number of the coupon. Our heart goes out for the genius who roamed around in a fog for two weeks because he couldn't decide whether his three cans of Sterno should be reported as canned goods or should be deducted from his quota of fuel oil.

The increasing pressure to regulate the flow and use of goods suggests the desirability of a one-legged men's clearing house, so that one pair of shoes could do double duty and thus avoid the apparent discrimination against the man with two feet crying for protective covering.

I know it sounds ridiculous but there are possibilities in an Exchange that would provide the opportunity to unload your permit for eight cans of spinach to some ardent spinach-lover in return for a ticket that allows you to get a self-respecting pork chop all in one piece, instead of picking it up at the butcher's in installments. By a little careful trading and saving, it should be possible to collect enough coupons all at once for a complete meal, sans such impossible fripperies as salad, soup and dessert.

A word of caution is also indicated. If you are not careful to coordinate your coupons with your calendar making sure that coupon No. 6 comes due in the first week of April, and that No. 2 is disposed of before Labor Day, you may arrive at that puzzling predicament of sitting down to Sunday dinner confronted with one boiled shoe, a large tumbler of gasoline, and a dish of shredded questionnaire, a la OPA. Oh well, it may wear us down, and make bookkeepers out of us all, but who knows, it may in the long run keep the hordes from hoarding.

Don't Let This Happen Here

"E" Flags Withdrawn From War Plants For Output Lag

New York, Feb. 18.—A policy of cracking down on war plants which permit a lag in production was disclosed today as the Navy announced the withdrawal of two Army-Navy E awards. The plants were directed to haul down their pennants and notify employees to discontinue wearing the E label insignia. The firms are the Electric Specialty Co. of Stamford, Conn., and John A. Roebling Sons Co. of Trenton, N. J.

—*From the Chicago Sun.*

I have written . . . a poem!

War of Christianity

It's called the War of Christianity,
I really believe that's true,
For the way of the heathen seldom finds,
A land that's all true-blue.

A son, a sweetheart, or a Dad,
So many of you have sent,
You hope and pray that God is good and will
Return him as he went.

Your prayers are not unanswered,
Your hearts may break and bleed,
But never, for one moment, think
That God did not take heed.

He's with them every minute,
For is it not His War
To fight the men, the *parasites,* who
Monopolize His door?

The avaricious, greedy things
Who live, but yet, to die,
Will soon have met their judgment
Under a red, and blazing sky.

While America, the U. S. A.,
The home of the brave and the free,
Shall count their losses, one by one,
But will "Thank God, for Victory."

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Wear a Smile

People may talk and people may lie,
But there's still always you and I
Mind not what they say,
If there's a will, there's a way.

Keep a prayer in your heart each night,
And you'll know you're doing what's right,
People may knock and kick you about
But show them you can stick it out.

Wear a cheery smile and a great big grin,
Because in the end you'll always win,
So trust in God who watches above
'Cause he watches o'er you with guiding love.

—"Texas" Simpson,
Bldg. 4, Group 6.

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Working for Your Uncle

We are all in the Army,
We're working for Uncle Sam,
And we carry a pack and rifle
When our Country is in a jam.

It's in a jam at present,
And we are raring for to go
Across the great big ocean
To fight in Tokyo.

And when we get to Tokyo
We'll clean it up with ease,
Then we won't have to worry
About those dirty Japanese.

We won't forget Pearl Harbor,
And the bombs they dropped that day
Upon our flying personnel
And ships in Manila Bay.

When this quarrel is over
And we return to our own shore,
I hope we have a lasting peace,
And be free for ever more.

Don't forget your Uncle, boys,
The folks all call him Sam,
So always stand behind him
When our Country is in a jam.

He needs your help at present,
For he's got a job to do,
That's why he's calling all you boys,
For he depends on you.

And when this job is over
And you have won the fray,
I hope you all return again
To this good old U. S. A.

—William Hayes,
805 Cora Street, Joliet.

(Father of Pvt. Donald B. Hayes, former EOP employee in Group 1, and now stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.)

For America and Us He Did It

The shout was, "over the top, boys!"
As Joe lifted his weary head
And raised his battered helmet
From the side of his so-called bed.

The voice of the sergeant was loud and clear,
And rung above the noise,
Of the raging, bloody battle
That went on without a pause.

But Joe was then so far away,
On thoughts that were so strange
To this field of endless struggle,
To this bloody rifle range.

The sergeant seemed so far away,
Yet Joe stumbled to his feet
And wabbled off to battle;
Yes, to victory or defeat.

His teammates stormed ahead of him
With bayonets out in front,
And he heard a startled Jap or two
End life with just a grunt.

And then his mind began to clear;
This thing that he was doing
Was just one deed to save for him
The girl that he'd been wooing.

The debt-free home of all his dreams,
Front lawn and shady trees,
A little boy about the house
To sit on daddy's knees.

This was for the right to sit
On Sunday in his pew
In any church, in any place
And learn the things to do.

To save his soul, be Captain of his Fate,
To live in righteous ways,
To make his friends, to glory Him,
Who now prolongs his days.

This was for the right to think
And give one's own opinion
Of any word, or thought, or deed
In this, our own dominion.

This was for the Bill of Rights
And life and liberty,
The right to sail our many ships
On lake and on the sea.

The right to lift a zooming plane
Above a peaceful world
And sail at will above the clouds
That float o'er flags unfurled.

Not flags of war, of hate or fear,
But those above the free
Who now must toil, and sweat, and fight
To live like you and me.

Now these were racing through his head
With a thousand thoughts or more,
But even these could not express
What Joe was fighting for.

'Twould take a hundred books or more
To show this information
That clearly was presented
In a moment's meditation.

For 'twas only a fleeting moment
'Til Joe did meet the foe
And meted out destruction
Like a roaring inferno.

He spent his last hot bullet
On a rumbling, massive tank,
And began to use the bayonet,
A friend of every Yank.

His thrusts were swift and sure
As he dug in with his toes
And the choking scent of human blood
Assailed his battered nose.

But Joe, his pals, a mighty band
Had met the terrible fate,
And dooming words rung in their ears,
Thundering "Too little and too late!"

—Kenneth S. McClain,
Group 3.

Soldier Sends Salutation on 'E' Award Here

Says Workers Should Be Proud and Look To It as Incentive

"All EOP employees should be proud of the part which they have played in bringing this honor to the plant," wrote **Pvt. Robert F. Clark**, from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, in commenting on the Army-Navy "E" award to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance, in a letter to *The Bomb-Shell*.

"Not only should it remind them," he continued, "of the endeavor and excellence of their work as displayed so far, but it should be an incentive for an even higher quantity and quality of production. Both my father and mother are employed at the plant. Please say hello to **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon** of Group 1 and to **Lee Redell, Rex Vane** and all the fellows I worked with in Building 5-A."

Pvt. Clark's father, **James F. Clark**, is an assistant foreman in Group 3-A, and his mother, **Mrs. Abbie Clark**, worked in Groups 1 and 9.

"I'm positive that as long as there is an Elwood Ordnance Plant," said **Corp. Charles V. Wood**, a former railroad employee, in a letter from Fort Benning, Georgia, where he is in Officers Candidate School, "that the men in the armed forces will not want or worry about not having enough to fight with."

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"The picture of the railroad man in the snow in a recent issue of your paper looked very familiar to me," he continued, "for when I was on the railroad there I went through several blizzards and I know just what it's like. If I continue my work satisfactorily, I will be commissioned on March 20. I hope to get my first furlough then and visit my friends at Elwood."

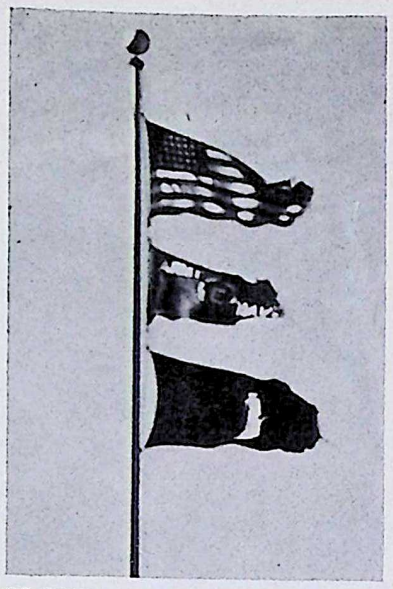
Pvt. Richard G. Stanley, San Diego, Calif., sent greetings to his former associates in Inert Storage, especially Pete Peterson and John Wald. He said he was having a swell time and that the weather there is fine.

Pvt. W. R. Jarvis, formerly of Fuze and Booster Area, wrote that he was in boot training with the Marines in San Diego, Calif., and that if he ever gets married he is going to get his wife the best washing machine made. "I've washed so many clothes by hand that I'm getting washtub hands," he added.

Numerous Others Write

Letters and cards also were received from **Cpl. Ralph H. Mallory**, Camp Campbell, Kentucky; **Robert L. Hasemeyer**, New York City, N. Y.; **Pvt. Raymond V. Hansen**, San Angelo, Tex.; **Pvt. Robert W. Everson**, Camp Hale, Colorado; **Pvt. Phillip R. Pickard**, Camp Butner, North Carolina; **Pvt. Herman Winkler**, Fort Knox, Kentucky; **James D. Batson**, Olatke, Kan.; **Ernst Aeschbacher**, Urbana, Ill.; **Pvt. Stephen J. Rusina**, Columbia, S. C.; **John Mazur**, Jacksonville, Fla.; **George W. Roecker**, New York City, N. Y.; **Pvt. Michael J. Bollero**, San Francisco, Cal.; **Pvt. Merle O. Hilgert**, Las Vegas, Nev.; **Alfred J. Munch, Jr.**, Chicago, Ill.; **F. R. Lippner**, Bronson Field, Florida; **Pvt. Roy W. Ravagnie**, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; **J. Philip Allison**, Banana River, Fla.; **Pvt. Fred M. Treadman**, Camp Campbell, Kentucky; **Zigmond Pluskota**, Boca Raton, Fla.; **Talmadge K. Allen**, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. Chris J. Economos**, Camp Crowder, Missouri; **Pvt. Russell S. Brown**, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; **Pvt. Gerard H. Hanlon**, Camp Crowder, Missouri; **Robert Scheidt**, Jonesboro, Ark.; **Pvt. Aldo Zinonni**, Biggs Field, Texas; **George Harms**, Camp Peary, Virginia; **Sgt. Arthur Nelson, Jr.**, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; **Pvt. John Lambdin**, Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida; **Pvt. Raymond D. Gaddo**, San Francisco, Cal.; **Delbert R. Wilson**, Pensacola, Fla.; **Pvt. Clarence Rowoldt**, Miami Beach, Fla.; **Ensign William I. Weisman**, Quantico, Va.; **Pvt. Robert F. Clark**, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; **Bernard Schwab**, Corpus Christi, Tex.; **William Sanders**, Forrest, Ill., who wrote in behalf of his son, **Pvt. Verne L. Sanders**, New York City, N. Y.; **Pvt. Richard Clanahan**, Camp Swift, Texas; **Pvt. M. W. Kimak**, Fort Bliss, Texas; **Mrs. Mary E. Singleton**, Wilmington, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her son, **Arthur W. Singleton**, Indianapolis, Ind.; **Cpl. Guy F. Brunacci**, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; **Pvt. Harry E. Kimmel**, New York City, N. Y.;

Pvt. Joseph F. Liberty, Fort McPherson, Georgia; **Pvt. Robert E. Guess**, Glendale, Cal.; **Pvt. A. A. Cooper**, Camp Wallace, Texas; **Pvt. Elwood W. Cook**, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; **Emil J. Malavolti**, San Francisco, Cal.; **Irene Mulligan**, who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Francis J. Van Duyne**, New York City, N. Y.; **Mrs. Marion Dombrowiak**, Joliet, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her husband, **Cpl. Marion B. Dombrowiak**, San Francisco, Cal.; **Sgt. Willis W. Weaver**, Camp Hale, Colorado; **Mrs. Roland Torkelson**, Minooka, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her husband, **Pvt. Roland Torkelson**, New York City, N. Y.; **Pvt. William F. Reilly**, Chicago, Ill.; **Rose Umek**, who wrote in behalf of **Pvt. Anthony M. Kuzma**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; **M. L. Bolos**, Joliet, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her brother, **Casimir Smigielski**, San Juan, Puerto Rico; **Edward T. Posner**, Brooklyn, N. Y.; **Cpl. Merle S. Albert**, Camp Butner, North Carolina; **Cpl. Robert O. Olson**, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; **Pvt. Elson E. Anderson**, Elgin Field, Florida; **Pvt. Robert Jessup**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; **Mrs. N. A. Hambourger**, Chicago, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her husband, **Pvt. Norman Hambourger**, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; **Lt. Robert W. McFadden**, Ardmore, Okla., and **Gerald E. Thaden**, who has been discharged honorably from the Marines because of wounds and has returned to his home in Bradley, Ill.



PROUDLY flying just beneath Old Glory and supported by EOP's "T" flag, the plant's Army-Navy "E" flag is shown here in its place. The "E" flag is for excellence in production and the "T" flag indicates EOP workers are putting 10 per cent of their income into War Bonds.

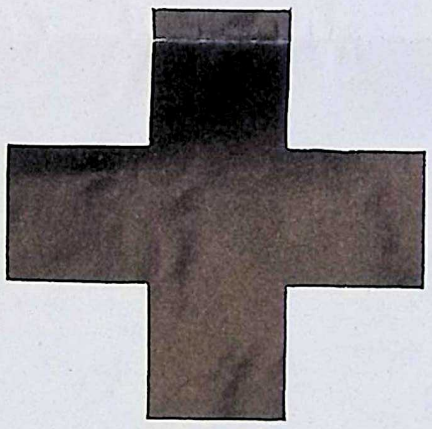
Employee Representatives at "E" Ceremony

Mary Wilhemi, Group 7 — Theresa Seno, Group 8 — C. Higgins, Group 4 — Frances Meditz, Group 6

John A. Burnett, Group 1 — Lois Peterson, Group 9 — R. R. Kuntz, Inert Storage — A. L. Slahaven, Fire Dept.

Albion Delander, Payroll — Walter D. Neher, Group 61 — Bernard Boos, Group 3 — Fred Cox, Group 3-A

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES who acted for their co-workers during the "E" ceremony were selected by vote. Of the four representatives of the loading line groups, the five representatives from the Fuze and Booster Area and six representatives of miscellaneous groups, three were named to receive symbolic "E" pins. They were Alice Taskey, Fuze & Booster; Richard G. Richards, miscellaneous, and Vincent Farrell, Group 2. These three, as well as the others, asked that The Bomb-Shell convey thanks to their co-workers for the honor.



Give what you can to the

RED CROSS

but not less than 2 hours' pay

"This time I'm giving double."

Make that a quotation from you and see that your superintendent receives your contribution today.

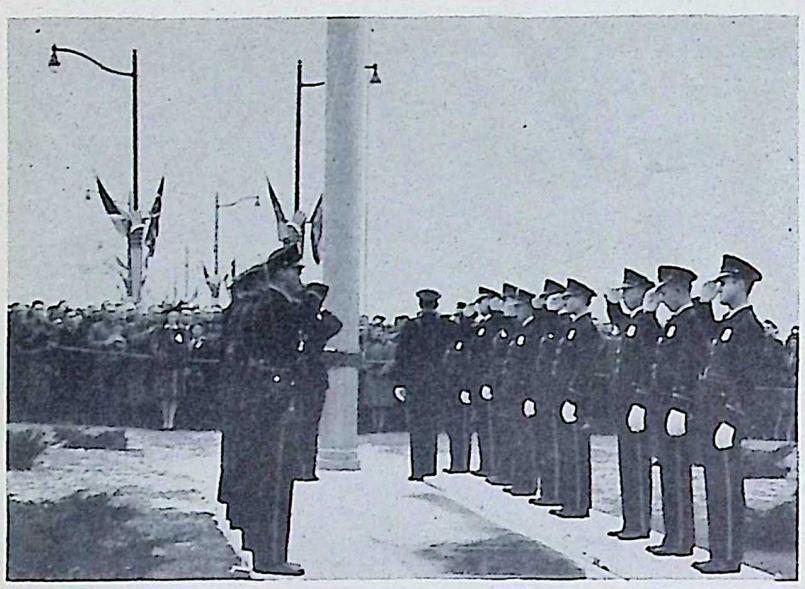
President Roosevelt has designated March as "Red Cross Month." From March 1 to 8, EOP employees have the opportunity to help the American Red Cross and thereby help their sons, fathers, husbands, daughters, mothers and wives in the armed services.

In peacetime many persons have been satisfied to become members of the Red Cross by subscribing the minimum membership of one dollar. Surely, this year, few of us will be content to make such a contribution. Global war, which has made necessary the dispatch of a dozen A.E.F.'s to the far corners of the world, has multiplied many-fold the work of our American Red Cross.

Wherever United States fighting men go, there, also, the Red Cross goes.

Today the American Red Cross is the only non-military organization operating within military and naval reservations. It is the liaison between the people and the soldiers who fight to defend them.

And that is why the Red Cross is worthy of your larger contribution in this second year of war.



EOP'S FINEST once again displayed its claim to this title when the color guard selected from the Guards raised the "E" flag over the plant. Pictured here are the members of the color guard, Lt. Frank Pate, Sgt. Clare Cosgrove, Sgt. Earl Goodnecht, Sgt. Everett Brammer, Guards Harlan Grogan, Raymond O'Keefe, Harold Morine, John Maxim, James Murphy, Ernest Bennett, Roy Wolfe, Henry Gerbracht, Coy Willis, Frank Greene, Edward Stonich, Elmer Boulware, Leonard Peterson, John Pearce, Armond Bouchard and Elmer Carlson.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

The following men have left for the armed forces: **William Chaney, Harry Harms, Bennie Coy, Ralph Beallis, Alex Perardi, Byron Severns** and **James DeFrees.**

The excitement among the feminine element in the line was caused by the handsome young visitor, **Sgt. C. Tarran,** son of **Chris "Scotty" Tarran** of Mazon. Sgt. Tarran is stationed at Ft. Brady, Michigan.

One of the first signs of spring in Group 3-A is the new hat being worn by **Edgar Engle.**

Group 3-A extends sincere sympathy in **Alice Clark's** bereavement.

Among the group of distinguished visitors to Group 3-A during the "E" award ceremonies were **Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone** of New York.

When **Patsy Hawkins** attended the "E" dance she took two Coast Guards along. She reports that both her husband, **Harvey Hawkins,** and his friend, **Arthur Phelps,** enjoyed the dance immensely.

Popular **Frances Biros** is ill at home.

Group 3-A's basketball team got off to a slow start, but they put on the steam later. **Capt. Stewart Law** and teammates, **Raymond Blecha, Roy Beatty, David Gutierrez, Frankie Guest, Don Kiefner, Bob Griffin** and **Philip Hester,** play a fine game to which Group 1, Inspectors and the Bus Drivers can attest. In appreciation of the good sportsmanship these boys have displayed, **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick** has ordered uniforms which will be worn by the team at its next game.

Russell Shriver spent a pleasant week-end at his home in southern Illinois. He said that the weather was so cold most of the people were wearing shoes.

Jake "Mountain Boy" Wheeler, the Ozark hillclimber, would be very pleased if some kind soul would give him a ride to the strip mines someday so he could get some practice and also get over being homesick for the hills.

Building 10 has a Round Table consisting of the following members: **Philip Bedore, Crawford Kerr, William McCall,** and **George Hausser.** Any subjects will be gladly discussed to compete for the $64 question.

Art Thompson's investment in chickens has yielded a return of one egg to date. It is known as the $15 egg.

Several of the girls presented **August Janov** with a cake on his birthday. He is now known as "Cake-Eater Gus."

Group 3-A welcomes **Amy Losby** back to her job. Amy rapidly recovered from her appendectomy and feels as good as new. She says she is very happy to be back in the swing of things and thanks everyone for the lovely flowers and cards.

Alma Eklund's recent bereavement has the Group's sincerest sympathy.

Mr. Bedore wants to know why **Dell Raridon** is now wearing a tie every day.

Mary Rigoni has been selected to represent the girls on the Employees Activities Commitee. Mary said bowlers are gathering at the Recreation Building to form a team to accept challenges issued by various girls' teams of the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodson have recently moved into their new home which replaces the one destroyed by fire several months ago.

Clarence Massey returned safely from his trip to Chicago. This being the first time he traveled alone, his associates in Building 3 were really glad to know of his safety.

The men's bowling team is proudly displaying newly acquired bowling shirts at the Wilmington Alleys Fridays at 7 p.m. The team includes **Paul Weber, Lloyd Changnon, Jim Hendershott, Wilfred Spiers** and **Colby Erickson.** The boys are valiantly striving for first place.

Francis "Doug" Oram's dissipation is fishing. Spring is just around the corner, so "look over the dam, little fishies."

Group 1

JACK BARRY
Correspondent

Ted Miller of **Sup't Joseph E. Salmon's** office, bought a fancy cigar at the Mess Hall. It was complete with a neat white holder and intrigued Ted no end. A few puffs and the lad lost interest for he grew quite pale around the gills.

Smokey Moore fell out of a building one night when he opened the door too vigorously. Now **Herman Beringer,** safety engineer, who lives in the same apartment, double-bars all doors and windows so Smokey will not fall out at home. That's precaution.

If a fellow had the druthers he druther be as obliging and helpful as were **Red Bevinger** and **Joe Nardi** at the war veteran's get-together. Being experts in the gentle and lost art of mixing 'em up, these lads took over the elbow bending departments and fixed everything to a king's taste.

Joe Smaid, vociferous timekeeper, has gone away, but left many aching hearts behind. Joe transferred to another group, but before he left was presented with a petition signed by several hundred folks in this group begging him to remain.

Cynthia Camp, a former employe, ranked next to highest in the second semester exams at U. of I., with an average of 97. Seems as though Cynthia is forever bringing home the bacon. Last summer she won the war bond which was given away as a gate prize at the Group 1 picnic.

It's a real pleasure to transact business with such agreeable and obliging dispatchers as **Morric Denbolt** and **George O'Reilly.** Their voices even seem to carry a smile over the phone.

Edward St. Clair Farrell makes the headlines again and for the last time for the duration. The Army reserves called on him to help win the war and so he's gone away to do his bit.

When it comes to quality production—*Get There Fastest With the Mostest*—There are **Andre Lombardi, Melvin "Swede" Nielson** and **Joe D'Andre,** who are the skookum chaps who keep their eyes on the ball for.

Ollie "Monk" Sandell, perhaps better known as every-other-month, is back on the job after having recovered from a fractured ankle.

Russell Girot, by which name he would never be recognized by all those who call him "Hooley," is quite proud of the two air hoists (elevators to you) which were installed in Building 4 where he presides.

The race is over and it seems as though **Betty Murphy** has won the heart of the grand prize; in short **Frank Paul** in person. When questioned by the roving reporter, Betty said she wasn't even trying very hard but she's got that self-satisfied look.

THREE - THOUSANDTH employee to step up his War Bond buying to the $50 denomination was Guard Prentice P. Antle, stationed at Group 3. Many employees are signing for $50 instead of $25 bonds, so as to save the Government money at no cost to them. The weekly payment remains the same.

Brunnell "Dupe" Dupuis at long last received his call to the Army Air Corps and left for Sheppard Field February 19. All and sundry are cast down by this great loss but are compensated more than somewhat that one old timer has returned. **Emil Bruni,** a veteran of World War I and of the present global conflict, came back to work again after having served for some months with the Marines.

Don't look now but it seems a real orgy of nicknames has crept into this issue.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

James "Smokey" Moore has fully recovered from his recent accident. All the hatches have been battened down and it was suggested to Smokey that in the future, he use the stairs when leaving a building. Previously Smokey had always been known to be fast and light on his feet, but now there is a little doubt.

"Tall Story" Lou Evans, Building 16; victim of obesity, has finally hit pay dirt. Ask him about it. Oil, ore or coal,—it's all the same to Lou.

Robert Fox, a veteran of Group 3 has gone. All extend good wishes to him in his new venture. He vacated the foreman's job at Buildings 5-A, 6 and 7, now being capably handled by **Jack Homel.**

A way of defining **Tony Helling** is; the man with a prolonged streak of luck. Tony won a prize in the recent EOP bowling sweepstakes.

The grapevine has it that EOP was awarded the Army-Navy "E." It also tells that **Elmer Emanuelson** and **Keith Lockwood** make up a very fine singing duo. Of course both of these boys are of the bashful type and have to be coaxed into offering one of their fine renditions.

Could it be the income tax or gasoline rationing that is bothering **Wilbur Olroyd?** He drove up to a stop light in Wilmington, opened his jacket and held out his badge. After a few seconds he realized his mistake, but he couldn't explain to **Ray Stehlik** what was wrong.

Wayne "Flash" Munyon has moved his office to Building 10. The boys there will now see a living example of unequalled speed and stamina.

Tom Sprague, a well liked foreman of Building 3, is in the race for police magistrate of Joliet. He has many loyal supporters at EOP.

Harry Beasley of Building 5-A is progressing very well in his study of the finer points of hockey playing. Of course, his progress would not be so rapid were it not for the fact that he is being tutored by **Norbert McLuckie** and Mr. Emanuelson, former experts in the game.

George Knezevic and **John Harzheim** are ready and willing to assist **Gerald Clennon** in filing his income tax return. Of course, they will not tolerate any misinformation that Jerry has hinted he may give, such as: damage to the oats in the pig pen or depreciation on the manure spreader (which incidentally is used very much).

Many wonder why **Lester Crook** dodges all the junk yards on his way to work. Some say he is afraid the Government will take his car for scrap.

Production Planning

LORETTA RYAN
Correspondent

Flash!! **Harry Brown** is the proud "papa" of a son born February 8 in the Morris Hospital. The name picked for the infant is **Stewart.** Candy and cigars were offered to the employees who stopped to offer congratulations.

Justine Kastelec left after a short stay of one week in the office to accept a position near her home.

RESCUED from the Pacific after his ship was torpedoed, this is how Paul T. Brozman, former EOP employee, and his associates looked. Brozman, who visited Group 1, where his girl friend, Lorraine Evans works, on his recent furlough, is the third from left standing. The sailor was the second man employed here and had badge number 52.

Freelie Reid spent four days last week with her husband before he left for the Army.

Helen Hausser, traffic audit office, is probably having the time of her life in Louisiana. She received a two-week leave of absence in order to visit her husband who is stationed down there.

Mary Matesi is now working on the other side of the room, while **Dorothy Bollig** is taking over Mary's old job.

Many wonder why **Frances Mores** jerked that ring off of the "right" finger so suddenly the other day when she met several of the girls.

What are those notes that **Rowena Roberts** finds tucked in her typewriter everyday? The mystery—how do they get there? It must be someone who is pretty familiar with the office.

If you are wondering why **Bud Wright** looks so much different these days, it is merely because he has his specks back again and can see where he is going.

Bernadine Clausing appears to be fully recovered from her one-day illness.

Eleanor Goss' sadness is due to the fact that a farewell was said to one of the fellows in the Engineering Department who is departing for New York.

Dorothy Mehelic's latest is pining because it has been all of 272 *hours* since he last saw her or so he said in a letter received recently . . . while at the same time she received an official notice from the government that another one landed safely on foreign soil. Now what is this?

Mary O'Connor is still going Du Pont strong. . . . Nice Valentines **Christ Dare** collects. . . . Also **Mae Norem** received a nice valentine from Hawaii.

Mary Strobel has joined Production Planning.

Pvt. Bill Stanley, who is stationed in Seattle, Wash., writes that he would appreciate letters from all of his old friends.

Shirley Wessls said she had a very nice time on her day off.

George Sangmiester, equipment checker, was sick last week.

Group 3 progress clerks reported they have changed offices, otherwise they do their work and mind their business.

Group 2 welcomed **Bob Ardaugh** as a progress clerk.

Mrs. Ray Banker is the proud grandmother of a baby boy.

"Mess Sergeant" Sends in Omelet Recipe

Capt. A. G. Resch, mess sergeant at "Camp Brennan" and Ordnance Inspection officer here, contributes the following "Fluffy Omelet" recipe which, he claims, excels **Eleanor Roosevelt's** famous Omelet recipe:

Two tablespoons quick cooking tapioca, one-half teaspoon salt, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, three-quarters cup milk (scalded), one tablespoon butter, four egg yolks beaten until thick and lemon colored, four egg whites stiffly beaten.

Method — Add quick cooking tapioca, salt and pepper to milk and cook in double boiler 15 minutes, or until tapioca is clear and mixture thickened, stirring frequently. Add butter. Combine with egg yolks, stirring constantly. Fold in egg whites. Pour into hot buttered nine-inch frying pan. Cook over low flame three minutes. Then bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 minutes. Omelet is sufficiently cooked when a knife inserted comes out clean. Cut across at right angles to handle of pan, being careful not to cut all the way through. Fold carefully from handle to opposite side and serve on hot platter. (Serves six.)

Q. What insignia designates an honorable discharge as a soldier in World War I?

A. A bronze button, with a star and "U.S." in center of star, and a laurel victory wreath entwined about the star. If the star is silver, it denotes "wounded in action."

Q. What is the Legion of Merit?

A. It is a new decoration that has just been established. The Legion of Merit will be awarded for extraordinary fidelity in essential service. Its design has been developed from the Great Seal of the United States. The ribbon is purple-red edged with white.

Q. Can you tell me why the Marines are called leathernecks?

A. Sure. They got the name from the leather lined collar that was formerly part of a marine uniform.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Many wonder what it is that makes **Marie Huska** so keen about Studebaker coupes.

To avoid further embarrassment, it has been recommended by friends that **Maxine "Bing" Enger** go on a diet.

Mercedes Pomatto, received a diamond. Her boy friend is with the armed forces in Canada.

Fred Blatt, Jr., formerly in the Chemical Lab has answered the call of the Army Air Corps. His shy grin will be missed by more than one employee of the Fuze and Booster Area.

Group 6

Myrtle Altenbrunn has received word that her son, **Pvt. Leonard Altenbrunn** has arrived at Camp Robinson, Ark., for eight weeks' training.

A surprise party was held in honor of **Irene Cummins'** birthday February 2. And from all reports, it was a real surprise.

If there are any girls desiring to learn the art of self-protection, it is reported that **Doreen "Peanut" Larrigan** will give the benefit of her recent experience gained at the skating rink.

Julie Rynearson has received word that her husband, **Corp. Lawrence Rynearson,** is now in North Africa.

Group 8

Lila Muzziarelli's husband is home on a two-week furlough.

Hazel Krug's brother was home on a furlough from North Carolina.

Margie Paul's many friends are glad to hear that she is recovering nicely from a recent appendectomy.

Esther Barnes, Government inspector, has been having foot trouble lately, and all with the same foot, too.

Buck Weese, seems to have more nicknames than he can use. The latest ones have been "Fats" and "Mr. Woose." The reason for the first is obvious, what with him doting constantly on pies, cakes, candy, etc., but no one has as yet explained "Mr. Woose."

The mustache fad has spread—cooky dusters have now appeared on **Mike Molnar** and Mr. Weese. It must be the Spring weather.

Frank Blacic and **Jim Bryant** certainly enjoy each other's company. The question in the minds of those nearby is—are they laughing *at* or *with* each other.

The Nickname Club is growing. The newest members are **Frank "City Slicker" Zupacic, Eddie "Hillbilly" Foley, Ralph "Salami" Macchia** and **James "Flash" Gordon.**

Albert Blanchette writes that he is now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

War Fund For Red Cross Sought

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spread of suffering and death in the wake of disaster from natural catastrophies or war.

War clouds had not yet settled over Pearl Harbor when Red Cross workers throughout the nation were called into action by Chairman Norman H. Davis.

Prepared for War

Veteran Red Cross workers, who had maintained a constant alert and were ready to face the emergencies of war, were joined by tens of thousands of new volunteers anxious to do their part in the cause of humanity.

Thousands of workers were trained to serve with the military forces as Red Cross field directors, hospital recreation workers, and medical social workers. They were assigned to posts at home, and all armed tasks forces leaving ports of embarkation for foreign service were accompanied by Red Cross field directors and their staffs.

Overseas, the Red Cross organized an extensive club program for the recreation of the armed forces in leave areas. Staffed by American men and women who by experience and training were suited to the task, nearly 150 clubs were opened in Australia, Great Britain, Iceland, India, the Middle East, Alaska, Northern Ireland, and China.

On the home front, Red Cross chapters and branches assumed an early lead preparing the nation for the disasters war might bring to the civilian population, training of an estimated 5,500,000 persons in first aid. Through the Red Cross Nurses War Reserve, 28,000 nurses were recruited for the armed forces and 15,000 for service at home. An estimated 50,000 Red Cross Nurse's Aides were trained to help relieve the shortage of nurses in hospitals, while 900,000 persons received instruction in home nursing techniques.

In Red Cross production rooms the nation over, patriotic women volunteers worked long hours making 520,000,000 surgical dressings and 14,300,000 garments for relief among civilian refugees of a war-torn world and for the armed forces.

Volunteered Blood

The Red Cross Blood Donor Service was established in 24 cities where laboratory facilities were available, and thousands of people volunteered as donors. Approximately 1,800,000 pints of blood were contributed at these centers and at Red Cross mobile centers operating from them.

Young America joined the Red Cross call by enlisting in the American Junior Red Cross. With its 14,500,000 members the Junior Red Cross carried on an extensive program of production for the armed forces.

When the war struck home to the American population as the first U. S. troops were captured in battle, the Red Cross Inquiry Service stood ready to assist in establishing communications between the prisoners and their families. At the same time, relief to American prisoners of war including food parcels, large quantities of cigarettes, tobacco, medical supplies and clothing were shipped by the Red Cross, and relief supplies were sent to victims of aggression in foreign countries.

PHOTOGENIC timekeeper at the Administration Building is Edith Lewis, shown here making her rounds. Photogenic, by the way, means photographing well. Do you agree?

War Lingo

OGPU—The Russian secret police.

Onions — Anti-aircraft shells. (Br.)

Panzer—Fast-moving, hard-striking German mechanized division.

Paul Pry—Searchlight. (Br.)

Peashooter—Pursuit plane.

Picchiatelli—Italian dive bomber.

Pompom — Multiple barrelled anti-aircraft gun.

Prang—To damage an aircraft. (Br. RAF)

Brown types—Army men, wearers of khaki instead of the RAF blue. (Br. RAF)

Grim Tales of War Told Here

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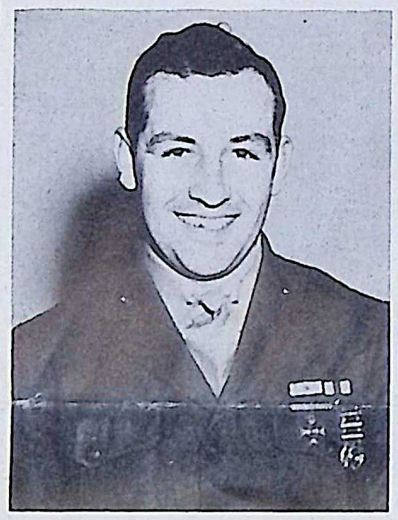
minutes he digs a fox hole. We had to get in close to get them out with knives or hand grenades," said Barry.

Corp. Barry got his Jap bullet late one afternoon on Nov. 11 while the world was observing Armistice Day. The raiders had walked into what amounted to a trap.

"We had a mission that took us behind the Jap lines," he explained. "For three or four days marines filtered through the lines and then met at a rendezvous to wipe out a Jap emplacement that was supposed to hold between 50 and 75 men. We came out of a cocoanut grove across a clearing, and got almost to the Jap position when they cut loose with machine guns and 20 millimeter guns. Instead of 50 Japs there were between 400 and 500. We had no support—couldn't expect any behind their lines—so we had to get out. I laid in the grass from 7 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon. A sniper got me through the leg."

Believes in the Knife

When Barry's outfit first arrived on Guadalcanal they were opposed by the imperial Japanese marines. They were big, well trained men, and Barry found that subsequent replacements were not as good. He is a firm believer in the knife.



DETAILS of battle life in Guadalcanal were given those attending the EOP Fellowship Meeting February 18 by Corp. John Barry, former EOP employee. Those who heard him have a better idea of what hand-to-hand fighting with the Japs is like . . . and that's putting it mildly.

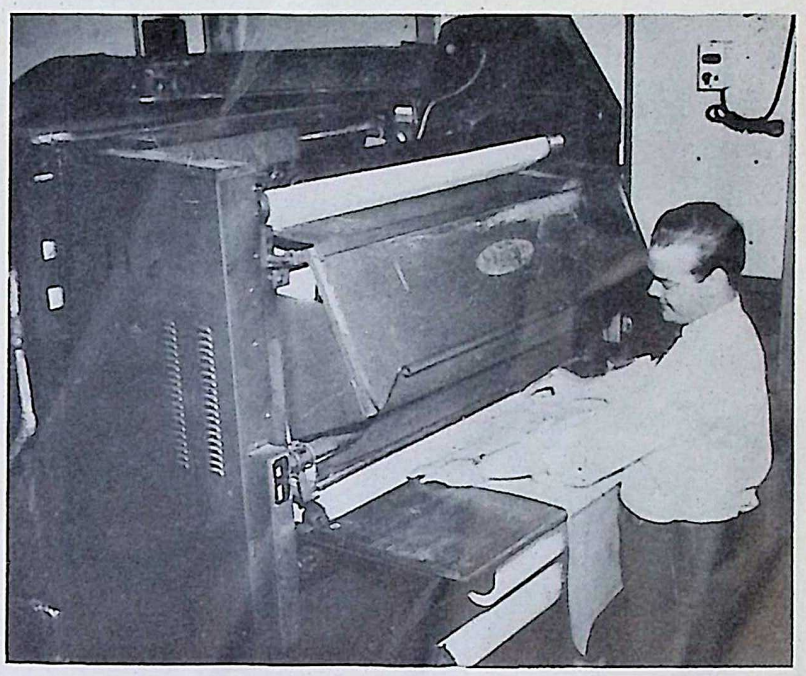
"It's quiet and quick," he said. "And it don't give away your position."

There's grim evidence of the youth's prowess in his forced art of killing. He brought home a wicked looking knife, stained with a brown substance. On the handle of the knife are six notches. Each one of those notches represents a dead Jap killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

"It's kill or be killed," Corp. Barry explained. "The Japs don't surrender. We never take prisoners. And don't let anyone tell you the Japs can't fight. They are tough and excel in trickery and night fighting. You can't make any mistakes and live."

Q. Will there be a new service ribbon for men who have been on duty overseas since this war started?

A. There will be at least three new ribbons indicating such service. President Roosevelt has issued an executive order creating the American; Asiatic-Pacific; and European, African, Middle-Eastern ribbons to be awarded to anybody in the armed services who has served outside the continental limits of the United States anytime between Dec. 7, 1941, and a date six months after the end of the war.



RHAPSODIES IN BLUEPRINTS are turned out by Bob McKeon shown here operating the blueprint machine in the Engineering Department. It is easy to see by its size that it can turn out mighty big ones in a hurry. Another picture of the machine is on Page 12.

About Group 3

Here is a story about Group 3,
As fine a group as ever you see,
Within its bounds are the best of men,
And the best of these are in Building Ten;
Here Rudy is boss and next to him
Are his two subs, Smitty and Slim;
These three guys are quite a sight
As they strut around in their robes of white;
The men are all loyal and true,
Putting in their licks for the red, white and blue;
They clean off the bombs and sweep the floor,
Booster them all and holler for more,
Slap on the bands and smear on the paint,
Doing all this with no complaint.
Stencil the bombs as they roll on the ramp,
And then they are ready for Government stamp;
This stamp is kept far out of reach
Of every one else but Scotty or Deitz;
The bombs are then rolled into the car
And this is the place where the termites are;
The boss of this gang is a Swede you know,
Martin by name and he's not slow;
He dashes in and out of Building Ten
Giving orders to all his men;
They growl and gripe one and all,
But when the bombs roll fast they hit the ball;
We're never let down by this bunch of boys,
But heavens above what an awful noise;
When the noise it stops you think they're through.
But a voice pipes up, who's got a chew?
We roll in the bombs, they build the track,
And many a finger gets a nasty crack.
They work and sing all through the day;
At quitting time you should see them play,
So again I say for the best of men
Just take Group 3 and Building Ten.

—Slim Madsen,
Group 3.

Q. How come silver outranks gold in officers' insignias?

A. Here's the explanation. In the early days of the organization of the Army, silver was used for the insignia of the higher grades; the lower grades had no insignia. Later, when they were given designations, it was simpler to use gold for these lower grades.

Q. Were American Indians required to serve in the Army in World War I?

A. No. This is the first war in which they have been required to serve in the U. S. Armed Forces as an obligation of citizenship.

Q. How many different sizes of shoes does the Army issue?

A. Two hundred and thirty-eight—ranging from size 4½ to 16!

Q. In what states can a soldier be married by proxy?

A. Proxy marriages are legal in Idaho, Nebraska, Kansas, Florida, South Carolina, and Washington.

"You mean you dropped one of our eggs ker-smack down the ship's smoke stack?"

A DISTANT SHOT SHOWS THE MAGNITUDE of the crowd which attended the EOP "E" ceremonies. Additional crowd photos are on Pages 7 and 12.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

With the presentation of the Army-Navy "E" award everyone is knuckling down to fulfill the pledge taken to redouble efforts to produce the weapons of victory.

Congratulations go to **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Glenney**, who are the proud parents of an eight pound daughter. Dan, they say, had to take quite a bit of back water and pay off a lot of expensive bets.

Pete Fleming sent two dress shirts, Arrow and Manhattan, to the laundry and when they were returned to him he discovered that he had two work shirts instead. Oshkosh-B-Gosh by label. Pete didn't think this was such a good exchange.

Best of luck and good wishes are extended to **Frank Jankowski** and **Edward Bedford**, who left to join the Army Air Corps.

One of the current questions is why does **Joseph Alberts** take so much extra time to come into work on the afternoon shift?

Roy Martin hasn't been home since he advised his wife to return a pair of shoes to a certain shoe dealer in his home town. It seems his wife was unable to purchase the usual brand of shoes and took the next best, which Roy didn't think was so good and advised she return them, which she did. His wife was not able to get to town the next two days or so and by that time the shoe rationing program had been started so she was out of luck for replacement of the shoes originally bought.

Things all would like to know: What **Ted Arens** does on his day off. . . . Where **"Brother" Lawrence Crawford** gets all his wrong phone numbers. . . . Why **Harold Sonday** wears coveralls. . . . When **Otto Koch** is going to start cashing his 1942 paychecks. . . . Why **John Boggetto** needs so much first aid. . . . Why **Harold Hazzard** keeps cotton in his ears while he is working. . . . Why **Don May** doesn't jack-up the tail light on his car. . . . Why a certain threshing machine operator is trying to teach **Bill O'Connor** the pipe trade. . . . Why **Bill Kane** is such a White Sox fan?

All wish **Barney O'Connor** success in his new position here.

Archie LeBorence's smiling face is missed these days, as he hasn't come in for aspirins lately.

Mel Roach is really boiling at your correspondents for the write-up published about him in the last issue. Mel threatens to sue for libel unless some statements are retracted.

John Wiles is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet, and all wish for him a speedy recovery.

Claude Massey is said to be the sleep-walker of the month. Claude got up out of bed and walked about the house one night, all in his sleep, and then into the guest room, where he piled in. It must seem strange to wake up in the morning in a room different from the one in which you went to sleep.

Ray Murray has an acute case of indigestion. His wife was away over the week-end and Ray had to take his meals in a restaurant. Ray reports he would be O.K. if he had chosen the right restaurant.

Bill Denver of Inert Storage has an early start on his spring Victory Garden. Bill is raising a couple of "Lillies" and if they bloom before the end of the week, *victory* is his, for he will win a bet from **Dick Ashworth.**

It was reported **Joe Connors** is out looking for his ration book. Many wonder if he plans to take up housekeeping or needs a new pair of shoes.

Did you ever overhear a conversation between **Karl Ulrich** and **Harl Son** about their dogs? After bragging for an hour or so about his three or four dogs, Karl decided to let Harl tell about his dog. Well, Harl said his dog could do many tricks, one of which is very cute and it happens when the dog is following someone downstairs. Just watch your pants legs when you are over at Harl's house.

Joe Furlan is a student in the afternoon first aid class, but reports he is worried about getting to the scene of the accident first. He says he has no car and someone may have to aid him to get there first.

Cy Thompson asked why all the speed limit signs were taken down in the Area. The signs are very definitely there, so perhaps he should leave his glasses on when he passes through the gate.

George Schoppe is going to be the "First Aid Boy" of Building 12. When the instructor passes out the examination papers, George is the first one to hand his in. As a matter of fact, George is getting his in so fast the instructor has no record of his papers at all. George is the only man in the class who can practice all of his bandaging on himself.

Q. A friend of mine in a tank destroyer outfit wrote me that they now have a new shoulder insignia and it's a wow! Can you tell me what it looks like?

A. The Tank Destroyers are now authorized to wear a distinctive shoulder insignia of their own design. It shows a cougar in black, crunching a tank, all imposed on a circular field of golden orange.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Correspondent

At the recent "E" Award festivities, the Guard Department was justly proud of not only their Color Guard's performance but of all the guards who helped handle the traffic in the area. **Lieut. Frank Pate** was in charge of the Color Guards, while **Chief M. C. Baughman** actively handled the traffic affairs.

The query at present around Guard Headquarters is "Who is Lieutenant Gates?" It is understood that Radio Dispatcher **Paul Stacel** is the only one who can answer this question.

Wayne "Hallelujah" Boyd is a new monicker worth explaining. It is understood that a man appeared at the Front Gate last week and after spending some time there waiting, asked permission from the guards to do a little praying. The guards consented but they asked him to include Boyd in his prayers. With great action and words, he proceeded, and *did* include Guard Boyd.

Lieut. William McClellan, on tour of his duties one night last week, was approached by a ramp guard in one of the ramps, with this salutation, "What tower are you out of, Buddy?" Lieutenant McClellan has, since then, put a bright new lustre on his gold.

Dispatcher **Casimir J. "Spike" Klafta**, who recently moved into the metropolitan area, visited his bosom pal in Joliet on a recent weekend.

Notice

Are you in doubt? Are you concerned over momentous problems the outcome of which are in doubt? Do you wish to argue for the sake of argument or for the purpose of being informed? If so, see the 4-12 shift at Room 18, Guardhouse. Satisfaction guaranteed or argument ad infinitum.

Joseph C. Wolf is improving his mind by a review of elementary arithmetic during his spare time at home. He will vouch for the fact that the circumference of a circle is Pi times the diameter. He proved it.

Lieut. Herman Walters related the fact that he was very much surprised when he received his change in classification to 4-H. He said the card was accompanied by a note which read, "This classification is subject to change in the event that a need for Generals arises."

With the Women

Marie Hanson has returned home from St. Joseph's Hospital. Her broken ankle is "on the mend."

Lt. Eve Anna Castle visited her home in Quincy last week end.

Five new Women Guards are welcomed. They are: **Mary Lou Beam**, Joliet; **Mary L. Gardner**, Lexington, Ill.; **Pauline Bloomquist**, Lexington; **Phyllis Surman**, Dwight, and **Frances Carpenter**, Urbana.

Mabel Peterson is still wondering who put the frying pan in her bunk one Saturday. "You'd think," she said, "that they'd at least heat it. After all, a girl's tootsies are cold after working a gate."

Florence Bradecish, Nora Mae Secor, Margaret Cavolt and **Verla Chism** looked very glamorous at the Army-Navy "E" Dance.

The one and only **"General" Villa Eggleston** planned to act as newsboy for the Women Guards. She purchased 15 copies of a recent newspaper expecting to find pictures of her co-workers. However, after scanning the paper and finding no pictures, she returned them to the office.

Capt. Gladys Armstrong now believes in fairies. When she returned from work the other evening her dinner was *"ready and waiting."* **Mayona Nelson** hopes she'll soon be as pleasantly surprised.

Mae Glade has returned to work after a week's illness.

Come spring and all may be able to see that new outfit **Polly Morrow** recently purchased.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON

Correspondent

Group 66

Last week there was a "fish" network which practically engulfed the entire area. Now it's given way to something else in the form of Spring fantasy—the gentle art of raising hares. Coops, pens, dog houses and even igloos have been suggested as brooders. Of course, the innovation, as it were, is well rooted, having a patriotic angle, but perhaps more of an urge toward that indefatigable part our anatomy commonly known as the stomach. Of course, some of the boys hope to realize a few "bucks" while others will be contented with just a little "doe."

Recent communication from **Pvt. Arthur C. Donavan**, who is stationed at Stockton, Calif., says even though it's like spring there, he still prefers good old Illinois. Pvt. Donavan wants to hear from the boys, even though it's only a card.

It's suggested that all would-be anglers at Groups 66 and 66-A purchase fishing licenses early this season. After all, $27.50 is a lot of money!

Bill Van Duyne is offering a few good musical instruments for sale very cheap. Since his concerts have stopped, the cats have returned to the clock house.

Lyle "Murphy" Thompson left before it could be learned who received a fine Waltham.

Group 68

The Inspection Department is turning amateur night sleuths. Their problem is—who put the limburger cheese in the manifold heater? For two days it has been necessary to keep the car windows open. **Robert Swinford** and **Andy Perino** are still under supervision and, needless to say, the Inspection Department is looking forward to revenge.

Frank Perino and **Elmer Zost** report success for their Saturday night dances at the Lincoln Ballroom in Marseilles—several faces from EOP have been sighted in the crowd. **Barney Falletti** and his orchestra have been featured.

Dick Sebastian, who is sporting a first aid badge, recently had an opportunity to prove his skill on a large owl found by **Denzell R. Clay** and which examination disclosed had a broken wing.

The group welcomes back in the midst as ace time helper **Paul "Story Woronovich" Zamkovitz** (Zam for short).

Group 63

Friends of **Frank J. Walsh**, a former material checker in Group 63, will be interested to know that several letters have been received by friends here from "somewhere in North Africa." He was formerly in England and Ireland.

Wendell J. Overacker, Jr., better known as 'Wilkie" and a star material checker, is enthusiastic about his prospects for the Army Quartermaster Corps. It won't be long before he finds out if, when and where he will be wearing that nifty olive drab.

A new and popular addition to the Inspection Department, **John Cameron Brown**, Chatsworth, Ill., soon makes his first appearance before his local draft board. "Cam" is just bubbling over in anticipation of that big moment.

The romance(?) or troubles(?) that began when **Tommy Hall** ran into a door at Group 1 several months ago had its sequel February 13 when **Christine Aimone** and Tom said "I do." Tom is a member of the popular explosive truck team of **Walter Shaffer** and Hall.

In the past few months a number of men active in Group 63 have had their names added to the large and ever growing list of EOP employees in the armed services. They are **August J. Simonich, Ray Hansen, Loren "Chenoa Mike" Ellis, Frank Mitok, Anton "Tiny" Grayback, Charles "Cropsey" Weatherford, Jack Needles** and **Dee Johnson** of the timekeeping department; **Don "Chick" Manthey, Dan Stringer** and **Albert "Butch" Pescitelli.** Ray was last heard from in Texas, "Chenoa Mike" from Camp Campbell, Kentucky Army Air Base, "Cropsey" from Camp Kohler Army Signal Corps at Sacramento, Calif., "Chick" from Army Radio Signal Corps at Ashland, Ky., and "Butch" from Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.

A SIDE VIEW FURTHER MAGNIFIES THE CROWD which heard EOP's men and women soldiers of ordnance praised by "E" ceremony speakers.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Dispatcher **Virgil Hidlebaugh** is enveloped in a deep daze—trying to think up items about his co-workers. **Frank Skoff**, the **G. B. Shaw** of the Fire Department, is busy turning out his usual fine copy, and your other correspondent is doing a gandi-dance that makes for much fuss, but no copy. This three-ring circus is being watched by **Chief R. W. Mortenson**, who occasionally puts in a quip or two which relieve the tension in the press-room.

Wayne Barber isn't a stenog any more. He has traded the typewriter for his first new suit (khaki—no cuffs) an a rifle. He's in for the duration.

Thomas Billadeau sure likes his new morning duty. It could be the *new help!*

Asst. Chief Walter Lueder to Chief Mortenson: "Chief, I would like to get off an extra day this week. The wife is coming home—I want to wash the dishes." Answer—"XRCMPTU!"

Asst. Chief Charles Davis knows what gas rationing is now. His V8 Ford was at a standstill on Route 66A "half way home."

Joe Baudino, timekeeper, sure looks pretty! Half of his complexion is "*blue*."

Frank Scoma would like to be the cook on the 7:30 shift. He thinks his Italian style cooking would agree with everyone, especially with Frankie Nolan, to whom the smell of garlic plant is as sweet as an evening breeze wafting o'er the parched proboscis of a weary desert prospector.

The Deparment extends a hearty welcome to the following new members: **Frank Popstein, Alex Klemit, Joe Walsh** and **Tom Bretto.**

Fred Habing was transferred from the clerks to the fire inspectors. He was tendered a chic new suit of red flannels by the boys, as he will now be roughing it among the igloos.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin DuPuis have a new tax exemption in their home. The lassie arrived Valentine Day.

George Zelke, who underwent an operation, is welcomed back.

Inspector **Johnny Hembrough's** favorite song, "I Didn't Know What Time It Was," suddenly changed to "I Wonder Where My 'E' Badge Is Tonight!"

Charley "Loquacious" Tyler reports the political scene in his home town as follows: "We all got a tough election comin' up down Leafy Grove way; but I don't worry: I'm on the right bandwagon."

You can always get a hot tip on the horses from **George "Tout" Collins.**

You can always get a hot tip **"Silent" Mietz** to come out with a new story every day.

Warren Colby's bowling score of 265 is still tops.

Orval Riggs thinks that Illinois has the best basketball team in the country; and is willing to bet on it—for a small sum.

George Bexson is having a tough time figuring out his income tax. But then, who isn't?

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO

Correspondent

Bob Hamilton, Ray Rowen and **James Bean** have received their notice and soon will be in Uncle Sam's Army. Bob and Ray work at Group 1 where they have been doing a swell job while James is one of the night field riders. All three will be missed and they are sent off with the best wishes of the department.

Frances Keigher, who hails from Joliet, and **Vesta Hines**, who lives in Wilmington, are the newest members of the department.

The main Time Office is patiently waiting to see the little puppies which were born under the building. "Whitey," the mascot of Richards Farm, has kept them hidden since they were born a month ago and it seems she is quite content to leave them there where eager hands of would-be owners, can't get at them.

Gerry Parthuns, pretty little keeper of time at Group 4, is ill at home with pneumonia. All are hoping for her quick recovery.

The husband of **Alice Petke**, formerly Alice Secor, is still waiting for a home cooked meal prepared by his beautiful bride.

Rumors, but not confirmed, are that **Helen Buck** and **Helen Kelly** will announce their engagements soon.

Eva Sweda, keeper of the files, is planning on joining either the WAACs or the WAVES.

John O'Connell is raising another mustache after *accidentally* shaving off the old one.

Cliff Northrup is planning to buy a frog farm so he can take the hops out to make beer.

The absence of key men who once adorned and polished the "corn crib" is conspicuously noted.

The Army, Navy, and Notre Dame were rewarded with some beautiful photos when **Gerry Graham** had her picture taken recently.

Personnel

DARA PREW

Correspondent

Rose LeBeau has found the cheapest lodging place of all—and in the city of Chicago, too. Deciding that she would stay overnight to finish some business the next day, Rose started to hunt for a place to sleep after eating dinner. If any of you have searched for a hotel room in Chicago on a Saturday night, you know just how difficult her task was. Her quest finally ended in the Illinois Central station where the matron in the rest room agreed to let her stay for 25 cents if she had a train ticket. When Rose gave her twice that amount, she took great pains to make her as comfortable as possible.

Although **Dr. I. W. Madura** says he's (censored) years old, no one seems inclined to believe him. Recently "Doc" procured a birth certificate and the date recorded for his birth does not coincide with that which he's been using. Now, the question which arises is: "If the date is not correct, could there have been a mistake in the year also? Could 'Doc' have been as bashful as a girl about his age?"

If you want to have the hair on which the sun glints and the boys rave about, just use glove shampoo the next time you wash your hair. The new process is personally recommended by **Charlotte Doxsee.** So far there have been no buttons or seams sprouting out of her hair, so it is presumed that it's safe.

Byron Mills has a double purpose for celebrating on Valentine's Day. This year he spent a quiet 67th birthday at home with his family. It was a busy weekend for **Carmen Oldani**, too, for her birthday not only falls on Valentine's Day but her brother was married the day before.

Among those things you can't believe, even when you hear them with your own ears, was the statement made by **Rita "Rusty" Cushing** to **Helen Bardi** as they were both entering the door of the vault. Tiny "Rusty" who is just 18 years old and scarcely five feet tall turned to Helen with a kindly, "After you, child."

Darwin Boitnott and **Maurice Evans** are the newest straw bosses in the plant. While a new counter was being installed in the fingerprint classification room, they supervised the carpenters in all operations. P.S. Although the counter looks strong, conjecture is running high as to whether it is due to their sagacity.

Falling into a sound sleep while riding through the area, **Marge Bittles** did not have her badge ready for the guard to inspect. When roused, she reported, "It's in the vault; I put it there." Even that is not so queer as Marge driving out of one of the Chicago parks directly onto a one-way boulevard—proceeding in the opposite direction. After dodging crazy drivers who were out in the middle of the street, the sound of a siren froze her to the spot. The policeman asked her if she knew what she was doing and then elaborated on the subject. Ending his tirade with instructions to turn around, he watched while she drove to the next corner, maneuvered and finished the turn still headed in the wrong direction. Sarcastically inquiring why she couldn't follow his directions, he led her around a few blocks and was exasperated to discover when they returned to the street that they were still driving in exactly the wrong direction. Laughing at himself, he told her to scoot before he forgot it was funny. She did!

James George and **William Leeland** are proud fathers, and if you don't believe it, just ask them to show the pictures of their children. Mr. Leeland will pull out a picture of a charming young girl, while Mr. George's pride and joy are two boys aged 4 and 5 years respectively. Forgot to mention that the latter will show you a whole gallery of pictures if you have the time and express a desire to see them. The boys are caught in various poses including explorers from throughout the world.

A regular song bird of joy was **Peg Collins** one morning. It didn't take long to discover the source of her inspiration as the vehicles of her talent were "Harrigan," "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Mary," and other of the same vintage. You've guessed that she attended the current movie starring **James Cagney** and it recalled the songs that she knows so well. There's a secret though—she had the girls in the lounge singing, and they knew the words, too.

Pearl, the polka dot cat with the cactus tail, has come to visit Herman. Now this frisky young gentleman is a daschund who also has a desert cactus for a tail. Lest you think that there are no such beasts, they are made of china and wear dirt on their backs. Pearl has recently come to live on *Miss Bardi's* desk to be company for Herman who has been lonesome on **Marcella Burnham's** desk.

If you've never heard **June Morgan** sneeze you have a treat (or a scare) waiting for you. It's an odd combination of a squeal and a scream. The other day when this phenomenon occurred, one of the girls jibbered, "Where's the mouse? I don't see any mouse."

Unbelieving, yet thrilled was **Joyce Enger** the other day when she discovered that she had won two tickets to the stage show, "Lady in the Dark," and traveling money. It was not quite as chipper a girl who wandered into work on Saturday morning with news that the play was wonderful but her bed was, too, when she had to leave it.

There is a club developing on the area which seems to be made up of men who are particularly fond of oysters. Responding to a blind call to come to the fire station at 1 o'clock, **George Bent** found a veritable galaxy of EOP talent gathered there, and the oysters soon appeared. These imported oysters were served both fried and raw with everything that should go with them. Among those present were **James Murphy, Henry Dougherty, Capt. John Hardy, Wm. Buck, Jack Egan, Gustav Peterson** and, of course, **Chief Roy Mortenson**, the ever amiable host. If you've never been on the inside with the Chief you've missed a rare treat.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK

Correspondent

Former Material Checker **John Wharrie** dropped into the Warehouse in Group 70 one day last week to bid the boys goodbye. John said he enjoyed working with the men here and, of course, the employees feel the same way about working with John, but Uncle Sam is first to be served by all so John answered his call and is now wearing an Army uniform. All wish him the best of luck and hope to hear from him often.

Former Material Checker **Louis Kalina** is now employed in the Pipe Shop, Group 70. When Louie was asked how he liked his new position, he said it was a "pipe" working in the Pipe Shop, and in order to prove it he now smokes a pipe instead of cigarettes.

Perry Bruno has been busy for the last six weeks preparing his income tax return, and after taking all legal and illegal deductions he has finally arrived at the conclusion that the Government owes him $241.86 plus $18.00 for asperin tablets used to relieve the headaches he had while preparing the return.

Material Checker **Ronald M. Bennett** is back on the job again after a few days spent at home last week doctoring a severe cold.

Even-tempered **Herman Guard** made up his mind one day last week to cure his cold without the advice of a physician, so he bought a bottle of cold cure on the way home, drank all the contents and went to bed. When Herman was asked the next day if he felt any better he said from now on he will consult a doctor when he feels a cold is imminent.

Joseph Horrell and your correspondent spent half of their time Monday and Monday night sitting in a cold car out on the highway waiting for the car to take a notion to go. Trading the car in for a mule is being considered, because you can coax a mule along, but when the car takes a notion to quit you are through, too.

INERT STORAGE workers include this group of loyal men shown removing empty bombs from car. Pictured left to right are: Walter Merchant, C. Steven, Winslow Wilkinson, Robert J. Sims, Raymond Tate, Parker Billips, Urban Galpin and Lee Bell.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

'Tis proud a tale there is to tell about another one of the boys who's made good . . . **Jimmy Walker** is now Corporal Walker to the Army . . . ain't it grand??? . . . Talkin' about the Army . . . **Norm Long** is now basking in the Florida sunshine . . . yep . . . he's stationed at an air base there.

Lorraine Hilling of Auditing was having quite a time the other night after work . . . seems as though rayon hose had something to do with it. . . . **Hazel Kossack** is sending her boy off to the war. . . . Don't get it wrong, folks . . . that's what she calls **Art**, her husband. . . . While she's sending him on . . . **Mavis "Lover" Emerson** is pinch hitting. . . .

Jo Kush was on the sick list for a day or two, but her pleasant smile is back on the job in Mail and Record. . . .

Viola Donlan was looking pretty pert the day of the "E" award . . . but then she usually does.

Carmela Valentino had the giggles the other day . . . no one could find out why??? . . .

The gang sure feels sorry for **Gerry "Personnel" Kestel** and his family for the death of their soldier brother and son. . . . Also along this same vein and also in the Personnel, **Bess Moore** received the distressing news that her brother, a Marine ace, is missing in action. . . . It's things like this that make war workers want to work just a mite harder in order that the mess can be cleaned up more quickly.

Everyone is remarking how well **Carl Anker** looks these days and how dapper he struts his stuff. . . course they know that he's a new groom and so it's that wifely touch that makes him that way. . . . Ain't love grand??? . . .

Bernice Shroba has that far away look in her eyes again . . . what is it??? Is the boyfriend writing every day??? . . .

Bill Leeland got two valentines . . . yep both from the fairer sex? . . . Didja know he had an anniversary the other day??? . . .

What was that serious conversation **Clare Shois** was having in the hall the other day??? . . . and it wasn't with **Ray Marquardt** . . . how come??? . . .

Sorry to hear about **Mrs. Betty Wallace** leaving . . . she went back home. . . . **Gerry Ward** is taking her place. . . . Don't you think **Stan Eisler** has a peach of a disposition?

Have you heard **Roy Eckberg's** latest story . . . really!

Romance is catching at EOP.

At the "E" Award . . . or . . . go ahead, boy, hit me with an "E" pin. . . . **Maj. Charles G. Tolson, Maj. G. R. Griswold** and **Maj. P. S. Irvine**, all former officers at the plant, looking chipper than that, at the ceremony. . . . Major Irvine looks taller than ever since he's been getting that Texas sunshine. . . . **Lt. Bob Stephens** looking as handsome as could be. . . . **Lt. Robert Johnson**, shaking hands with the gang, **Capt. G. A. Grant** busier than all get out and why not??? . . . Being host to all that gang ain't no strawberry social, but with his usual grace he made it a huge success. . . . **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, the perfect host as usual, looking suave and poised. . . . Taking everything into consideration . . . it makes a fellow pretty proud to be part of this here munitions plant. . . . Regular officers, regular executives and last but not least regular fellas to work with. . . .

Say, didja see **John Welch** dashing down the hall the other day. . . . He was perturbed about something . . . but when he came out of Miss Harmon's office he was all smiles. . . . Mystery No. 1001. . . . Paging Sherlock Holmes. **Molly "Teletype Queen" Baker** likes coffee??? . . . snuff said.

Have you heard that **Ann Kulpa** likes ensigns . . . and all the time most thought it was captains. . . . Boy, the way these gals change their minds.

Danny Considine is looking harassed these days . . . no wonder . . . with that gang of females on his neck . . . they sure lead him a merry life. . . .

Mary Dagon is always coming up with some bright saying and is amply helped by **Vera Gussman** and **Pat Haley**. . . . Then there's **Juanita Kliegl** to help matters . . . now to top it off **Art Koch** has to go and get himself mixed up in it??? . . .

Wonder why **Marion Yeager** was so anxious that her hair look so very so so on the night of the dance at the Recreation Building. . . . So far no news on that score, but time will tell!??? . . .

Bernie Jones of Payroll looked rather peaked the other day . . . could be loss of sleep, eh??? . . . **Betty Wilhelmi** saw her B. F. Saturday, **Bob Kennedy** had a pass and so came home for a few days.

Ordnance Inspection

GERALDINE M. WARD
Correspondent

Paul R. Smith and **Kermitt L. Long**, assistant chief inspectors, visited the Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Ind., February 8 and 9 on official business in connection with manufacture.

Lt. Col. J. F. McCaslin and **Lt. Col. D. L. Woodberry** of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D.C., visited the Ordnance Inspection Department February 9.

Bryan A. Rogers and **Lloyd D. Hunter**, ordnance inspectors of Pantex Ordnance Plant, Amarillo, Tex., spent February 15, 16 and 17 here.

C. Richard of the St. Louis Ordnance District Field Director's Office, spent February 13 at EOP.

The following were among those present at the Industry Integration Committee meeting held here February 15: **Maj. B. O. Tobin**, Ammunition Branch, Ordnance Department, Washington, D.C.; **Eloy W. Jacobia**, resident inspector, International Derrick & Equipment Company, Houston, Tex.; **John Rohland, L. C. Matter** and **C. W. Imboden** of the Philadelphia Ordnance District Office.

Sympathy is extended to **Clara I. Wehner**, chief clerk, whose father died recently.

Catherine Tomlianovich spent a week with her parents in Canton, Ill.

Dale Lorentzen, a former employee of Office Personnel, Ordnance Inspection, is in training for a Naval petty officer at Tennessee.

Claire Donoghue, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Donoghue**, 227 Illinois Street, Joliet, and **Lt. Dale A. Yeoman**, Aberdeen, Md., son of **Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Yeoman**, Rensselaer, Ind., were married in Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17. Miss Donoghue attended Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College. She received her B.S. degree from Northwestern University. Prior to her marriage she was employed here in the Area Engineer's office.

Lt. Yeoman became a member of Delta Tau Delta, national social fraternity, while he was attending Purdue University from which he was graduated with a B.S. degree. He was formerly in the Ordnance Inspection Department and is now receiving special training in Ordnance at Aberdeen Proving Ground. After a honeymoon spent in New York City the couple will reside in Baltimore.

Despite the cold weather, many ventured forth to attend the Army-Navy "E" Award dance February 13 which was sponsored by the Employees' Activity Committee. Those in attendance from this department were **Capt. A. G. Resch, Ethel Dirker** and **Geraldine Ward.**

Stuart Moloney, correspondent for the Fire Department was envious of the drummer and wanted to steal the show, so he gently tapped him over the head thereby rendering him unconscious. "Stu" then proceeded to play for the remainder of the evening. The music became so fast it was necessary for the dancers practically to glide across the floor and some thought they were in a Marathon contest. A few of the "old timers" reminded "Stu" they preferred a waltz to jitterbug music. However, his only response was "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be." Nevertheless a good time was had by all.

Group 2.

It seems that the boys in this particular group enjoy being ill occasionally as they like to visit the nurse, **Dorothy Gunderson**, who administers first aid.

Helen Mueller, nurse, lost a very good friend in the person of **Thomas Kenner** who went back to "Dose Dar Hills" in Tennessee.

A "topoff" gage used in Building 16 had been missing from the Government Inspection Office for a period of four days. **Anthony Posluszny**, better known to his many friends as "Tony," exhausted every effort in endeavoring to locate the gage. He finally discovered four days later that he had been carrying the gage in his coat pocket the entire time. Was he embarrassed?

Q. I heard that some non-coms' warrants are permanent and others are temporary. Why the difference?

A. On and after July 1, 1941, all NCO warrants were temporary. Only NCO warrants dated before July 1, 1941, are permanent. This is covered in War Department Circular 22, dated July 23, 1941.

Q. What are the national and regimental flags carried by mounted or motorized organizations called?

A. The national standard and the regimental standard.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN
WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Inert men stood in attention while snow flurried to hear the many speakers at the official presentation of the Army-Navy "E." Representing the Inert Storage Department on the platform was **Richard R. Kuntz.** Many were thinking of those who left the Inert Organization to serve in the armed forces. As the winds flapped the folds of the Star Spangled Banner up went the "E" flag to join her . . . to tell the world of EOP's excellence in war production. Look to her from time to time remembering excellence must and will continue. Look too, to your "E" pin as a keepsake or prayer as it really is.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Will "Wild Bill" Hayes**, who is in the EOP Hospital. He suffered a broken leg while unloading presents for the Axis. Members of his squad miss him greatly. "Wild Bill" is most concerned over the fact that the Group's record of lost time accidents is broken. Too, he was concerned about his "E" pin, until he learned it would be presented to him in the hospital.

Robert Monson, now in Naval Training School, wrote of his life in the service and extended his greetings to his many friends at Inert.

It is reported that **Fred Ford** of South Inert was overpowered by two blondes while attending the wedding of his brother in Chicago.

Group 27 is not in the squab business, although little houses that could be used for that purpose went to that Group . . . they were made to house the fire extinguishers.

Leaving South Inert to join the armed forces is **Art Kossak**, one of the early members of the Inert Storage Organization.

George Harrop, Hattie Lardi, Ray McGrath, Herman Gall, Harry Alderman and **Walter Peterson** and their squads paid a working visit to Group 66-A while **Sparrow Chellios, Gordon Venturo** and **Cod Pelligrini** and their men saw action at Group 64. They say there is no place like home and these men believe it.

Joe Birsa soon will have ready for publication his thesis on—"How I Made the Lunch Hour a Racket." He is also working on another, "If My Riders Don't Pay." Joe is a hard worker and often looks at his "E" pin.

Among those who received valentines were **Manus Moberly** (of a gambler), and **John Dixon** (of a hen-pecked husband). **Lomis Hendrix** says he will never again attend a dance at Gardner.

Winter colds claimed **John Wald, Chester Holt** and **Otto Paul.**

Blooms soon will be on the plants at North Inert office 'tis hoped.

Charles Gorham of North enjoyed his birthday February 16. His infant son displayed a tooth as a present.

The first to spend his shoe ration coupon was **Walter Briton** of South Inert. He probably wanted to beat his wife to it.

Visiting at Inert was fellow-correspondent, **Wilbur Galbraith** of Group 2. **Eddie Keenan** should have been along.

Wally Fang, Group 27, left and is now stationed at Fort Sheridan.

Group 27 is taking orders for kittens. Just what color they will be or when they will arrive cannot be told at this writing.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Ed Vanni, genial senior inspector of Group 9, left for Columbia University, to where he was called for V-7 Naval Officer Training. He follows his room-mate, **Bud Nesius**, who is enrolled in a similar class at Notre Dame. Best wishes are sent to both boys.

Jim Glade, popular shift leader at Group 61, is convalescing at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago following an operation. He sends his regards and is anxious to hear from his friends.

Inspector **Jim Finnegan**, is on the sick list. However, you can't keep a good man down—Finnegan is expected back at the Crusher Building soon.

Sylvia Neilsen and **Lorrayne Ostrem** had an exceptionally good time at one of Chicago's well known spots recently. Chicago is quite a ways from Joliet. Many wonder if they could have been with two of their co-workers.

A fine thing! ! ! **Tony Lutkus** can't even park his car in front of his house without coming home and finding the police have towed it away assuming it was an abandoned car.

If it wasn't for the grapes **Homer Peters** has every afternoon, it would be impossible for him to make that trip home to Kankakee for his evening meal.

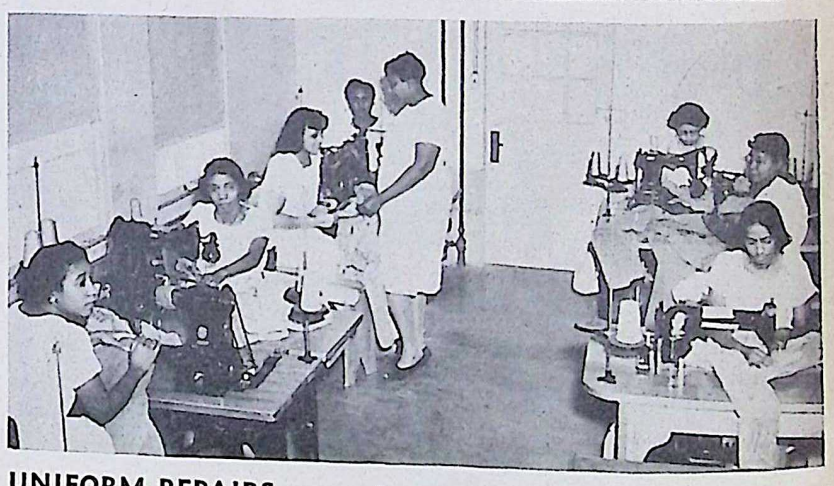
Did you ever see **Harold Rouff** in his basketball outfit? Some stuff, eh!

Arthur Kossak, Group 62-S, **Robert Harsha**, Group 27, and **Victor Skorupa**, Group 64, are leaving soon for their Army physical in Chicago.

For the past few days **Jerry Shirtino** has been so anxious to get in the Army that he has been able to eat only three he-man sandwiches, cookies, pie, cake and a quart of milk each day for his noon snack.

Poor **Stella Jaworski** was seen going out in the cold and snow carrying Coca-Cola bottles. The Sir Walter Raleigh spirit of the males in Building 4, Richards Farm, seems on the wane.

A. J. MacLellan, chief inspector, sure hasn't done a lot with the sheet music he was given at Christmas time. He is still whistling the song he learned well over a year ago.



UNIFORM REPAIRS are as important as frequent cleaning and this group of seamstresses at the EOP Laundry help look after those duties. Shown left to right are: Mildred Chandler, Brenetta Kaiser, Clarice Williams, Catherine Thomas, Roberta Dillon, Ladie Smith, Vinie Clayton and Rubie Spivey.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

With the addition of a new girl, **Lucille Hassel**, the Pipe Shop is well on its way to becoming feminine.

Clarence Regnier has been walking around with a wicked gleam in his usually placid brown eyes and every now and then he will stop and say very dramatically "revenge is sweet." Someone had better watch out.

When asked about his husky voice, **Bob Harder** was quick to reply that it was just a cold in the head.

Ruth Sanderson thinks the term "liquor line" is quite silly.

Service Garage Spares
By Russell E. Benway

Jim Hatz has been seen going quite frequently to the Hospital. Several wonder if it is that arm of his, or the nurse.

It finally happened! **Ralph Nickleski** tied the matrimonial knot with the gal of his dreams. Best wishes to both are sent from the entire garage force.

Walter Murphy is in line for a professor's diploma after a two-week instruction course in garage ethics given to **Eleanor O'Keefe**, who has the distinction of being the first woman employee at the Service Garage.

Welcome mats are also extended to **William J. Clark, Raymond E. Tucker, Leo E. Wheeler, Louis Calcaterra, Fred Elias** and **Clarence A. Weidemann.**

It is rumored that **Ralph Groll** has a 1940 Ford caged in his garage, using a Model "A" for the duration, and now is in the market for a 1936 Ford. The best answer to what kind of taxi service has he in mind for the future, is good for a special prize from the "Complaint Committee."

Did you know that: **Bill Briddick** celebrated his 27th wedding anniversary last week. . . .

Paul Swisshelm is having difficulty in attaining that 15-mile a gallon rate with his Packard. . . .

Jim Wilhelmi and **June Wood** list movies and radio as their favorite pastimes. . . .

Francis Rabe and **Marvin Christensen** are ardent fishermen.

John Enrietta and **Joe Szwaja** set as their goal the huge figure of $1,000 in war bond savings by the end of 1943. . . .

Buck Rogers, Leroy Stutz, Walter Knupp and **Ollie Olson** smoke fifteen-cent cigars every Friday.

The garage boasts of a "Thursday Night Club." (Members will be listed in the next issue.)

Telephone Tid-bits
By Elaine Christman

Forgetting to pick **Mat Horn** up was bad enough, but when the girls drove by and didn't see him, that was the pay-off!

Who was the girl **James Soule** escorted to the "E" dance?

If **Herbert Reeves**, guard at the Telephone Building, doesn't have the best disposition in the world, who does?

Marguerite Weaver would like to borrow a compass for her next trip to Chicago—she gets lost.

Several fellows at the Telephone Building, including **Joe Thompson** and **Frank Kuechenmeister**, would like to rent a farm—for a Victory garden.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Building Maintenance, formerly located near Group 3-A, has moved to a new location—"Taylorville," in Group 70.

Murray Jordan, formerly with the Field Engineering Department, is now assistant to **C. J. Taylor**, ably filling the position vacated by **Hal Vaupell.**

Trust **George Abel** will be *abel* to do justice to those boarding house steaks after what happened to his teeth over the week-end.

Elmer Dupree says his bowling average is 187.

Bob Walker will be the recipient of a fur-lined coal bucket from the Farm Bureau for performing a patriotic deed. It seems the boys gave Bob a new casting rod for Christmas, so Bob went to one of the local creeks to try some of his fancy lures. The results of his catch were a wagon wheel, a mail box and two milk cans. He salvaged 80 pounds of vital scrap metal.

Many wonder if **John Giacomi** is still trying to get a refund from the Gas Company.

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

Frank "Papa" Kern is a sight for sore eyes after a siege of the flu.

Dick Roeder has been christened "Wrong Way Corrigan" since his recent flight around the area.

Although **Edward Heath** took his turn with the flu, he has returned without the loss of a pound.

Best wishes are sent to **Joe Elledge** and **Delmar Jensen** who are carrying guns for Uncle Sam. Perhaps they may develop into jeep drivers.

New faces seen around the Motor Pool include **Sylvia Wardell**, wife of **Edward Wardell** of the Guard force, **Bill Clark, Leo Wheeler** and **Ray Tucker.** How this EOP family *does* grow!

Katherine Dixon's greatest worry—keeping cafeteria orders in order.

After many exciting months spent with the Motor Pool, **Edward Suffern** has returned to normal life at Group 63.

Here and There

Gordon Graham, chief yard clerk at the Classification Yard, has been added to the EOP Honor Roll.

On the sick list with infections, flu, and what-have-you, are **Ray Curtis** of the Electric Shop; **Harry Dank, Harry Dungard** and **Fred Singer** of the Paint Shop.

Keith Gale (second cousin to 90-mile-an-hour-gale, they say) recently celebrated his 30th birthday anniversary.

It is nice to have **Leona Hagen** back after a week's "stay at home" because of an infected throat.

Cigars were plentiful at the Round House recently when **George Bennett** took unto himself a wife.

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

Raymond Pratt, formerly with Bus Transportation, is now stationed at Camp White, Oregon.

Responsible for keeping buses in such good running order is **Swede Thompson**, mechanic.

Robert Hayes, bus driver, has joined the Navy.

Sure is something the way **Bert Painter** drives those huge EOP buses—just as if they were toys.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Mrs. Carl Sala is quite the persuader when it comes to getting things—especially "C" books.

Luck running true to form is that of **Henry "Gooseberry" Kiep's.** Three times Mr. Kiep bet on a horse named Gooseberry and lost. The horse enthusiast laid off for two races, naturally, Gooseberry came in first both times.

The height of optimism—**Jim Peters** saying that his hair is growing back.

Harvey Steffes ought to build a fence around his parking space—he might have more luck getting the vehicle situated every morning.

Old softie, **Bob Hinz**, grew a good sized callous the first rivet he bucked while working on a tank car.

Phil Francois had an excuse for staying on the day shift for nearly four months. Mr. Francois's wife was expecting "any time now." The long awaited day arrived, net result being a bouncing 10½-pound daughter.

John Giacomi and **Bob Walker** make quite a twosome, especially when visiting Troy Township.

A brand new daughter was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dobovsky**, a son to **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.** Mr. Dobovsky gave your correspondent a cigar. Mr. Brown had good intentions—probably saving it for the son.

"Baked potatoes and milk" **Bill Biggs** will have company soon. Bill is teaching **Paul Burke** to live on the same diet.

Anthony Berklacich, former supervisor of Building 3, is now in the Navy attending the University of Notre Dame. Upon graduating Mr. Berklacich will be an ensign. Friends received a letter from the sailor.

"Doc" Nicholas Warren moved from Ottawa to Wilmington.

Fortunately shifts change. Sixty-one's "Hi powered nitrate man" **Whit Miller** is learning new tricks. Mr. Miller is about as hard to find as **Tony Ganz.**

Cliff Kidney has a birthday coming. Building 2 will furnish paddles and lines will form to the right.

Dave Bumgarner, who spends his spare time in the kitchen cooking meals to satisfy his enormous appetite, has concocted a recipe for making gravy that friends insist tastes every bit as good as Le'Pages glue.

Bill Dooley thanked **Bob Plese** and **Joe Motta** for the lunch money provided him on bets made during the basketball season.

Having a lady chauffeur does things to a fellow—**John McGraw** doesn't mind coming to work.

A hobby of **Roland Blackburn** is picking up hitch hikers.

Al Pope brought out an attractive picture, but would not add it to the change house collection.

Employees of Building 3 are anxiously awaiting cigars from **Olen "Scag" Brucker.**

Leaving soon for the Army is **Herman "Curly Locks" Stricklin.**

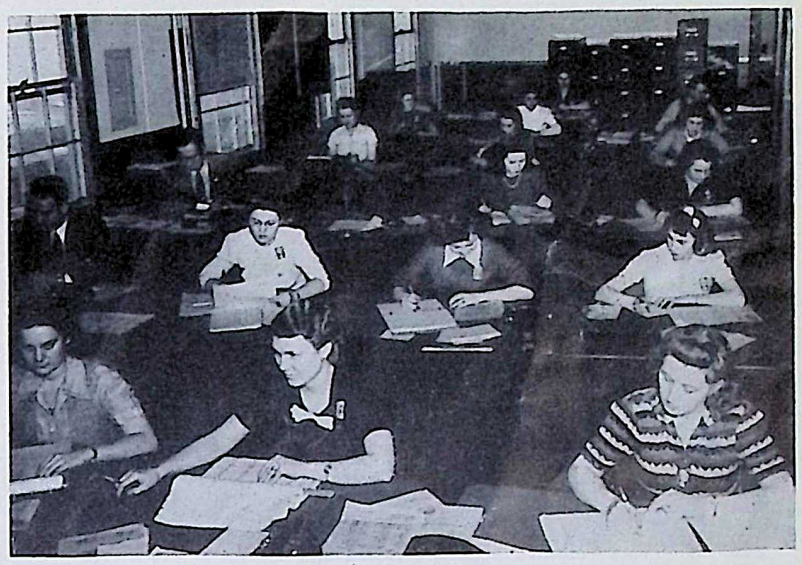
Employees noticed that the day timekeepers are here bright and early every morning. Even **Larry Holz** has to get up before breakfast now.

Employees miss **Joseph Sarti** who went to work at Seneca.

Every morning **John "Judge" Hayes** phones in reports to **Betty Walsh** of Production Planning. Yesterday His Honor claims he forgot the telephone number—a likely story!

At the "E" dance, **Bill Kurkamp** and former alumnus of Group 61, **Gene McAllister**, were seen with pretty girls.

There will be no meat rationing at Building 3 . . . total beef there is 558 pounds. **Fred Kase** weighs 312 pounds and **Walter Benjamin** 246 pounds.



PRODUCTION PLANNING Department is now located in new offices in the West Wing of the Administration Building. Shown here left to right are: First row, Lucille Brown, Myrtle Cooper and Frances Moore; second, Bud Wright, Mae Norem, Margaret Gall and Mary McGovern; third, Jim Murphy, Dorothy Maxwell; fourth, Freelie Reid, June Kuglich and Betty Welsh; fifth, Mabel Robbins, Phyllis Clair and Harry Brown; sixth, Shirley Wessels.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Friday, February 12, will be a day long remembered by everyone at Elwood Ordnance Plant. Many of the guests were old friends or former employees here. General Offices renewed friendship with **L. J. Kessel** and **F. V. DeBona** of Pine Bluff Arsenal. Both were the picture of health.

C. P. Lyman, formerly the head of the Mechanical Department, and **S. A. Covell**, formerly head of the Heating Department, were here for the "E" presentation, and visited friends in the Engineering Department.

Loud applause, heard even across the hall, greeted **Arlene Thorsen**, Purchasing Department, when she returned to work February 17. Her absence was due to a "*swell*" affair. The physician called it mumps.

Christine Dare's heart stood still because her heart is still in Fort Worth, Texas, with **Corp. George "Bud" Primm.** The valentine, "with love," was beau-ti-ful.

George Rummel, head of the Electrical Department, has heard from **Al Beyer**, former electrical inspector, now in the South Pacific. He and **Gene Morrill**, another electrical inspector, stationed in California, are in the Construction Battalion (Sea Bees).

Since the SPARS accepted **Lucille Ambrose, June Shick**, Accounting Department, was transferred to fill her place in the Comptroller's office.

Harry MacCrae, formerly with the Structural Department of the Engineering Department, was inducted into the Army recently, and is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

"In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love" is a famous line, but it was yet winter when romance entered the lives of **Georgia Frayser** and **Jack Breitfuss.** It is so serious that they look across the table three times a day.

Ralph Turner, the able news getter from the Heating Department, Engineering Department, is now working in Group 61 as fireman.

Surprise! Surprise! That was what the Engineering Department gave **Doris Skinner** February 25 in Joliet at the Woodruff Hotel. She plans to leave the plant soon. It is rumored that **Bob "Wimpy" Forst** entertained ala opera and **W. G. Lanterman** did some vocalizing.

January 29 was the birthday of **June Kaehlert**, and friends in the Purchasing Department gave her a little party.

Jo Donna, Bond Department, sends a challenge out to all contenders for Ping Pong Championship in the Administration Area. She is a whirlwind.

The romance of a diamond ring will develop into wedding bells around March 1 when **Lucille Jasinski** leaves for Virginia to accept the "Mrs." from **Pvt. Tom Smith.**

Have a heart, folks, and treat **Jim Hanley** nice. He threatens to join the Army because everyone else is being given parties.

John Comeford was given a real party by the Payroll Department men. Everyone reports a good time, and it is said that John was carried away. He left for the Navy February 17.

February 20 was the final day here for **Marge Drauden.** She accepted a position in Joliet.

If you could have seen the beautiful pictures taken of **Edith Lewis**, you would have envied the fellow who received one through the mail recently.

W. E. Schubert left recently for the Army Air Force.

A lot of curiosity was aroused when a gold star appeared on **Evelyn Blayde's** Time Card.

In Room 41 there are two **Joes**—**Catton and Bebej**—but another set of twins caused more confusion when **Vic Vanderhoof** was hired as a chauffeur. That makes it two Vics—he and **Vic Dagenais.**

War Lingo

Dornier—German made plane.

Drone—Air gunner. (Br. RAF)

E-Boats—E for enemy; fast German torpedo boats. (Br.)

Erk—Mechanic. (Br.)

Evzone—Greek soldier famous for his mountain fighting.

Fireworks — Flashes from the exploding of anti-aircraft shells.

Flak—Anti-aircraft fire. (Br.)

Flap—Scare of alarm. (Br.)

Fly by the seat of one's pants—Navigate a plane by one's flying instinct.

Flying elephants—Balloons. (Br.)

Flying pig—Aerial torpedo. (Br.)

Flying streamers — Description of a plane on fire, falling to earth.

Flugjaeger — Pursuit pilot. (Ger.)

Fog factory—Region where fog is plentiful. (Br. RAF)

Fridolins—German troops. (Fr.)

Fritzkrieg — German bombardment. (Br.)

Junkers—German make of plane.

Keeping the tail clear—Staying out of the enemy plane's sights.

Kerdumpf—Originally the bumping noise made by an "aircraft" when it landed now an exclamation of surprise, ejaculation, or emphatic agreement, or a sneer. (Br. RAF)

Kicking her into a maneuver—Dexterous handling required to dodge anti-aircraft and plane fire

Mosquito boat—Fast motor boat, used chiefly against large naval vessels; carries several torpedoes and light guns.

Muck—Heavy curtain of anti-aircraft fire. (Br.)

ADDITIONAL SPACE for J. C. Schmeh's Production Planning Department is across the hall from that pictured at the top of this page. Pictured here are left to right: Mary Serdar, Irene Blatnik, Nina Horrie, Mary Matesi, J. P. Filips and Bernadine Clausing.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Attendance at Ladies' Day in the Recreation Hall each Friday is showing a definite increase. Group 9 defeated Group 7 February 5 in a bowling match with **Thelma Crihfield** of Group 9 rolling high game of 162. The Hospital girls were defeated by the War Bond Department in a close match. **Sophie Mores**, Personnel Department, rolled high game of 186 for the day.

Transportation to Joliet is arranged for you girls each Friday night so it's easy and convenient to attend.

There have been several requests for a bowling sweepstakes for girls. If you're interested, see **Myrna Faris** at the Recreation Building or call 4109.

Claire Shols, Government Mail and Records Department, is getting to be a pretty sharp ping pong player. She'll be one to watch in the tournament. **Lucille Nahas**, Group 3 nurse, also offers plenty of competition. Keep your eye on her!

Bowling

Eddie Murphy's keglers held a sweepstakes last week. There were 103 entries, and the maples were flying. Highlights included the performance of **Al Hesle**, Safety Department, who always hits around 200, but wasn't even in the money. Al said he never could bowl on alley three. You should see him give that alley a going over now.

R. H. Watt, Personnel Department, bowling in the sweepstakes did not get in the money, but turned right around and hit the pins for 259.

Andy Lutkus, inspectors, just dropped in the alleys as the sweepstakes were being completed—entered and won fourth money. The Goodfellowship prizes were drawn from the hat, so the boys with low scores had just as good a chance to get a prize as those who were hitting the maples.

Andy Plym won first prize, but 608 pins are a lot of maple at any time.

There will be another sweepstakes by popular demand in March. Watch your bulletin board and see your Employee's Activity Committee representative for the dates.

Sweepstakes Prize Winners

High Series

	Name	Score	Prize
1.	Andy Plym	608	$12
2.	R. Wheatland	599	10
3.	B. Day	596	8
4.	A. Lutkus	595	6
5.	H. Troupe	592	5
6.	T. Helling	574	4
7.	E. Murphy	573	3
8.	J. Hennessey	567	3
9.	J. Vaccoro	561	2
10.	R. Walsh	559	2
11.	D. Matter	558	2
12.	W. Bull	554	1
13.	E. Fitzer	552	1
14.	W. Colby	551	1
15.	P. Elliott	546	1
16.	E. Byers	543	1

High Game

	Name	Score	Amt.
1.	Capt. G. A. Grant	235	$ 5
2.	R. Robinson	221	3

Good Fellowship

	Name	Score	Amt.
1.	W. Leeland	542	$ 1
2.	J. Truka	498	1
3.	D. Boltnott	387	1
4.	F. Greene	380	1
5.	J. Breitfuss	438	1
6.	S. Kukulski	444	1

Q. How many full generals were active in the U. S. Army when we entered World War II?

A. One, Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff.

Q. What's the origin of the red stripe on the marine uniform?

A. As we get it, the red stripe stands for the blood shed by the Corps in the Mexican War.

Chemical Lab. Wins Play-off To Take Title

Group 3 Loses Cage Crown in Thrilling Contest by 1 Point

In a thrill-packed contest, the Chemical Lab quintet from Fuze & Booster captured the championship of the first EOP basketball season by defeating Group 3, leaders throughout the season, 29 to 28, at the Recreation Building February 25.

Chemical Lab had defeated the Guards the previous evening 28 to 16 to break a tie for second place. This placed them in a tie with Group 3 for first place and they won the play-off.

There was a large audience and the workers were amply rewarded for their attendance. Gold basketballs for watch chains will be given the members of the first, second and third place teams.

League representatives will meet March 4 to arrange for an elimination series beginning March 8 and those games will ring down the 1942-43 season.

Final Standings

The final standing of the teams follows:

	Won	Lost
Chemical Lab.	10	1
Group 3	9	2
Guards	8	2
Fire Guards	7	3
Group 62	5	5
Inspectors	4	6
Group 3-A	4	6
Group 61	4	6
Bus Drivers	3	7
Group 1	2	8
Army	0	10

The box score for the play-off game follows:

Chemical Lab. (29)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	1	3	3
Partridge	1	0	3
Bridwell	5	2	1
Hull	0	0	2
Sessle	0	0	2
Elliott	4	0	0
Starr	2	0	1
Totals	13	3	12

Group 3 (28)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	0	2	0
Emanuelson	4	0	2
Hankes	3	1	2
Helmik	2	0	1
Juricic	2	0	3
Struck	1	1	0
Totals	12	4	8

Box Scores

Box scores of other recent games follow:

Group 1 (23)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Testa	0	1	0
Stagner	2	0	0
Wittinghill	0	0	2
Hill	1	1	0
Grant	1	0	1
Sherwood	2	1	1
Sharkey	4	0	3
Totals	10	3	7

Group 62 (26)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Spezio	2	0	5
Reny	3	0	1
Clark	3	0	2
Kalec	2	0	1
Heavens	2	2	6
Totals	12	2	15

Group 1 (24)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Sherwood	0	0	1
Hill	1	1	1
Tucker	5	0	2
Grant	2	0	4
Sharkey	0	0	1
Edwards	1	1	0
Stagner	2	0	0
	9	2	9

Inspectors (31)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Layfield	2	3	1
Darkins	2	2	1
Wilhelmi	1	0	0
Brennan	3	0	0
Pitt	0	0	1
Belay	4	2	1
	12	7	4

Bus Drivers (13)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Anderson	0	1	2
O'Connor	0	0	2
Cole	1	0	1
Hayes	0	0	2
Scoggin	5	0	3
	6	1	10

Fire Guards (34)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Dailey	1	0	0
Dickson	1	0	1
Hart	5	2	0
Getson	1	0	0
Guyott	4	2	2
Neilson	1	0	0
Catalina	0	1	3
Stricklen	1	1	0
	14	6	6

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Patrick M. Webb
William I. Weisman
Darrell F. Wheeler
Arthur F. Williams
Herman Winkler
Ernest G. Young

Army (21)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Heavens	0	0	3
Bowler	1	0	1
Aschenbrenner	7	0	1
Swanson	0	0	0
Murphy	2	1	0
	10	1	5

Group 3 (29)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	3	0	1
Harris	2	0	0
Emanuelson	2	0	0
Donaldson	0	0	1
Hankes	2	0	1
Helmick	1	0	0
Struck	3	2	1
Pekar	0	0	0
Juricic	0	1	0
Pekar	0	0	1
	13	3	5

Fire Guards (19)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Dailey	0	0	1
Getson	0	2	0
Hart	2	3	2
Guyott	2	0	5
Catalina	1	2	1
Stricklin	1	0	2
	6	7	11

Inspectors (20)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Darkins	2	0	2
Marlette	0	0	0
Oram	1	0	3
Wilhelmi	1	0	2
Layfield	0	2	3
Bealey	3	1	5
Hair	1	1	2
	8	4	17

Group 3-A (28)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Blecha	1	1	0
Beatty	1	0	1
Gutierrez	3	0	2
Law	0	0	0
Guest	0	0	0
Kiefner	3	4	2
Griffin	3	1	0
Hester	0	0	2
	11	6	7

Bus Drivers (10)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Scoggin	4	0	1
Kane	0	0	1
Cole	1	0	0
Anderson	0	0	1
O'Connor	0	0	6
	5	0	9

Chemical Lab. (38)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	5	0	1
Hull	4	0	3
Starr	1	0	0
Bridwell	1	0	0
Sessi	1	0	1
Partridge	3	0	0
Hinds	3	0	1
Elliott	1	0	1
	19	0	7

Bus Drivers (24)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Van Duyne	1	0	0
Anderson	2	0	0
O'Connor	0	0	2
Cole	2	2	0
Hayes	0	1	0
Glasgow	3	0	1
Scoggin	2	1	2
	10	4	5

Group 1 (19)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Sherwood	0	0	2
Whittinghill	3	0	2
Edwards	1	0	1
Stagner	0	0	0
Tucker	1	2	3
Sharkey	0	1	3
Testa	3	0	0
	8	3	11

Group 3-A (21)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Gutierrez	1	0	2
Blecha	3	2	0
Severns	1	0	2
Helmick	1	1	1
Howard	0	0	1
Law	1	2	0
Beatty	1	0	1
	8	5	7

Army (20)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Aschenbrenner	1	0	3
Phelan	4	3	2
Swanson	2	0	0
Bowler	0	1	0
Anker	1	0	2
Grant	0	0	0
	8	4	7

Chemical Lab. (35)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	2	3	2
Starr	2	0	0
Partridge	2	0	1
Sessi	0	0	2
Bridwell	3	0	0
Burk	0	0	1
Hull	1	0	1
Hinds	3	0	2
Elliott	3	0	0
Blatt	0	0	0
	16	3	9

Army (30)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Phelan	3	0	1
Heavens	1	0	1
Washburn	4	0	2
Bowler	3	0	0
Anker	0	0	0
Sharkey	3	2	1
Singer	0	0	0
	14	2	5

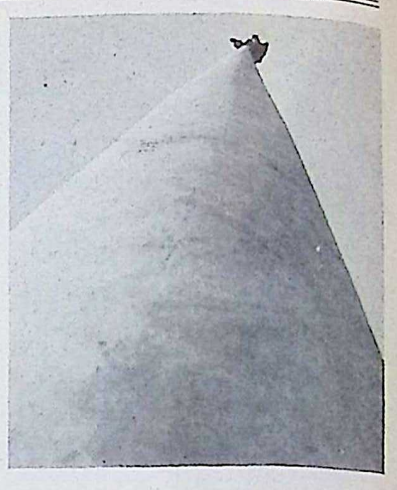
Guards (28)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Waller	6	0	3
McCarthy	1	0	0
Gebhardt	2	0	0
Dutter	0	0	0
Grimsley	0	1	0
Allen	0	0	0
Lawrence	1	0	1
Armes	2	0	1
Farber	1	1	1
Sac	0	0	0
Wolff	0	0	0
	13	2	6

Group 3-A (31)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Blecha	5	0	0
Gutierrez	1	0	4
Law	2	4	4
Beatty	1	0	4
Kiefner	2	5	2
Hester	0	0	3
	11	9	17

Inspectors (27)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Oram	5	1	1
Wilhelmi	0	0	2
Marlette	2	1	2
Layfield	2	0	5
Brennan	0	0	0
Belay	2	3	3
Carroll	0	0	1
	11	5	14

Group 3 (40)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Fread	5	0	1
Bessley	0	0	0
Emanuelson	3	2	0
Hankes	4	0	1
Hemlick	2	0	0
Struck	3	0	3
Pecar	0	2	0
Juricic	0	0	2
Donaldson	1	0	0
Harris	0	0	0
	18	4	7

Group 61 (25)	B.	F.T.	Fouls
Balachowski	3	3	1
Rouff	0	0	3
Piese	4	1	2
Azman	1	2	2
Kurkamp	0	0	0
Motta	1	0	2
Marencich	0	1	2
	9	7	12



BELIEVE IT or not, this is a view of the flag pole in front of the Administration Building, taken as Emil Zajick was stringing a second halyard for the "E" flag. The camera was placed next to the base of the pole, directed up and the shutter clicked.

Four S & P Partners Here for Ceremony

Four Sanderson & Porter partners were here for the "E" award ceremonies, February 12, as the guests of **Harrison Smith**, resident partner. The four, who came here from New York, were **Wynn Meredith, Seton Porter, Francis Blossom** and **R. L. Hamill.** They were as proud as Mr. Smith over the recognition of the efforts of the men and women of EOP by the Army and Navy.

The Inquiring Line

Q. Can a dishonorable discharge ever be removed?

A. Only by an act of Congress, soldier, and this is rarely done. The rights of Federal citizenship forfeited by dishonorable discharge on account of conviction of desertion in time of war may be restored to such former soldier by his unconditional pardon by the *President. This, too, is rarely the* case.

Q. Are noncommissioned officers in the Army eligible for rental allowances?

A. Enlisted noncommissioned officers in the first three grades—master, technical and staff sergeants—are eligible for rental allowances, provided they have families not living in Government quarters. Other enlisted men when on detached service where quarters are not available are also entitled to such allowances.

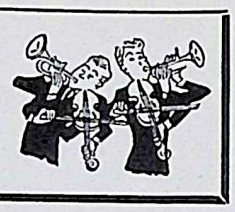
Q. Does overseas service pay more than home service?

A. Yes. Enlisted men and warrant officers serving overseas get 20% increase of base pay, or $60 a month for privates, and other enlisted men and warrant officers according to grade. Commissioned officers receive 10% of base pay for overseas duty, and special allowance for flying and parachutist duty.

Q. When is a lieutenant considered too old for field duty?

A. Regulations have just been changed, increasing the age limit for duty with troops in the field. Both first and second lieutenants who have not passed their 36th birthday are now eligible for such duty, providing they are physically qualified. Second lieutenants used to be ineligible after reaching their 30th and first lieutenants their 35th birthdays.

Happy Birthday to You!



This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

March 1

Ida Allen, Group 8; **Myrtle Altenbrunn**, Group 6; **Roger Baker**, Group 2; **Robert Bangert**, Guards; **George Bercolos**, Fire Dept; **Colin Campbell**, Utilities; **John Ceretto**, Utilities; **John Connor**, Group 3; **Elba Decker**, Utilities; **Clifford Glasscock**, Group 3; **Davis Gutierrez**, Group 3-A; **Harry Hardy**, Guards; **Jay Henry**, Guards; **Martha Herrity**, Chief Operator; **Joseph James**, Utilities; **Rita Kielbasa**, Group 1; **Edward Lareau**, High Explosives; **William Lawson**, Group 1; **John Longhine**, Group 4; **Ann Lucas**, Payroll; **John Lyons**, Utilities; **Loraine Martell**, Group 1; **Arthur Meyer**, Group 5; **James Miller**, Utilities; **Mae Millerin**, Group 8; **Doris Netherton**, Group 9; **Charles Newman**, Guards; **Dominic Pastori**, Group 1; **Ernest Pertiller**, Inert Storage; **Emma Phillips**, Group 9; **Don Rister**, Group 3; **Frank Roemer**, Utilities; **Flossie Sanders**, Group 6; **Ed Simpson**, Group 3; **Esther Simpson**, Group 9; **Goldie Swank**, Group 4; **Lynn Wade**, Utilities; **Emagene Wilson**, Accounting; **Albin Zuponcic**, Group 3.

March 2

Frank Ariagno, Group 61; **Josephine Belluso**, Group 1; **Martha Blogg**, Group 9; **Margaret Cohil**, Ordnance; **Armand D'Andren**, Group 1; **James David**, Guards; **Mark Dock**, Group 3-A; **Wilford Encix**, Group 61; **Roy Erdmann**, High Explosives; **Milton Fritz**, Group 1; **Charles Greenwood**, Utilities; **William Henry**, Group 1; **Nathan Johnson**, Group 1; **John Lenhy**, Utilities; **Floyd Leonard**, Group 3-A; **William Manchester**, Utilities; **Alfred McGlashan**, Inert Storage; **Jesse Morris**, High Explosives; **Leona Nolsen**, Group 1; **Kenneth Oester**, Utilities; **Richard Owen**, Group 3; **Joseph Patnuade**, Group 3; **Bessie Reid**, Group 1; **Marshall Reid**, Group 1; **Marion Richards**, Group 9; **Leo Riley**, Group 3-A; **Grace Short**, Group 9; **Forrest Tolley**, Guards; **Frank Trofimchuck**, Group 1; **Joseph Verbic, Jr.**, Guards; **Walter Wade**, Utilities; **Charles Winkler**, Group 1.

March 3

Charles Abrahams, Purchasing; **Thurman Arendell**, Group 3; **Harry Bellee**, High Explosives; **Leonard Birkner**, Group 3; **Louis Boyd**, Group 1; **William Cerutti**, Group 3-A; **David Chambers**, Group 3-A; **Hazel Conover**, Group 5; **Clarence Coope**, Utilities; **George Cramer**, Group 4; **John Crites**, Group 6; **Charles Cusimano**, Utilities; **Samuel Cusmano**, Group 8; **James Delong**, Group 3-A; **William Doolittle**, Group 3-A; **Margaret Fitzhugh**, Timekeeping; **Joseph Furlan**, Group 2; **Sarah Gervase**, Group 9; **Owen Golden**, Group 2; **Gertrude Hardesty**, Group 7; **Rose Haseman**, Group 1; **Richard Jones**, Group 8; **Allie Kirkland**, Group 2; **Frank Larelnesi**, Inert Storage; **Holger Madsen**, Group 3; **Rose Nichol**, Group 4; **Margaret Olszta**, Ordnance; **Milfred Peck**, Guards; **Olga Pribish**, Group 9; **Paul Riordan**, Guards; **Adolph Rositch**, Utilities; **James Seaman**, Inspection; **Ernest Schnell**, Guards; **Albert Strasser**, Utilities; **William Thompson**, Watchman; **Herman Umberger**, Group 1; **William Weese**, Group 8; **Delmer Williamson**, Utilities; **Abraham Wunsh**, Group 2; **Joseph Zopf**, Inspection.

March 4

George Altenbrunn, Group 9; **Janice Brust**, Group 9; **Margaret Carter**, Ordnance; **Peter Colnar**, Group 3; **Eugene Dowell**, Utilities; **Edward Dwyer**, Plant Protection; **James Edwards**, Group 3-A; **L. D. Edwards**, Plant Protection; **June Fors**, Personnel; **Grover Fuller**, Utilities; **Henry Gerbracht**, Guards; **James M. Grady**, Group 4; **William Hayes**, Guards; **Clifford Huggins**, Purchasing; **James Hutchinson**, Group 1; **Margaret Hutton**, Accounting; **Charles Jansen**, Utilities; **Maurice Johnson**, Group 66; **Frank Kakacek**, Group 1; **Fred Kurbis**, Group 3-A; **Edward Markstrom, Jr.**, Fire Dept.; **William McCarty**, Utilities; **Marshall Miller**, Group 3; **Kazimer Skoryl**, High Explosives; **Julius Vallat**, Group 2; **Raymond Wanner**, Group 1; **Dorothy Wendell**, Group 9; **Grace Wilson**, Ordnance; **Edward Zlomie**, Group 3-A.

March 5

Leonard Berezowsky, General Operations; **Darwin Boltnott**, Personnel; **Joseph Bolte**, Utilities; **Arthur Bissonnette**, Group 1; **Grace Clark**, Group 1; **Lurline Condon**, Group 4; **Mike Costas**, Group 1; **Earl Dougherty**, Group 2; **Margaret Doyle**, Group 6; **Marie Hoeller**, Group 4; **Keith Hossack**, Utilities; **Donald Freland**, Group 1; **Joseph Killian**, Guards; **Edith Krzich**, Group 6; **Anna Kulpa**, Ordnance; **Mildred McKiernan**, Group 6; **John Murray**, Inert Storage; **John Penar**, Utilities; **Edward Rogel**, Utilities; **Joseph Rosenkranz**, Group 3; **Fred Stade**, Ordnance; **Earl Smiley**, Group 9; **Rose Smith**, Group 9; **Mary Taylor**, Group 1; **Mildred Veach**, Group 7; **Elzie Wells**, Group 1; **John Wiles**, Group 2.

March 6

Louis Albert, Guards; **Wanda Baran**, Group 7; **Louis Benning**, Group 3; **George Burda**, Utilities; **Harvey Crouse**, Guards; **Andrew Cherrie**, Accounting; **Christine Dare**, Accounting; **Clinton Duensing**, Group 2; **Walter Hafele**, Finished Rounds; **Juanita Harter**, General Office; **John Hayes**, Finished Rounds; **James Jones**, Guards; **Russell Kerr**, Group 2; **Leslie Kruse**, Group 5; **Rosemary Maass**, Group 3-A; **Robert Palda**, Group 3-A; **Frank Pavlich**, Guards; **Fred Piltz**, Utilities; **Delores Pruss**, Group 9; **William Simms**, Finished Rounds; **Arguel Swank**, High Explosives; **Clarence Tammen**, Group 1; **John Wells**, Group 3-A; **Marjorie Woodward**, Group 6; **Michael Zullo**, Group 3.

March 7

Harold Anderson, Group 3-A; **Edward Bradbury**, Inert Storage; **Robert Brock**, Inspection; **Sherman Butler**, Inspection; **Aleatha Cleary**, Group 9; **John Culjat**, Utilities; **Wellington Dancey**, Utilities; **Irene Devera**, Group 3-A; **Therese Fogarty**, Group 9; **John Giacomi**, Utilities; **Lawrence Hancock**, Utilities; **Robert Hann**, Group 1; **Alma Harper**, Group 9; **Clark Harris**, Guards; **Cecile Hightower**, Plant Protection; **Helen Kaler**, Group 9; **David Lardi**, Inert Storage; **Margaret Laverty**, Ordnance; **Rita Legris**, Group 7; **George Mackey**, High Explosives; **John Morley**, Group 2; **Daminic Minnito**, Group 4; **Helen Mueller**, Hospital; **Hazel Pierson**, Group 1; **Doris Raber**, Group 4; **Ann Runyon**, Group 8; **Loretta Ryan**, Production Planning; **Elmer Schramm**, High Explosives; **William Siron**, Group 3-A; **Joseph Smajd**, Timekeeping; **Ernest Smith**, Group 3; **Joseph Stengele**, Utilities; **Fred Stryker**, Utilities; **Charles Tourgee**, Group 9; **Adam Troutman**, Guards; **John Tucker**, Guards; **Laura Understahl**, Group 1; **Severa Veal**, Finished Rounds; **John Whelen**, Utilities; **Ellen Wharrie**, Group 3-A; **Horice White**, Utilities; **Clarence Wright**, Group 1.

March 8

Clarence Anderson, Utilities; **Dorothy Bolling**, Accounting; **Glenn Bradley**, Group 1; **William Burrell**, Inspection; **Anita Burke**, Group 8; **Aldeene Cooper**, Group 1; **Arthur Carnelius**, Inert Storage; **Anna Carsiatti**, Group 9; **Wilma Dellibac**, Group 5; **Joseph Dunda**, Accounting; **Harry Evans**, Utilities; **John Fister**, Group 1; **Carnelius Goulvens**, Utilities; **Genevieve Heisler**, Group 9; **Harry Huber**, Guards; **Robert Hughett**, Utilities; **Frederick Lahrman**, Group 61; **George LaRose**, Utilities; **Edmund Loiselle**, Group 1; **Agnes Mack**, Group 1; **Frank Miller**, Group 1; **Cecilia Monk**, Group 8; **Clarence Purdum**, Group 1; **Viola Scholendorf**, General Office; **Zella Silveus**, Group 5; **William Testa**, Group 3; **Armand Vicini**, Inspection; **Ellis Wainscott**, Utilities; **Cecil Watson**, Group 3.

March 9

Kenneth Abbott, Ordnance; **Jane Ashby**, Group 9; **Orval Barnfield**, Guards; **Ned Bilesio**, Group 3-A; **Charley Brewer**, Group 2; **Jeannette Cahan**, Group 9; **Bertha Carpenter**, Group 6; **Vinie Clayton**, Utilities; **Felix Dandurand**, Utilities; **Charles Gaby**, Accounting; **Genevieve Gill**, Ordnance; **Verling Green**, Guards; **Robert Harkless**, Group 3; **Nellie Heath**, Group 1; **John Hennessey**, Utilities; **Eulah Hogan**, Group 3-A; **Ray Holzhauer**, Group 2; **Joseph Kocarek**, Group 3-A; **Paul Mell**, Group 2; **Lawrence Molek**, Fire Dept.; **Geraldine Parthun**, Accounting; **Evelyn Reitz**, Group 1; **Clarence Rice**, Group 1; **John Roussopulos**, High Explosives; **Frieda Schroder**, Group 1; **William Shear**, Utilities; **Albert Sonnenberg**, Utilities; **Frank Spesia**, Guards; **Howard Stockum**, Utilities; **Richard Swan**, Inert Storage; **Jean Swanson**, Utilities; **James Truka**, Group 7; **Frank Vodacek**, Maintenance; **Harry Wadley**, Utilities; **William Zerhoot**, Utilities.

March 10

James Adams, Group 61; **Ralph Blake**, Fire Dept.; **Chan Bleich**, Group 1; **Merry Booker**, Group 1; **Earl Bramhall**, Guards; **LaVerne Braun**, Group 1; **William Bronk**, Inert Storage; **Adolph Broux**, Group 6; **Arthur Bull**, Inert Storage; **Richard Cole**, Group 4; **William Conover**, Group 1; **Virginia Conrad**, Group 1; **Edmond Couture**, Group 2; **Patricia Currier**, Group 1; **Bernard Dillon**, Finished Rounds; **Robert Dillon**, Inert Storage; **Joseph Downing**, Utilities; **Edna Early**, Group 1; **James Ewing**, Group 6; **Guy Flowers, Jr.**, Utilities; **Arthur Gardner, Jr.**, Utilities; **Martin Hansen**, Guards; **John Hanuski**, Utilities; **Margaret Jenco**, Group 4; **Andrew Johnson**, Group 66; **Fred Kemp**, Inert Storage; **George Likar**, Utilities; **George Lindberg**, Group 4; **Catherine Lynch**, Payroll; **Theresa Maillet**, Group 9; **Frank McCleary**, Group 7; **Anna Mihelic**, Group 6; **John Nelson**, Group 1; **Glenn Peterson**, Group 2; **George Petrilla**, Inert Storage; **Harry Pickett**, Group 1; **Ruth Price**, Group 9; **Janet Robertson**, Group 1; **Arthur Sanders**, Inspection; **Helen Shank**, Group 9; **John J. Smith**, Group 61; **Charles Speight**, Group 3-A; **Marie Warner**, Group 7; **Andrew Washington**, Group 4; **Ernest Weber**, Group 1; **Clarence White**, Guards.

March 11

Willie Albert, Group 1; **Mary Begler**, Group 4; **Anna Bowers**, Group 9; **Billie Burrill**, General Operations; **Marion Coonan**, Group 4; **William Cunning**, Group 1; **Domina Ellch**, Group 6; **Anna Englert**, Group 8; **Hugh Fay, Jr.**, High Explosives; **Gerald Fitzgerald**, Accounting; **Daniel Hoskins**, Finished Rounds; **Henry Janke**, Utilities; **John Jennings**, Group 1; **F. J. Kachelhoffer**, Utilities; **Elvada Lincoln**, Group 8; **John A. Lower**, Group 4; **Sebastian Motta**, Group 1; **Eda Nelson**, Group 6; **Roy O'Neal**, Group 3; **Margaret Ott**, General Office; **Dara Prew**, Personnel; **Charles Riggs**, Group 1; **Clyde Riney**, Group 1; **Thomas Reddy**, Group 2; **Frances Regnier**, Group 9; **Earl Schmalz**, Group 7; **Norma Sheridan**, Group 4; **Geraldine Shuler**, Group 4; **Paul Tucker**, Guards; **John Wesselhoff**, Group 4; **Frank Woodin**, Group 3.

March 12

John Adams, High Explosives; **Marian Alexander**, Plant Protection; **Lowell Andrews**, Group 7; **Margaret Arnolts**, Group 5; **Clarence Balding**, Group 5; **Erwin Bretzman**, Group 1; **William Brockman**, Utilities; **Gene Center**, Group 9; **John Endres**, Inert Storage; **Judson Fish**, Utilities; **John French**, Inert Storage; **Daniel Glenney**, Group 2; **Edna Hedlin**, Group 4; **Reinhold Herzberg**, Utilities; **Lawrence Kelly**, Utilities; **Daniel Kirchner**, Group 1; **Max Krup**, Ordnance; **Francis Marquis**, Group 7; **Raymond Martin**, Group 3-A; **Ralph McCormick**, Guards; **Clarence Owen**, Group 1; **Angeline Pagnusat**, Group 4; **Francis Reagan**, Guards; **Grosvenor Robinson**, Inert Storage; **Kenneth Schofield**, Group 8; **Franklin Sidell**, Personnel; **S. A. Sparazynski**, Group 1; **Edward St. Aubin**, Group 1; **Jacob Storhow**, Watchman; **George Wilson**, Utilities.

March 13

Harry Amyx, Utilities; **William Atwood**, Guards; **William Bambula**, Utilities; **Anna Bates**, Ordnance; **George Blum, Jr.**, Group 1; **Alice Bravato**, Group 8; **Jeannette Brubaker**, Group 1; **Wilford Cole**, Group 3; **Ira Conant**, Group 3; **John Connor**, Group 1; **Emma Connors**, Group 1; **Roberta Dillon**, Utilities; **Ernest Emmons**, Guards; **Merlin Holtz**, Group 1; **Betty Irwin**, Group 1; **Naomi Killian**, Group 7; **Andre Lombardi**, Group 1; **Dr. G. M. McClure**, Hospital; **Robert McGraw**, Inert Storage; **Emma Murdock**, Group 1; **Harry O'Connor**, Utilities; **William Pearson**, Group 2; **Harry Parker**, Inspection; **John Sargent**, Maintenance; **Bernice Shroba**, General Office; **George Spencer**, Group 2; **Herman Stricklin**, Group 61; **Morris Tooper**, Group 1; **Marcella Vandal**, Group 3-A; **Lloyd Walsh**, Group 66; **Marian Westcott**, Ordnance.

March 14

Clyde Argyle, Inert Storage; **Helen Buck**, Accounting; **Jo Anne Comerford**, Utilities; **Wilma Crater**, Group 4; **Abner Davis**, Group 1; **Lyle Hazel**, Utilities; **Marcella Jirus**, Group 5; **Betty Kane**, Tabulating; **Emil Kapetanic**, Utilities; **Sylvester Learned, Jr.**, Utilities; **Christopher Majors**, Group 3; **Ann McFarland**, Group 4; **Loretta McShane**, Group 7; **Harry Melby, Jr.**, Group 3; **Anna Nicholson**, Group 4; **Arnold Nordmeyer**, Inert Storage; **Julia O'Hern**, Finished Rounds; **Eldon Overright**, High Explosives; **Wesley Parr**, Guards; **Ethel Perino**, Group 7; **Clara Pierron**, Group 6; **Vito Potuto**, Group 1; **Zephyr Regnier**, Group 1; **Delbert Truitt**, High Explosives; **Edward Washburn**, Utilities; **Arthur Whalen**, Group 2; **Erva Willford**, Utilities; **John Witten**, Group 5.

Q. I saw a WAAC wearing a sergeant's chevrons the other day. Is her title a "sergeant" in the WAAC?

A. No. A WAAC three-striper is known as a "Leader." That's equivalent to the rank of sergeant in the Army.

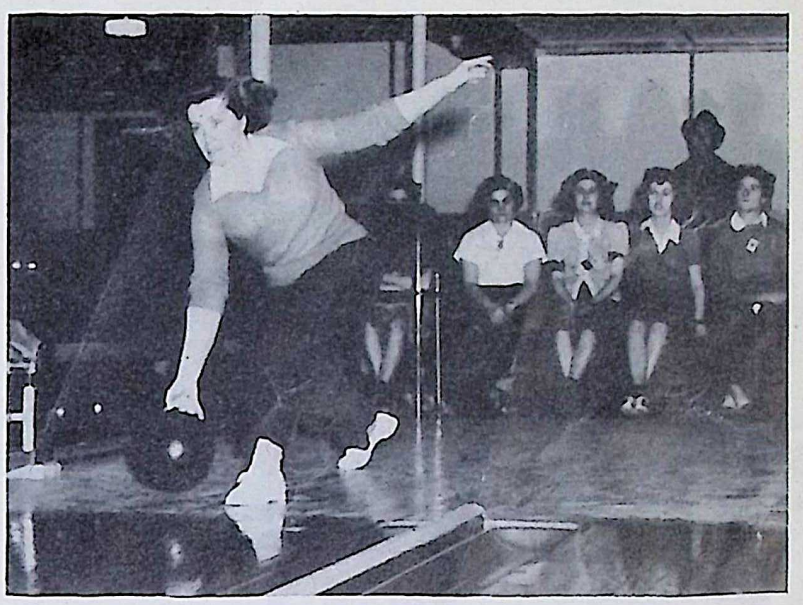
Q. When were "dog tags" first used in the Army?

A. In the Civil War citizen soldiers used to pin pieces of paper on which they had written their names on their uniforms. As soon as the Government labeled men with an identification tag worn around the neck they became known as dog tags.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire.....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.



HOW IT'S DONE is illustrated by Betty Fiene as a group of her associates from Group 7 watch her performance. The onlookers, left to right, are Laura Lawler (barely visible), Josephine Terlep, Pat Poutre, Genevieve Karpel and Margaret Huddleston. Members of the 7:30-3:30 shift, they bowl each Friday before going home.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Written by Evelyn Doran during the absence of Evelyn Richards.

Well! Well! Patients come and patients go. **Elliott Hayes**, from Group 62-N, who suffered a fractured leg, is here. **William O'Brien**, Group 1, Building 4, who was struck by an automobile and suffered a fractured leg, was admitted as a patient. **Hazel Gauger**, who has been here for some time, has gone home to Fairbury, and **Joseph Thompson** went home to Pontiac.

Gordon McCulloch, ambulance driver, was ill with a cold, but is well again.

Many are wondering why **Elsie Baer** is spending some of her evenings in Chicago. It's surprising what a lake breeze can do!

It was a surprise and a pleasure to have **Pvt. Joseph Chizmark** as a visitor, even though it was for only an hour. He has a 15-day furlough. Joe escorts prisoners of war, and is stationed at Livingston, La.

Two of the nurses went home over the week end, **Catherine Lindblad** to Bloomington, and **Nellie Lazio** to Sterling.

Dr. Bohdan Giel and **Dr. Andrew Bustin** attended the "E" dance Award. **Mary Philbin** and **Bob Anderson** also were there.

You've probably heard the expression "It doesn't pay to cry over spilled milk." Well, **R. R. Sidell** experienced it. He never shed a tear when he was accidently dampened by some spilled milk. So far he hasn't caught a cold. He does advise to have paper towels on hand in case of similar accidents.

Lorene Motta reached another landmark in her life February 12, Lincoln's birthday. It looks as though **Myrtle Burrus** was alone for a week. Several did their best to comfort her.

Dr. Bustin had better take good care of his clothes, especially when he's in a hurry to get into a car. After all, clothes are now a luxury, and fresh air is alright in *some* places.

Mrs. Robert Edwards visited her husband who is in the Medical unit at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Veronica Rossi was recently married. She is now Mrs. Veronica Kelly.

EMPLOYEES SERVICE FUND

Report as of February 17, 1943

		Balance
Cash on Hand as of January 20, 1943 (date of last report)		$1,415.12
RECEIPTS		
January 20 to February 17		
Bowling	$260.00	
Juke Box	11.00	
Fuze and Booster Laboratories	15.00	
Miscellaneous	4.25	$ 290.25
		$1,705.37
EXPENDITURES		
January 20 to February 17		
Bowling Equipment	$ 99.98	
Ping Pong Equipment	5.30	
Basketball Equipment	145.12	
Official's Fees	86.00	
Ordnance Plant Bus Service	11.21	
Miscellaneous	28.33	$ 375.94
Balance—Cash on hand February 17, 1943		$1,329.43

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Rent—Large room. Two single beds. Automatic heat. Close to bus line. See **Mrs. Brooker**, 613 Richmond Street, Joliet. Telephone 2-2551 after 5 p.m.

For Rent—Quiet room for single person. On bus line. See **Mrs. E. Rogers**, 500 N. Prairie Street, Joliet. Telephone 7117.

For Sale—'36 Ford V8 in good order. Call **Charles J. Curtis**, Line 4287.

For Sale—Recovered davenport chair, 2 fiber cord rockers and 1 oak dresser. See **J. E. Pinkston**, 930 Wabash Street, Wilmington.

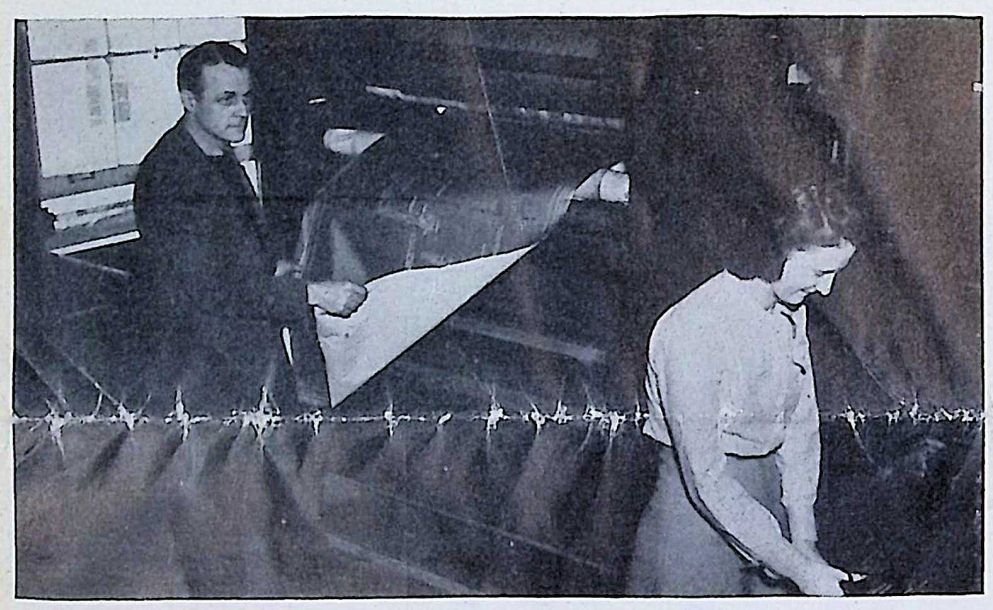
For Rent—Pine panelled single room. Private bath. Private entrance. Close to bus line. See **Mrs. T. M. Deam**, 807 Mason Avenue, Joliet. Telephone 2-2294.

Riders Wanted—From Chicago to EOP. Steady 7:30 to 3:30 shift. Meet driver on near north side on Ogden Avenue. Call **Edwin Scholl**, Power House, Group 4. Line 4144.

For Sale—1936 Ford. Inquire **Marie Armstrong**. Extension 2187.

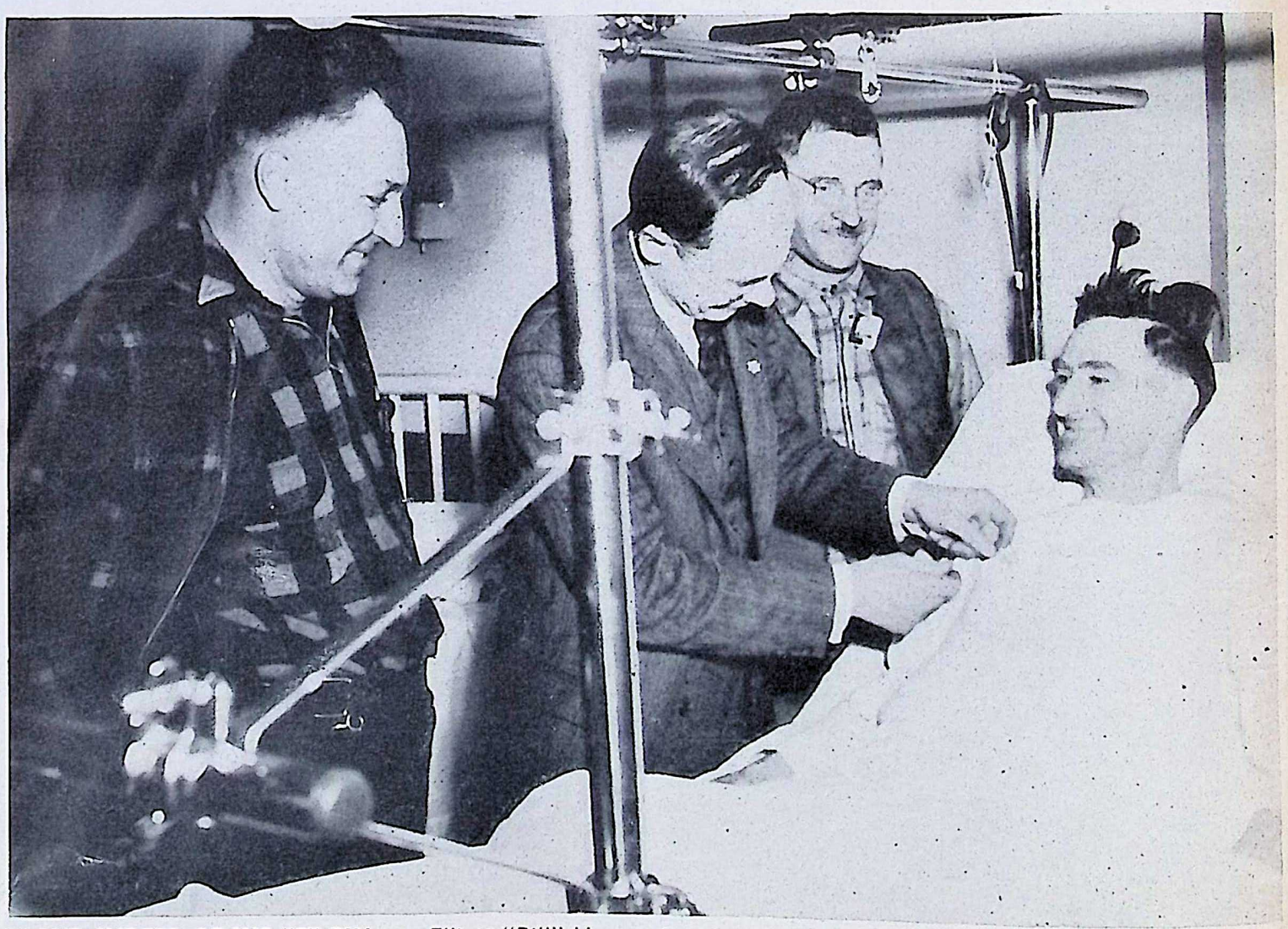
ELWOOD ON PARADE

THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES were on hand, as shown in this panoramic photograph, to see the Army-Navy "E" flag raised above the bunting-draped Administration Building of Elwood Ordnance Plant February 12. Other crowd photos are on Pages 6 and 7.



BLUEPRINTS by the hundreds come out of this machine in the Engineering Department. Shown, here left to right, are Harold Carroll, who is withdrawing a finished print, and Loma May Perry, who is trimming prints for filing and for delivery of orders.

FILING of blueprints and other records is an important part of the Filing, Records and Blueprint Divisions. I. E. Jackson, head, is shown at entrance to safety vault. Others, left to right, are Harold Carroll, Michael G. Chuck, Loma May Perry, Gerry Stephen and Evelyn Greenwood.



PROUD INDEED OF HIS "E" PIN was Elliott "Bill" Hayes when his own superintendent, A. P. Balston, pinned it on him at the EOP Hospital. Bill has been confined there since February 5 with a broken leg he suffered at work in Group 62-N. With Mr. Balston are John P. Wald (right), assistant superintendent in charge of 62-N, and Andrew Fris, a co-worker of Bill's.

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Lardi's Squad Takes Second Leg of Contest

Reduction of Work Losses Is Goal of Inert's Employees

By Charles H. Mann

The second three-month period of Inert Storage Department's "Contest to Reduce Work Losses" has been completed with additional success in cutting down hospital visits and absences. The squad winning the contest for this period was headed by **David "Hattie" Lardi** of Group 62 South. The men in his gang who helped complete this high percentage are **Elwood Anderson, Henry Heideman, Michael Griglione, Arthur Kettleson, Joseph Donagala, Lawrence Lavicka, George Bullock** and **William Barry.**

The percentage which **Ray Morris** of Group 62 North compiled with his squad equals that accumulated by Mr. Lardi, but due to having a smaller total of work hours he received second place in this contest. This is continuing the good work which Mr. Morris started by winning the first "three-month contest."

The complete standing for the leading squads from December 6 through February 27, follows:

Squad	Group	Hosp. Man Hrs.	Absences Man Hrs.	Per Cent Present
Lardi	62S	3	72	98.5
Morris	62N	2	74¼	98.5
McDonald	27	0	73½	98.4
Holt	62N	3½	111¾	98.2
Argyle	62S	0	120¼	98.2
Alderman	62N	7¼	96¾	97.8
Moberly	62S	3¾	104	97.7
Mall	62N	7	107¼	97.6
Bull	62N	0	115½	97.4

This contest was inaugurated by **A. P. Balston**, superintendent of Inert Storage. It has caused keen rivalry and a great deal of interest among the men working in Inert Storage. The high percentage of attendance and hours worked is a tribute to the effort put forth in organizing this contest.

One man who won individual honors is **Clarence Sluiter** who does not know what it is to be absent. Mr. Sluiter has been in the employ of the company for two

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Group 61 Plans 'Hard Times' Dance

A "Hard Times Dance" is planned by employees of the Ammonium Nitrate Plant, Group 61, at the Recreation Building, Saturday night, March 20, and all EOP workers and their families are invited to attend.

Harvey Steffes and **Joe Motta**, committee on arrangements, announced this would be one of the most novel affairs of the 1942-43 social season and said anyone who failed to attend would be missing a marvelous time.

Admission is 55 cents and music will be by the EOP Orchestra. Dancing will be from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m.

Since the dance comes but five days after Income Tax Day, the sponsors decided to make it really a "hard times" affair. There will be a judge sitting beside the ticket taker and he may fine those who attend 15 cents for wearing a tie or 5 cents for having a shoe shine. It's going to be hilarious and a heap of fun.

Switch to $50 War Bonds Grows

FIFTY DOLLAR WAR BONDS are being bought by more and more EOP employees every day, according to G. A. Becker, War Bond Department. They are signing for the higher denomination instead of $25 bonds because they can continue to make the same weekly savings and patriotically save money for Uncle Sam at no cost to themselves. Mr. Becker said 3,311 workers so far have changed from $25 to $50 bonds and that 99 per cent of new employees are signing for $50 bonds. If you haven't already done so, you are urged to switch now. Ask your foreman for a slip to sign.

Use Native Wood For Loading Mallets

Native wood is being cut within the area for use in mallets for the loading line groups and elsewhere on the reservation. Under the supervision of **"Farmer" W. B. Manchester**, Osage-orange hedge lumber is being cut and delivered to the Carpenter Shop where the mallets are being made. Sufficient wood for 500 mallets has been placed in the shop.

Mr. Manchester explained that flexibility and toughness are required for the mallets and that the hedge has proven better than hickory for the purpose. Sometimes a hickory mallet doesn't last half a day, while the Osage-orange mallets are still effective after a week's use.

The Bomb-Shell Now Distributed at Plant

Effective with this issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, delivery will be made by hand as employees leave the plant, instead of through the Post Office as heretofore. This will place the paper in the hands of readers three or four days earlier than before, and will save considerable money and labor. Any savings are worthwhile and patriotic in this all-out war.

The papers will be distributed at each of the exit gates of the plant beginning with the shift which stops work at 7:30 a. m. Friday. Arrangements are being made to provide for those who are not at work the day the paper is distributed.

Tire-Gas Committee Changes Office Hours

Office hours of the Labor-Management Committee, charged with assisting EOP employees under the gasoline and tire rationing plans, have been restored to their former schedule, now that the rush for applications for "A" and "C" gasoline books has subsided The hours are 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. and 3 to 4:30 p. m. Mondays through Fridays at the Administration Building.

Employees are urged not to wait until their last gasoline coupon is used before applying for another book. Immediate action is impossible under the operating methods of the various rationing boards and the necessary delay may be inconvenient unless application is made in advance.

Workers Give Over $10,000 To Red Cross

One-Week Campaign Brings in 9 Times Total of Last Year

When the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant set their minds to a task . . . whether it be Army-Navy "E" award, funds for the Red Cross, support for the United Service Organization or money for the Community Chest . . . something is bound to happen . . . usually to their credit.

These soldiers of ordnance have contributed more than $10,000 to the emergency war fund of the American Red Cross . . . nine times more than they gave last year . . . because they know the funds are sorely needed.

'Twas a proud foursome . . . **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer; **Capt. David P. Tunstall**, public relations officer; **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, and **Richard T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller . . . who took $10,000 in cash to the First National Bank of Joliet March 9 after the one-week campaign at EOP. The *Joliet Herald News* recognized the importance of the achievement by assigning a reporter and photographer to meet the delegation, so that the newspaper's readers might know of one step in the progress of the drive.

Mr. Bassett, who supervised the EOP campaign with the assistance of all of the group superintendents, said funds continued to pour in.

Takes War Job To Buoy Children

Florence A. Costello was employed as an explosives operator in Group 1 March 5. Her 21-year-old daughter is a lieutenant in the WAACs. One son, 20, is a Navy aviator, and another son, 18, is in the Marines.

One of the preliminaries to Mrs. Costello's employment was a letter to the EOP Personnel Department. The letter, which speaks for itself, follows:

"In asking for a job at the ordnance plant, I have a very personal motive. You see, I have three children in the services, the WAACs, the Naval Air Corps and the Marines, and I feel, in a small way, I would be giving my children a lift in their work. I have had no experience, I admit but I could soon learn. They have had hard lessons to learn and I'm sure there will be harder for many of them and I would like to help in any way I could."

All Urged to Hear Army Hour

Employees of EOP will find the weekly "This is the Army Hour" program on their radios of particular interest to them Sunday, March 14. The part played by Depots of the Services of Supply in maintaining the life line of supplies to men on the fighting fronts will be dramatized from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. The entire program will be devoted to depot work and depot personnel and will include actual pickups from overseas as well as depots in the United States. All are urged to listen.

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Strive for "E" Star Now

Next July 9 . . . should the war then still be in progress . . . men and women of EOP will be eligible for a star to be placed on their Army-Navy "E" flag for excellence in production, which now flies above the plant. No one wants to see this war last longer than absolutely necessary for complete victory, but if it must be continued for six months or longer, then every EOP soldier of ordnance should pledge his or her best efforts to maintain the excellent production which originally won the award.

News for Men Overseas

The problem of furnishing news to the men on the battlefronts throughout the world is becoming more acute each day. Regulations now prevent mailing *The Bomb-Shell* overseas, so that valuable cargo space can be saved for vital materials. No one will argue with this decision. Winning the war is too important, but the morale which results from news from home is important, too. Perhaps there is a way out. The Government urges greater use of V-mail. Perhaps the Recreation Department could form an overseas writing club which could meet each noon. Each member could be responsible for writing once a week to one or more former EOP employees, telling those things about his old group and former associates the specific fighter would want to know about. Read some of the letters from service men on Page 3. They offer convincing proof of the need.

No Place for Carelessness

Safety plays as important a part on the battlefronts of this global war as it does here at home . . . during the daily work of the men and women soldiers of ordnance . . . perhaps, more so. "Outside of carelessness, of course," a soldier has an equal chance to come through alright, is the opinion of *Pvt. Robert L. Hamlin*, former Personnel Department worker here. That opinion is based on experience as perusal of his letter on Page 3 will show. If you do not do so now, Pvt. Hamlin's attitude is well worth copying in your own thinking about safety.

Taste it yourself an' see if it ain't for a cold. . . . I brought dope for mosquitoes last summer in the same bottle . . . sure this'll cure TNT rash . . . nurse's orders . . . don't be a chump . . . I gotta have a pass . . . a day lost is a day . . . aw right, I know . . . a pass . . . I gotta if I gotta . . . yeah, but I don't touch . . . I don't drink I mean . . . I'm tellin' ya it ain't hootch.

The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

By virtue of a long line of agricultural ancestors, I feel obliged to foist upon my fellow workers at EOP some sage advice on that timely subject, the Victory Garden. It is recognized that these words of earthy wisdom are not requested, but my customary impudence will permit me to ignore your lack of interest while I launch my campaign to bring you back to the soil in the interests of bigger and better rutabagas and such other table delicacies as you may be tempted to nurse from seed to sapling.

It seems appropriate to dignify by public word the rumor in the air that we will have our Victory Gardens this summer on a really *organized* basis. There was a time when you could don a pair of old pants, sneak quietly to the far corner of your back yard and start a garden without even the neighbors commenting on it. Not so, this anno domini 1943. This year, we'll *organize*.

It calls for no great stretch of the imagination to envision a nice, dusty, hot piece of the terra firma here at EOP divided into small plots, each assigned to an ambitious but amateur tiller of the soil. Group meetings for cultivating, plowing, weeding, and what-not could be held, more or less along the lines of mass calisthenics classes.

Standing on a raised platform, shouting out the operations in their proper sequence we see the mighty Sage of the Soil, **W. B. Manchester** coaxing **G. R. Kintzel** to fill the shovel full each time he embarks on another cycle of his earth moving operations. Neither would it be hard to enjoy the spectable of **Mr. K's** next door neighbor, **E. O. Huey** on bended knee pleading with a lowly potato bug to please go away "for the duration," even if he chose merely to meander onto the next plot. **Dr. H. L. Schultz** could use this program as a research project in finding a lot of aching muscles that the owners heretofore never knew they owned.

Proper planning would also call for stretcher bearers, smelling salts, and such other resuscitating apparatus as might be needed to revive some of the softer neophytes who always thought farming was such a simple task.

Along toward the end of the summer, the more playful side of our collective temperaments could be indulged by the operation of a Guessing Contest, open to all the agricultural wise-acres to which the puzzled farmers could bring their produce and have it identified. Each of the gardeners will only know the picture on the seed package and it can now be predicted with some degree of accuracy that the ripened harvest will bear no resemblance to the picture. The resultant confusion will probably have a deleterious effect on the mentality of some of them, but an iron cage will be set up to keep them out of circulation until the ravings subside; in fact, they can be fed with the ambiguous flora plucked from their own little plot which held forth great promise earlier in the summer.

The movement is growing, folks, so get ready to dig in.

Lardi's Squad Takes Second Contest Leg

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years or longer with unbroken service. Rain or shine, he has never found reason to join the Absentee Club. Even the day of the big blizzard he was right on the job. He has earned for himself the title "Sluiter Comes Through."

Further check disclosed others with good attendance records. Among them are **Manus "Red" Moberly, Stanley Wienceck, Fred Ford, George Harrop, Orville Johnson** and Mr. Lardi. In over 18 months these men have been off duty only two days. Mr. Moberly said he made up his two days by reporting for special work with rush notice on Sundays.

I have written . . . a poem!

Any Bonds Today?

I'd like to introduce to you
The War Bond personnel.
Our work may not be perfect
But we try to do it well.

G. A. Becker is the "boss"
Who keeps us "on the beam."
He simply has to say the word—
Do we turn on the steam!

Dorothy's heart-throb's gone to war—
To her soldier she is true.
She must be fond of eating,
'Cause she sure loves "Irish "Stu."

Tom Lamon is our bowler,
His style's smooth as butter.
He knocks down every single pin
We set up in the gutter.

Gloria's hobby is working,
Her spare time's spent on that
Which still gives her a lot of time
To date and dream of Jack.

Wilkinson's game is ping pong,
But here's a funny thing:
Every time he's going "pong"
He should be going "ping."

Ruth Berg seems so capable
It somehow is uncanny
That when her shoes need polishing
She always calls on Danny.

George is really quite a "Prince,"
We'll give you odds on that.
We hear his greatest problem
Is a fear of getting fat.

Marilyn's sense of humor
Keeps improving every day.
The little joke about the horse
Was a total "Run-Away."

If Ray Berg turned to music
Or took a hand to verse,
We're almost sure that every line
Would start and end with "Nurse."

Mrs. Willer's so quiet,
She makes not a sound;
But when she starts typing,
We know she's around.

John Burke's laugh is something:
On a clear and quiet day
You'll hear it ring out merrily
A mile or two away.

Kathleen's favorite expression
Is, "Please turn on the heat."
When summer time rolls 'round again
She'll really get a treat.

Bob Connor will give you a bet
From a horse right down to a flea.
Nine times out of ten he'll win that bet—
I know—you can take it from me. (So did he.)

Kinson's work is varied:
Gas, tires, bonds, and so and so.
One time he's here, again he's there—
He's always on the go.

"Consumers" and Jim go together
Like sugar and cream go with tea.
He says he can take it or leave it,
But it doesn't seem so to me.

Would you like to hear quotations?
John Jackman does it well.
To whom's he spouting poetry?
I know—but I won't tell.

Josephine Donna's the poet
Who thinks up lines like these.
If you don't like this kind of stuff,
Well—just forget it, please.

—**Josephine C. Donna**
War Bond Dept.

Rationing

They ration the sugar
And ration the tires.
They ration the gas
We use in our cars.

They ration the butter
And ration the meat.
They ration the shoes
We wear on our feet.

They ration the coffee
And ration the tea.
They ration the honey
Made by the bee.

They ration the pots
And ration the pans.
They ration the food
That's in tin cans.

They ration our clothing
And ration our pay,
But we're sure glad
We are in the U. S. A.

So come on, Americans,
Don't fret and foam.
For we'll keep on rationing
Till the boys come home.

—**Leora Owens,**
Group 9, Building 4.

My Prayer

The day is done, and as I trudge
A weary journey home,
My mind is filled with varied thoughts
Of lands across the foam.
Of people who would still be free
But for a fiendish slayer.
And for the souls, whose hearts he's torn,
I breathe this solemn prayer.

God, give me strength
To do a little more than is
My usual task in life.
An extra ounce that mayhap mean
The final thrust that
Spells the saving of a life
For Freedom's cause, for only then
Can men lift up their heads
Now bowed in captive chain.
For only then, when Victory
Shall still the cannon's roar,
Can Peace return again.

God give me strength to carry on,
One tiny cog in this great scheme
That must bring Freedom back.
Bring Freedom back, with sunny skies,
To Norway's stalwart hearts.
To heroic Greece, whose shores are black
With starving creatures by the score,
But who die rather than submit
To Naziism's iron hand.
To brave Michailovitch and his band
In Yugoslavia's mountain bare.
Protectors of their Native Land.
To Belgium, twice raped now,
In scarce a score of years,
And the blasted dykes of Holland.
To the Czech's famed Lidice,
The town that "is no more" in part,
But lives eternally, in every free man's heart.

God give me strength to do my part,
To weld the ship, to build the gun,
Whatever it may be.
And give us strength, each one of us,
To overcome our foe, whose very name
Is but a blasphemy.

God give us strength to best the foe,
Defeat his every move, until
Quiet reigns o'er all the earth,
And Thou can say "well done."

—**Charles Andrews,**
Radio Shop.

Q. What is the origin of the neckerchief worn by sailors?

A. The neckerchief was supposed to be a sort of tie or decorative ornament, to be used as a sling for an injured arm or to be used as a tourniquet. It was made in various loud colors until the death of Admiral Nelson in 1805 and was changed to black in mourning. It has remained black ever since.

Q. Where are Army chaplains trained?

A. The Army chaplains school at Harvard University recently was considerably expanded and more than 400 student chaplains are now receiving a four-weeks course of training there.

Former Employees Ask for Mail As They Fight Thruout World

Letters from Africa, Middle East, Alaska And High Seas Describe Experiences

Letters from former employees received by *The Bomb-Shell* recently describe the fierce fighting in Africa, life in Alaska and on the high seas and the details of training of men before they are sent overseas. The wish can be detected in all of the letters—some express the desire specifically—for mail from home. In adjoining columns and on other pages of this issue, this matter of news for service men, especially in foreign fields, is discussed in detail.

Sgt. E. W. Kallenberg, a former inspector here, wrote from somewhere in Africa. The postmark indicated the date was sometime in February, but Sgt. Kallenberg had just received the November 20 issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* His letter follows:

"I have just received your November 20 issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* That has been the first mail mail I have received since I have been in (censored) Africa. I was very glad to read the paper as it brought back a few names that were familiar to me.

"I have been over here for over (censored) months and of course feeling a little low just now, decided to write and thank you for the paper. If it wouldn't be too much bother, I would like to hear from some of the members of the Inspection Department. I have been told by my friends that came over lately that I have loads of mail on the way. But it never seems to catch up with me.

Wonders About Friends

"Well, I believe this will all be over soon and then I will get it all at once. I would like to know if there are many of my old friends still working in the Inspection Department. I enjoyed the paper very much and hope you continue to send it to me. Of course, I have a new address. (Those interested may obtain this address from *The Bomb-Shell* office . . . Editor.)

"Just in case you might be a little interested in (censored) Africa, I will tell a little about it. The country itself is something like California. The days are slightly chilly right now. The nights are pretty cold. The people are friendly, but the natives are exceptionally dirty. I once thought our bums and hoboes were bad in the States. They are kings along side these natives. They have very good farming soil. Well, I am only allowed three pages, so I will have to close."

Another letter from Africa, describing the life of a fighting marine from **Pvt. Robert L. Hamlin,** formerly of Personnel, is published elsewhere on this page.

From Alaska, where he is stationed in a hospital, **Pvt. Gail Plowman,** who was in Group 4 here, wrote that his work is very interesting and gives him "a great feeling to know that I'm doing something that is important.

"I was working in Group 4 before induction," said Pvt. Plowman, "and I'm very much interested in the work that is going on in that group. Many of the group I worked with are gone or in other groups now, but even with the new hands that are now there I know that they will give their best to help shorten this war."

Fighters Here, Too

From the high seas **Kenneth F. Hall,** fireman second class, formerly of Group 1, wrote that he and his shipmates thanked everyone here for the opportunity to read *The Bomb-Shell.* "It shows and lets us know," he said, "we have fighting men and women working for Sanderson & Porter, too. So once again I thank you.

"If it is not too much trouble, I would like for the boys in Group 1, Buildings 3 and 16, to know I haven't forgotten them and we all know they are right in there pitching. Keep them rolling, gang, and we will win . . . when I say 'we' I mean you and I and all who are fighting for the good old U. S. A."

"I used to receive *The Bomb-Shell* very regularly in the States," said **Pvt. Frank J. Houser** in a one-paragraph letter from the Middle East, "and enjoyed reading it immensely. Since I came overseas some time ago, I haven't received any copies. Here is my correct address and I hope you will continue sending me *The Bomb-Shell,* as I enjoy reading about my friends, who I used to work with."

Training of a squad of raiding Commandoes is described in a letter written to **Lt. Harry Dowden,** guards, by **Pvt. John Johnson,** himself a member of the group in California. Pvt. Johnson was a guard here for 18 months.

"Sometime this week we are shoving off," said the undated letter. "And speaking for all the other lads in this Raiders' outfit. it's about time we are getting a crack at the Japs . . . and pity those Japs when these guys get their hands on them. There ain't a better bunch of fellows nor a tougher bunch than these raiders.

All Men Equal

"In this outfit, everybody is equal . . . officers, non-coms and privates. Only difference is pay. We all wear the same type of clothes, no bars or chevrons are worn. If a private proves to be a better man than a platoon sergeant, he is put in charge. In other words, they don't promote in regards to stripes, but ability.

"And one thing, the lads are really trained . . . knife fighting, judo, sentry killing, booby trap experts, bayonet, mountain climbing, swimming . . . well just about everything. I'll be sure to send you back a pair of Jap ears.

"But what really makes this outfit is **Col. Jimmie Roosevelt.** He is a grand guy. He gets us the best of everything and he's a regular guy. Lives just like us, sleeps on the deck, cooks his own chow, washes his own clothes and goes to bat for his men. Believe me, in a very short time you will be hearing a lot about the —— Raider Battalion."

A letter signed by **Lt. and Mrs. James H. Edwards, Jr.,** both former employees, was received from Voorheesville Army Depot, New York. Writing March 3, Lt. Edwards said it was five days over one year since he left Group 7, Building 2. His wife, **Betty,** left Building 6 of the same group more recently.

"We both enjoy reading the news and seeing the pictures of our old friends at EOP," they wrote. "Our sincere congratulations to **E. J. and Mr. Utley** on the splendid record of their four sons as shown in the issue of February 12. Please tell **Bill Blonske** not to get too fat in the "Health Resort" at Group 45—nobody loves a fat man, so they say."

Pvt. Robert Gehrke, who is with a medical detachment at Battle Creek, Mich., said he had worked here 19 months as a timekeeper before leaving for the Army. At various times he was assigned to Group 3, Group 4, Railroad Number 4 and the Water Line. He asked that his greetings be extended to all in those groups and to **John O'Connell, Milton Treitel** and **Bernard McShane,** "three of the best men I have ever had the pleasure of working under."

"I wish you would tell everyone working at the plant," wrote **Pvt. Edward L. Kurth** from Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, "that I think they are doing a wonderful job and to keep it up . . . especially at Group 1, because you know that's the old stamping ground. Tell the boys in Building 4 (or are they all girls now), but what's the difference, I said hello."

Services P-38's

"I have finally been assigned to a squadron and I am working on the line as a mechanic," said **Pvt. Ivan C. Nelson,** stationed at Oakland Municipal Airport, California. "We service the P-39 and P-38 pursuit planes here."

"I was especially glad to hear of the splendid record established by the workers of the plant as a whole," penned **Howard E. Feldmann,** seaman second class, who is in Naval aviation ordnance training at Norman, Okla., "and also of Group 61's accomplishment (I once worked there).

"If the girls at the plant can do it, I can," wrote **Pvt. Richard M. Cassani** from Buckley Field, Colorado, in describing his duties teaching at an armorer's school from 10 at night to 6 in the morning. He explained he, too, was studying and would be an aerial gunner when the course is finished.

Pvt. Eddie J. Kendziorek, writing from Camp Phillips, Kansas, said he is still working with anti-tank mines and shells as he did here at Group 2. He sent regards

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More Soldiers Send "E" Congratulations

Additional congratulations to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant on their winning of the Army-Navy "E" award have been received from former employees in the armed forces. Among them are **Pvt. James F. Moore,** Avon Park Bombing Range, Florida, a former timekeeper; **Pvt. Raymond J. Marenda,** Fort Bliss, Texas, formerly of Group 3; **Pvt. Kenneth Beaudoin,** Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, formerly of Group 3-A; **Pvt. Norman Lange,** Army Air Force, Altus, Okla.; **Lt. Ronald A. Sachs,** Army Air Base, Wilmington, Del., and **Pvt. Glenn L. Templin,** Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, formerly of Group 1.

"It was a well deserved honor and proves to us fellows in the service that the folks back home are backing us to the limit," was the unanimous opinion of the writers.

EOP's Service Album

FORMER EOP EMPLOYEES are scattered throughout the world as they serve with the armed forces. Pictured here left to right are: Top row: Pvt. John Dubrovich, Jr., formerly of Group 64, now Camp Dunlap, California; William Stanley of Group 2, Bremerton Navy Yard, Seattle, Wash.; Pvt. Michael W. Doyle, Jr., of Group 2, overseas; Pvt. Arthur L. Voss, Jr., timekeeper at Group 64, North Africa; Pvt. John Barry of Group 2, Camp Phillips, Kansas; Pvt. William R. Hicks of Group 1, Aberdeen, Md; middle row: Pvt. Donald Sutton, Camp Roberts, California; Pvt. Cyrus F. Cobb of Inert Storage, Fort Riley, Kansas; Pvt. Bill Turndahl, former chauffeur, Camp Blanding, Florida; Ensign R. E. Esbensen, Engineering Department, New York; Cadet Al Anzzolin, Accounting, Deming, N. M.; Carl LaPaglia of Group 61, California; bottom row: Sgt. Stanley Biggs, son of William Biggs, Group 61, Wendover Field, Idaho; George Pihera of Group 3-A, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Pvt. Frank Richard Shelley, former timekeeper; Thomas M. Lazio, Camp Peary, Virginia; Pvt. Ben Cadwell of Group 1, Camp Gordon, Georgia; Cpl. G. Ray Shepley, timekeeper, Camp Roberts, California.

Writes Vividly of Battles and After

In a letter to **George F. Bent,** EOP personnel director, **Pvt. Robert L. Hamlin,** formerly of that department, wrote so interestingly of his fighting experiences in the South Pacific that his letter is published practically in full. Personal references only were deleted. The letter follows:

"I received an issue of *The Bomb-Shell* the other day in this far off island and I was so glad to get it and read about all personnel and changes that were apparent. It sure looks as though Sanderson & Porter were going in full force, and, if I'm not mistaken, I have seen some of the products here so you know they're getting the desired result.

Our battalion came off the front line here the day before yesterday after over two weeks of the hardest and most strenuous going I've ever had. It's the rainy season here (name begins with the first letter of your first name—you'll know) and sometimes for days we're soaked to the skin and remain so till once again the hot sun comes out and we can dry ourselves and gear. And then when hiking and advancing through the jungle and up ond over the steep hills we're soaked with streams of perspiration. So you see we're soaked most of the time and miserable with mosquitoes and flies, all besides the actual enemy, the Jap.

"But now that we're back of the lines along (censored) we have time to clean off the weeks' dirt and grime and wash our clothes and recuperate physically and mentally. We all lost weight from the ordeal and quite weak as a great deal of the time we had just the canned rations (beans, hash, cookies or chocolate, which is hardly a substitute for a hot chow, but of course keeps one alive with needed calories.

"So, for a little time we're enjoying ourselves eating everything in sight, relaxing and writing letters home, forgetting for a little time the things we've seen and heard. We've become pretty good at knowing the sound of the enemy artillery commencing and of course we have to make a dive immediately for our fox holes sometimes six and seven times a night and of course it's frightening always wondering if the next one will get you and as it's at night one gets very little sleep which doesn't help with all to be done during the day.

"We've gotten our share of the Japs, however, and I guess you know we Marines rather enjoy getting souvenirs. In fact, I'm writing with a Jap pen right now, one of the spoils of war. Some go in for gold teeth and one fellow has quite a sack full, being worth about $400, he says, and another has two sets of ears, one he'll dry and the other to take back pickled. But I stop at such things as that and have a few little interesting items.

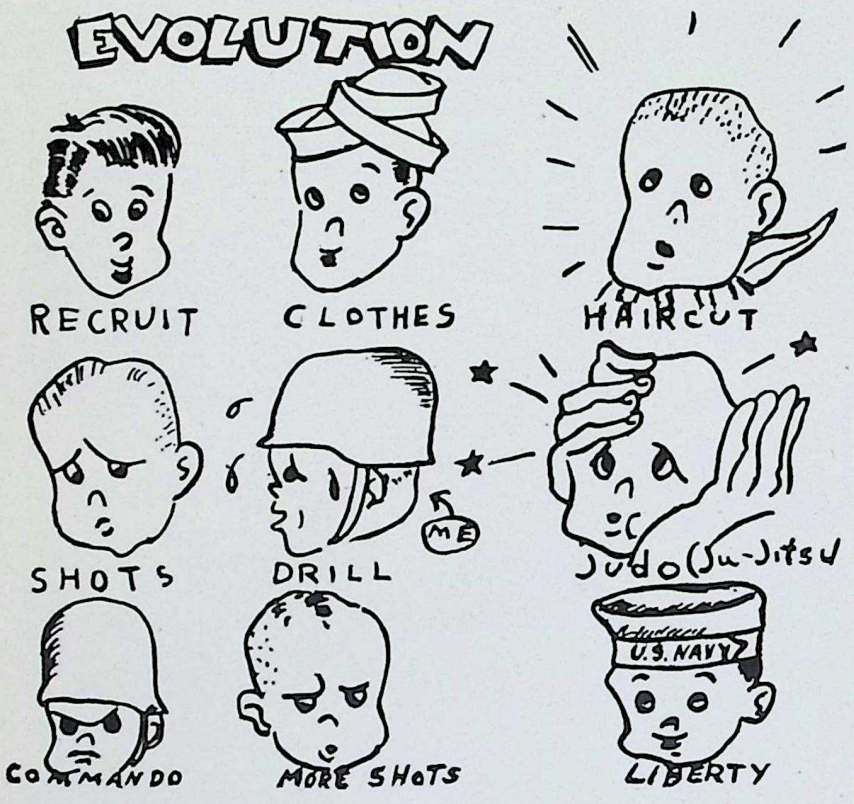
"I've witnessed and been through so much I'd like to tell you of it, but can't because of censorship. etc. I only hope the foregoing will go through, but so far I'm in good health and whole, while some of my buddies are less fortunate. It seems to me more a matter of chance than anything else (outside of carelessness of course) that one comes through all right. I've been religious in taking my daily atabrine and have so far avoided malaria and the many other things one can get.

Send Thanks to Fire Department

De Lancy Cossett and **Minnie Bruechet** sent the following letter of thanks: "We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the many employees of EOP and to the Fire Department for all they did to try to save our home and the many personal effects they did save during the fire of last month on South Chicago Street. Without their quick aid, we would have saved very little."

Women Guard Offices

Women guards are more in evidence now than ever before at the Administration Building. With the exception of a few key points, men guards have been replaced by women under the supervision of Sgt. Clare Cosgrove.



EVOLUTION OF A SAILOR was described for Guard Ben Buchar, Administration Building, by his nephew, James H. Braddock, a second class seaman at Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I., in the series of sketches shown here.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

The following men have left Group 3-A for the armed services: **Edward Lindner, Charles Linko, Angelo Sperelakis, Landon S. Miles, Ray Blecha, Melvin Payne** and **Raymond Martin.**

The graduates of the first group of 3-A First Aiders have now received their cards from the American Red Cross. Two other groups have since completed their course of training. Those now eligible for cards are: **Mary Bertino, Birdeen Clark, James S. Corrigan, Ethel Copping, Ethel Davenport, Mary Erickson, Peter Hammerle, Alvin Hubert, Carl Kemp, Louis Paul, Frances O'Keefe, Daniel Palmer, Melvin Schramm, Mabel Uhrenholdt, Edward Wheeler, Emil Zajicek, Lavin Ecklund, Donald Elsome, Wayne Frederickson, Anna Hoffman, Arthur Jones, Frank Mathewson, Glenn Milstead, E. H. Morron, Jr., Alvin Schwoke, Emma Tezak, Marion Williams, Anna Worland** and **Mr. Linko,** who left for the Army.

Arthur Thompson's chicken venture has proven so successful that he is now contemplating going in for rabbits.

A letter from **John E. Rossi** to **Gerald Hall** reports he is now a candidate for officers' training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The group was pleased to have a visit recently from **Tommy Costello,** brother of **Asst. Supt. George Costello.** Tommy, a former employee, is now at Norfolk, Va., in the Navy Construction Battalions known as "Seabees."

The other morning when he arrived at the office, **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick** found his desk adorned with a lovely package topped by a red rose and tied with ribbon of the same color. What many want to know is how he rates?

Congratulations are in order for **Frank Renchen** whose marriage last fall was announced recently in a local paper.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Vivian Green, John Lines, Jr.,** and **Everett Brooks** in their recent bereavements.

During the lunch period conversations, interesting items come to light about "former lives." It was interesting to hear that, at the age of 11, **Irma Lieberthal** won a prize for cake-making.

Fred Kurbis celebrated his birthday on the job. The gang wish him many more.

Genevie Nelson is reported to be recovering from a throat ailment. All hope she will soon be back.

Frank Ruffato can relate many fascinating personal experiences in Tunisia during World War I. One of the most interesting was his escape from an enemy prison and being lost for 90 days in the jungles.

Adrian Blankenstein is back on the job again after a bout with pneumonia.

One of the principal topics of **Dave Henneberry's** conversation is his three-weeks old grandson, who, Dave says, looks just like him.

At last **Amy Losby** is an aunt and the little niece is named **Susan Kathryn.** What's more, she has red hair!

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The South Inert Superintendent's Office now has a Weather Bureau Department since **Tommy Dillon** brought out a thermometer and barometer—weather forecasts 8 to 16 hours in advance now available.

Alex Stern's enviable record for unfailing accuracy almost hit a snag the other day. Mistakes are bound to happen sometimes.

Since meals from a can are now a thing of the past, **Walter Britton** is carrying a dinner pail.

The boys were smoking cigars last week in honor of **John Douglas, Jr.,** the new arrival in the **Paul Mosteller** home.

Arthur Kossak has answered the call of Uncle Sam and left February 25 for Fort Sheridan.

The weather of the last two weeks has nothing on the Inspection Department of Group 6 as far as changes are concerned—**Roger Anderson,** shift inspector of Group 6, exchanged places with **Jack Fey** of Group 7. During the same week **Mary Sortori,** forelady, became **Mrs. Charles Brown** of San Francisco, Calif. Both Roger and Mary will be greatly missed.

Mike Kelly, Group 66, is giving free dancing lessons to his coworkers.

Anton Togliatti, Group 63, became the proud possessor of 5 new pups one night recently.

Elmer Zost, Group 68, is trying to figure his 1942 income tax, since he took over the management of a dance hall in Marseilles.

Joe Gasperick left for the Army. He answered Uncle Sam's call March 2.

Pvt. L. H. Olson is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and **Corp. George A. Atteway** at Camp Camel, Kentucky. Both formerly worked at Group 64.

Mary Brown, Group 9, says she received her husband's picture from Camp Young, Calif., and, bang, fell in love all over again.

Bob Wilhelmi was told the other day he had a nice large diamond, but it was rather yellow. Bob, shining it on his coat lapel and trying to give a quick and good answer said, "Yea, yea, and yea—oh, yes, that's the carrots in it."

Ruth Drnec, Group 9, oversleeps about three times a week, but always makes it to work on time. Some say she should be nicknamed "Lucky."

Group 9 welcomes **Helen Feeney** and **Mary Forgarty** from Groups 4 and 5.

Jim Glade is well on the road to recovery and will soon be back at Group 61 after his recent operation.

"Laramie" Ostrem, eager for news, has learned not to be too eager. One can be shocked listening to a conversation over an extension phone.

Joe Sutkaski is a very busy man over at the Crusher Building. The going at Group 61-7 is pretty rough, all right.

Sam Mount is now living in Manteno. Could it be the work at Group 61 affected him, several have asked.

"Dottie Palenske"

Our girl friend, Dottie, is now a WAAC;
Of course we miss her and wish she were back,
But she's taking the place of some man—that is fine—
So he can do his part at the head of the line.

Dottie always greeted her friends here with a smile.
A person like that is always worth while.
Her friends who are WAACs she'll never let down;
She'll cheer them if they're wearing a frown.

She's up very early and quickly gets dressed
In her wonderful uniform so neatly pressed.
She studies, marches and also drills,
To our Dottie that is a great thrill.

And then in the evening when their work is done,
They all get together for a little fun.
Alas! There is the bugle every night at ten,
Which brings every fine day to an end.

We know that Dottie will do her part
For the love of our country that is in her heart;
To her friends, the WAACs, she'll always be true,
Because she'll never change—the Dottie we knew.

—**Alice Martin** and **Kay Funk,**
Tetryl Pelleting 6-4.

"Best Things in Life Still Free!"

They've rationed our sugar, our coffee, our shoes;
Now they're going to ration our beans.
Our butter and eggs and beefsteak and fruit
Will be equally rationed it seems.

They haven't rationed water, sunshine and white clouds;
Still free are gay laughter and love.
The birds still warble their songs to God.
They won't ration blue skies above.

They won't ration the stars in Old Glory,
Nor the red, nor the white, nor the blue.
Her stripes, and her furls and her glorious swirls,
Spell Freedom, unrationed to you.

—**Elizabeth LeBeau,**
Tetryl Pelleting 6-4.

Funeral Services Held for Jack Barry

Funeral services for **Jack Barry,** 49 years old, expediter in Group 1 and correspondent for that group on the staff of *The Bomb-Shell* since the paper was started, were held March 7 in Joliet. The services were conducted by Cantigny Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in which Mr. Barry had taken an active part.

Mr. Barry died in a Joliet hospital following a brief illness with pneumonia. He is survived by one son, **Capt. John Barry, Jr.,** stationed somewhere in the South Pacific.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

A favorite saying in this great old world is: "May the best man win." Well that fact was brought out in the recent game with the Chemical Lab basketball team. Aside from regular line of duty, the workers of Group 3 have really stuck with the boys on the floor. Now even though they ended up second best in the championship game, it is felt that the boys did a very fine job. And yes! Now you can say, "may the luckiest man win."

The team will be somewhat hampered by the loss of **Don Fread** and **Edward Pekar** who joined the armed forces right after the final game. The boys still have plenty of that Group 3 fighting spirit though and will fight to the finish.

The curious and maybe somewhat nosy boys of the second floor in Building 4 are wondering who the good looking girl is that **Leo Wagner** gave a ride to Joliet the other day.

Ervin K. Wood, former employee of Group 3, is now in the Marine Corps training to be a paratrooper. He would be glad to hear from any of his former coworkers. He is stationed in San Diego, Calif., and his complete address can be obtained from *The Bomb-Shell.*

Income tax. **Frank Cassidy** has a full house, so he beats Uncle Sam at that game. Cassidy, a veteran of 1918, now has one son on Guadalcanal and another at Camp Grant.

Ted Pollack, after swingin' his black snake whip for eight hours, turns soft hearted after leaving gate 3. He is always on the job to help the other fellows get their cars started, before he leaves for home. He says Cassidy must have gremlins in his engine.

Phillip Wright, foreman of Building 10, is doing alright with his new Studebaker.

Spring soon will be here and **Henry Risk** will be hard at it with his Victory garden, chickens and oh, yes, the other side of the house must be painted. It is hoped he has the painting job finished by fall.

A sign in the change house reads: "An American soldier depends on you!" **Tom Maher** says: "He has for the last 20 years and may continue to do so. We haven't felt the load yet."

Joe Abraham, that super-super Government inspector, is always on the job looking for rejects. Nothing escapes that man inside or *outside* of the plant.

Every time **Vern Worden** seeks an Army enlistment station, they are closed for the day. He could sneak up on them at night. **Warner Harrison** is a new addition to electrical maintenance at Group 3. He will team up with **Stanley Pearson** of "no lady riders" fame.

"Kankakee" Laughlin has presented Uncle Sam with a new WAAC or WAVE, but Sam can't use same for about 20 years. Proud Papa, but no cigars.

Woody Koerner has developed a new method for keeping the baby quiet. Of course, **George Weber** is supposed to have offered some of his excellent suggestions to help the process.

When **W. K. Hillenbrand** heard that old campaign slogan, "A chicken in every pot, two cars in every garage and prosperity just around the corner," he said: "Yes, but with the meat shortage there should be a chicken coop in place of every garage."

Former Employees Ask for Mail

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to **Supt. James J. Murphy** and **Foreman Johnny Alo. Pvt. Rudolph M. Sackman,** a second cook at Santa Monica, California, said he would appreciate letters from anyone at EOP.

"As assistant foreman of Building 13, Group 1," said **Pvt. Nathan S. Cohen,** now stationed at an Army air base at Reno, Nev., "the fellows told me they certainly would continue to carry on the good work which they had started, and from the looks of the way the war is going, I guess they have kept their promise."

"We in the armed forces realize and appreciate the tremendous task of production that such plants as EOP are accomplishing," wrote **Ensign Robert S. Freeman** from Bedford, Ind. "Such a contact with ordnance production as *The Bomb-Shell* is indeed a morale builder. We pledge that the enemy will know that EOP does exist—EOP products will do the talking. In every burst, they will tell of feats of production, of sweat and the tireless efforts of thousands of Americans dedicated to winning the war, of the millions and millions of shells and bombs yet to come."

Desolate in Florida

Pvt. Howard Burden, former foreman in Group 1, said he is now stationed in a desolate place in Florida and appreciates *The Bomb-Shell* as he would a stack of letters from home. He asked for letters from those in Buildings 5-A, 6 and 7, especially **Harvey Barrett,** inspector.

"I was a Government inspector at Group 64, shipping out——m.m. shells," wrote **Pvt. John Dubrovich, Jr.,** from Camp Dunlap, Niland, Calif., "and now I am firing the —— m.m. howitzer guns." **Pvt. William R. Hicks,** Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., asked that his former associates on the 11:30-7:30 shift at Group 1, where he was an assistant foreman, write to him.

Myron Cobb, Group 1, sent in a photograph of his brother, **Pvt. Cyrus F. Cobb,** formerly of Inert Storage, now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Mr. Cobb said two other brothers and a sister are employed here. **Samuel Cobb** is in Group 2. **Erlan Cobb** is in Inert Storage and **Lucille Clements** is at Group 3-A.

"May *The Bomb-Shell* continue to be successful and bring happy reading time to all, especially our boys in the service who eagerly look forward to news from home," wrote **Mrs. H. Steffes,** Route 1, Joliet, who sent a photograph of her brother, **Pvt. Ben Cadwell,** formerly of Group 1, now stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Mrs. Steffes said her brother sent congratulations on the "E" award.

Others Also Write

Letters and cards also were received from **Pvt. Fred Knop,** New Orleans, La.; **Pvt. Walter Simpson,** Beltsville, Md.; **Sgt. Floyd Huddleston,** Selfridge Field, Michigan; **Pvt. Melvin O. Warriner,** Camp Livingston, Louisiana; **Pvt. Ivan C. Nelson,** Hammer Field, California; **Glenn C. Schedeen,** Davisville, R. I.; **Robert G. Monson,** Norman, Okla.; **Cpl. R. C. Vignocchi,** Camp Swift, Texas; **Ralph H. Mallory,** Fort Knox, Kentucky; **Max Rieck,** Dwight, Ill., who wrote in behalf of his son, **Pvt. Everette Rieck,** Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; **Raymond J. Bartels,** Camden, S. C.; **Harry Stuckel,** Ottumwa, Ia.; **Pvt Frederick Sperling,** Midland, Texas; **Cpl. H. Fratz,** Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; **Pvt. Leonard Todd,** Camp Howze, Texas; **Pvt. Chris J. Economos,** Kansas City, Mo.; **Pvt. Floyd Zebell,** Camp Sibert, Alabama; **Pvt. Joseph Gutierrez,** Sheppard Field, Texas; **Charles H. Yearick,** Portsmouth, Va.; **Pvt. Raymond F. Pratt,** Camp White, Oregon; **Lt. W. G. Grohne,** Camp Blanding, Florida; **John V. Roberts,** New York City, N. Y.; **Ensign R. Oldani,** Lee Field, Florida; **Pvt. Glenn M. Siemers,** Tampa, Florida; **Pvt. B. Klimek,** San Diego, Calif.; **Pvt. R. E. Allen,** Camp Elliott, California; **Pvt. Archie L. Sharp,** San Angelo, Tex.; **Pvt. Dennis Doyle,** Selman Field, Louisiana; **Cpl. Gordon Utley,** Camp Bowie, Texas; **Pvt. Bryant S. Brown,** Camp Bowie, Texas; **Mrs. Elizabeth Hightower,** Kankakee, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her son, **Pvt. Harry Hightower,** Camp Livingston, Louisiana; **Roy W. Carpenter,** San Antonio, Tex.; **Pvt. John Hines,** Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and **Lucille A. Ambrose,** Bronx, N. Y., EOP's first SPAR.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Orchids go to **Dorothea Glaudell**, who recently resigned from the Auditing Department and who was given a surprise farewell which started out to be a small, intimate party, but developed into quite a large and exhilarating affair. Those present voted it one of those things which starts spontaneously and usually ends up being a long-remembered and happy event. Her friends wanted to make sure she would remember them, so they gave her a beautiful matched traveling set. Her cheery personality will be missed from these "diggin's" by both the old timers and those of more recent origin.

Mary O'Connor's presence at work Saturday, February 27, was emphasized by a new fur coat—her absence from work the following Monday was necessitated by a new batch of measles.

Emalie Mueller and **Arlene Thorson** have been riding a different train every day in their imagination. They are leaving March 12 for Mississippi to visit two heart-throbs. Emalie will see friend hubby, and Arlene will see **Wayne Sebby.**

The WAACS were not what interested **Helen Boling** when she visited Des Moines, Ia.—her parents live there.

Word was received recently that **George Buffleben,** formerly in the Engineering Department before his transfer to Pine Bluff, Ark., is now located at Camp Paine, Washington. George was ill for some time, and has been transferred to so many camps that his Christmas card from someone at EOP reached him around February 24. He sends his best regards to friends here.

"Why doesn't he write," is what **Frances Tomac** asks every day. It seems that "Lou" (her boy friend), is a sergeant at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and is located near a WAAC camp.

Hugh Thompson of **W. F. Luehr's** office, has a memory system all his own. On the wall he has a chart that reads "'Tis" and "'Taint." The words that prove to be stickers are listed as "'Tis" spelled and as "'Taint" spelled.

A newcomer to the office of **G. B. Pumphrey,** assistant comptroller, is **Sophie Mores,** who was transferred from Personnel. **Barbara Melin** was transferred to the position of secetary to Mr. Pumphrey when **Virginia Krause Ray** resigned.

Daniel Donegan, the wild Irishman, resigned from the Tabulating Department. He has returned to his home in Chicago because of ill health.

George "Pop" Poplausky is glad summer is nearly here. The car he rides in is occupied by a bunch of *non-believers.* They don't *believe* he should wear *that hat* any longer.

Harriet Wise resigned from the Tabulating Department March 6. Ethel Stevens of Wilmington took her place.

Margaret Fitzhugh of the Administration Building timekeepers was given a little surprise party by **Mary Gliha, Wanda Hudak** and **Edith Lewis** on her birthday, March 3. All wished her many happy returns of the day.

Large and small size inter-departmental envelopes were introduced throughout the plant this week. They are the type that can be re-used several times—another step in economizing in the war effort.

Bob McKeon's 1-A came due. Uncle Sam claimed him for service last week. The blueprint department is blue.

Harlan ("Mickey Front Gate") Grogan was sadly disappointed "E" day. He spent $2 to improve his appearance—ears set out, shampoo, shave, facial, shoes polished 'n' everything—and then when the color guard's photo was taken—where was Grogan — behind the flag pole.

"Measles" is the sign on **Marg Forrest,** Personnel, as of March 3.

Capt. John Watson, Air Corps, former legal advisor of this plant, visited here March 4 from Sedalia Army Air Field, Missouri. He is attached to the Troop Carrier Command. He congratulated the plant on winning the Army-Navy "E" flag.

It had been wondered why the boys in the Administration Building spruce up like Beau Brummels when it was realized that it could be nothing other than the change in guards, supervised by **Sgt. Clare Cosgrove,** now known as "Biddy." Some of the boys are even shaving twice a day. Hollywood's finest has nothing on these girls for looks and cannot duplicate them for efficiency.

People Least Mentioned: The janitors and janitresses in the Administration Building who work continuously day and nite to keep the building spic and span . . . the window washers who shine the windows to perfection . . . the messenger boy and girls who make countless trips upstairs and downstairs daily.

One of the happiest as well as busiest offices in the Administration Building is the timekeepers office to which **R. L. Voss** applied for membership. The new arrangement of desks is also a noted improvement. The Superintendent of Buildings and the Timekeping Department are now a very happy group.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Employees of Group 61 are patriotic and generous. They contribute to the Red Cross, to the Community Chest, buy War Bonds, and chipped in to buy your correspondent a haircut. **Supt. P. L. Deylitz** did a good job in teaching his pupils the value of helping out worthy causes, but the Boss doesn't know a good crop of hair when he sees one.

Gone but not forgotten is **Jules Bunge,** who has transferred to another group.

James Decker relates the following story; the names and places are supposed to be fictitious and any similarity to Group 61's building foreman, electrician, and assistant superintendent are purely coincidental:

"When Carlson and Anderson came over on the boat Bill Dooley met them. Instead of the traditional box saw and hammer, Anderson had a pair of pliers and a piece of bent wire and Carlson was carrying a transit."

Ray Carlson makes a habit of memorizing advertisements. Ray's latest is "you are always welcome at Walgreen's."

Beside being assistant superintendent, **W. C. Miller** also has talent in the literary field. His daily writings are something to look forward to even on these cold mornings.

Since **Glenn Coppens** brought his wife to Joliet from Green Bay, Wis., his disposition and work have improved considerably.

H. E. Barclay claims that he knows how to drive rivets. Some group employees are from Missouri, but Mr. Barclay didn't make an attempt to show them.

Norman Johnston and **Virgil Jordon** are looking forward to warm weather—cold hands being the reason.

Next time **Harold Rouff** wants four-minute eggs he should check on **Lloyd Combs'** culinary ability. Lloyd boiled a couple of eggs for two hours—probably waiting for the shells to become soft.

Frank Ariagno is known as "the cap shrinker." Every headgear that the little man washed won't fit a child.

"Who Killed Cadwell," is the name of a book and has no relation to fair-haired **Asst. Supt. Howard Cadwell.**

Elmer McCans would appreciate any information about cattle. Mr. McCans is in dead earnest to find sufficient information, about knot headed cows, to win a wager.

Leo Leser, high pan man, type 1, class 1-A, was given over to the Army Air Corps recently.

This time it isn't Gabriel, but **Larry Baudino,** blowing his horn. Mr. Baudino dusted off his old saxophone and has started to play again.

If the weather stays cold, **Carl Sala** might use that car of his to make ice cubes. He has a fresh batch of ice in his radiator every morning.

Ed Rashid has been trying to wean his car. It seems he has had little success with water.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

"B-r-r, will winter never end," wonders **Bea Bovee** as she makes a mad dash from the clock house to the office every morning.

After a recent whirlwind shopping tour of Peoria, *Miss Bovee* and **Marge Howerton** report that that fair city is still intact.

Group 68

Latest report on the dances at the Lincoln Ballroom in Marseilles is—still big successes and going strong. It's been decided to branch off in order to accommodate the enormous crowds—the branch being the Ivy Way Gardens.

Another popular activity to be inaugurated April 1 is a skating rink—a big name orchestra is being sought for the opening night.

Someone should present **Elmer Zost** a book entitled "A Truck and How to Drive Such." **Francis "Atlas" Monroe,** with all his brawny strength, almost tore out the engine trying to start the truck—after pushing it quite a distance, Elmer discovered the motor had not been turned on.

Group 63

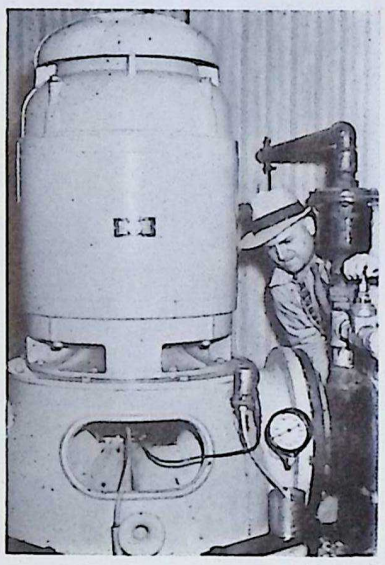
The rank and file of men in Group 63 was depleted further March 8, when two more faithful ammunition passers moved up closer to the front line where they will continue to pass more of the same. They are **Robert Libertor** and **Bill Hall.** They reported to Fort Sheridan. **George Barr** took his final examination before induction March 10. All of these men leave with best wishes.

A new member in the Inspection Department is **Roy Pfeifer** of New Lenox.

Wendell "Wilkie" Overacker, of Kankakee, a mainstay of the material checkers' staff, will leave in two weeks to take his final induction examination.

Another good reason for anticipating spring is due to **Ed Suffern,** inspector—maybe then he can be persuaded to get a crew haircut.

Paging all efficiency experts! **Rex Thomas,** foreman, needs advice on how to operate a 160 acre farm and maintain his present job. The income certainly would come in handy around March 15.



DRINKING WATER for the EOP Area is supplied by this deep well pump, the motor of which is being inspected by W. H. White, assistant electric superintendent.

WATER FOR EOP is treated in this building, some 70,000 gallons an hour. David L. Secrest is shown making a record of the hourly water check at the softening plant.

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★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Cecil E. Abbott
Edward Abram
Lucille A. Ambrose
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Clyde W. Arnold
Leo F. Austin
Crawford Bailey
Leland L. Barnes
Clarence J. Barrows
Richard C. Bayci
Kenneth E. Beaudoin
Jerome L. Benoit
Albert E. Blanchette
Giles E. Boren
Frederick E. Bornder
Samuel C. Bradley
Glen I. Bruner
James A. Busch
Roy W. Carpenter
Anthony J. Cemeno
Paul G. Cheffer
Donald B. Clawson
Paul H. Clawson
John E. Comerford
James J. Connor
Thomas F. Costello
J. W. Dagon
John G. Demko
Arthur C. Donovan
Dale L. Drake
Theodore R. Dunkie
Charles Eager
Lester F. Eicholzer
Robert R. Engstrom
Russell Frangella
Albert Frankovich
William L. Finley
Bernard J. Forango
Patrick J. Gallagher
Roy Gentry
Lute Gorham
William R. Gresham
William Haak
Irving C. Harbour
Loren D. Henrie
Francis J. Herman
George D. Hall
Raymond G. Hayen
Raymond R. Hill
John Hines
Carl R. Hirsch
Dale R. Hish
Wayne E. Hish
James A. Hoffman
Edward A. Huggins
Earl R. Hunt
Anthony S. Jankowski
Stanley E. Johnson
Ben A. Kaiser
Ralph L. Kapchinske
William F. Kauzlaric
Raymond Kibbons
Leo P. Kilanowski
Anthony G. Kirincic
Anthony S. Kodrick
Elmer H. Kohrt
William R. Kokal
Joseph H. Kovalcik
William Kurkamp
Robert L. LaFrance
John S. Laws
Edwin M. Leonard
George R. Levandowski
Franklin T. Lewis
D. Wayne Liles
Francis J. Loebach
Leo Paul Lovell
Gerald W. Manny
Roy F. Manssen
Richard A. McCallen
Jack D. McCarthy
Donald E. Meyer
Donald G. Michalak
Felix F. Mikaitis
Casame J. Mitchell
Chester J. Monik
Frank Marko Mitok
Raymond C. Nelson
James Noblitt
Roy W. Noye
M. Offenbach
Alvin J. Olson
Norman Pawloski
Joseph B. Pawlowski
George W. Pennybaker
W. H. Perkins
Kenneth J. Peterbok
Donald L. Peterson
Perry J. Picco
Phillip R. Pickard
George Pihera
Raymond F. Pratt
Harold L. Radzom
Robert W. Ramsey
Clarence Rasor
Robert M. Rich
Lawrence C. Riley
Raymond J. Rivard
John E. Rowley
Edwin Runyon
Jerry J. Russ
Walter Sayers
Lionel L. Senesac
Leo A. Shea
Roman Smietanski
Donald J. Smith
Robert F. Smith
Daniel Stringer
Daune A. Swinford
Robert G. Tauber
Ervin W. Taylor
Richard E. Thetard
Donald S. Thompson
Thomas N. Tipsword
Leonard Todd
Donald J. Turner
Edward E. Turrell
Newman E. Tyree
Charles T. Vedder
Donald R. Waldron
Edgar E. Webster, III
Lee Emerson Webster
John E. Weir
James E. Wensch
John G. Wensch
James Whelan
Billy S. Williams
Randolph Wright
William H. Zomboracz
Eugene M. Zuchowski

IT WON'T BE LONG until scenes like this again are familiar at EOP. Despite the rains, snows and winds of recent weeks, spring is not far away and once more departing employees in summer dresses and shirt sleeves will board homeward bound busses at the Administration Building.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

Betty Boldan of **Supt. T. J. Burn's** office has another "code" in her head, nevertheless she's working.

According to **Clare Hayden**, Group 4 is not the same since **Mary Lou McHale** has been transferred. Ruth Westergard is home ill.

There were wedding bells for **Loretta Clark**, inspector, February 13.

Irene Patnaude is on the sick list due to a recent operation.

Marcella Hebert, "the little Irish miss," now in the office, watches the mail rather closely nowadays. Could it be because the boy friend writes occasionally—say every other day?

Harriet Porter and **Lilla Clyne** spent the weekend at Fort Des Moines where they visited former Group 4 employees, **Betty Foster** and **Billie Burril**, now of the WAACS.

Ethel Bierman, Component Room, reports that her son, **Ray**, is well and enjoying his Navy life in San Diego, Calif. Ray worked in Group 3-A before leaving for the Marines.

Jeanette Ward recently visited in Arizona where her boy friend is stationed.

Johnny Woods, foreman of 4-9, is the proud father of a daughter, **Barbara Joan**, born February 13.

Group 4 extends sympathy to **Marge Nedelski**, whose mother died recently.

Everyone welcomed **Bernie McNamara** back. Bernie returned to the group after several months' absence.

Chemical Lab

John "Papa" Woods, Bill "Freddie" Wheeler and **Britton "Flash" Palmateer** have gone in the razor blade, shoe string and button business—and cork eggs from Timekeeper **Grant Stitt.**

"Sweetie Pie" Noble is busy attending spaghetti dinners.

"Wild Bill" Watt isn't going to be hungry. He's raising rabbits and chickens.

EOP was well represented at the Rolleratarum the night of March 3. Seems like **Dorothy Williamson** was having a wonderful time. She didn't even want to go home. Hmm— **Eleanor Peronciak** seemed to be having quite a bit of trouble.

Lorraine Papach spent a week in Georgia at Camp Gordon visiting her husband. While there she had some of that famous "Southern fried" chicken, but she said she'd rather eat Northern fried.

Letters have been coming in from the WAAC Center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, from Miss Burrill and Miss Foster. They report they like Army life a lot. They are getting hard work and drilling and plenty to eat. The girls would like to hear from their friends here.

Group 6

Everyone is glad **Willie Vail** got his pretty little green ear muffs to keep him warm.

Group 7

Group 7 has one of the smallest girl operators in the area in the person of **Katherine Sinkular**, who is 4 feet 8 inches tall. You guessed it, her boy friend is over 6 feet tall.

John Meinert and **Clarence DeFrees** left March 10 for the armed forces. The former is reporting to the Army and the latter to the Navy.

Group 8

Elmer "Dusty" Hinds, basketball playing assistant chemist 8-8 testing laboratory, lost to the Army on a 1-A decision by the local board referees.

Tillie Borghette traded her braids for a new Victory bob.

The "Quiz Kids" from Black Powder loading hope they will be asked to appear on the air waves.

Forelady **Christine Leser's** son, **Leo S.**, left February 22 to enter the Army Air Corps at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex. This is her third son to join the armed forces.

Veronica Vilt's husband was home on furlough from the Army. He is stationed in California.

Alice Krzivh, Building 8, is back to work after a long spell of illness.

Norma Castle, inspector, has received word her boy-friend has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. They say the bars mean bills.

Judy Fusco, inspector, has a new heart throb from Aurora. Spring has sprung.

Shirley Magosky, inspector, recently became engaged to **Laverne Dains** of Joliet, who is leaving for the Army.

Buck Weese, Building 8, received a birthday cake from **Ann Princko** and **Deloris Motschall** with 72 candles and a copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

James Doran and **Seveno Leggero** never tire of the "scavenger" run.

The two girls who have joined the conductors' staff are **Maxine Hozel** and **Marion Long.**

Deepest sympathy is extended to **Margie Stevens**, whose mother died recently.

Cigars were passed around the Bus Depot by **Ray Provance**, the proud father of a daughter born February 6. Also, a son was born to **Mr. and Mrs. William Crook** March 2.

It is nice having **Ira Smith**, better known as Smitty to his friends, back from the Army driving EOP buses again.

Bert Painter walked right out of his shoes while walking across the parking lot one of those nice warm days!

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Supt. W. A. Buck was host at his residence on the reservation February 26 for the men employees of the Telephone Building. A good time was enjoyed by everyone present.

Art Green celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary February 20. **Alfred Emiley** and family were present at the celebration.

Frank Kuechenmeister spent a weekend at his summer home north of Chicago and found it mighty, mighty cold.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

The Pipe Shop office personnel were carrying on a lively conversation about lipstick which was all well and good until **Joe Mills** wrote "lipstick" on his inventory report instead of "gate valve."

Comments overheard after the Pipe Shop dance held at Midway Inn February 18: "The food was super deluxe"—**Bill Sexton**; "You should have been there"—**Buck Dale**; "Oo my widda head"—**Tom French**, and "Why don't we do this more often?"—everyone who attended.

Gordon Stratton has his own theories about a few "office plutocrats" who do not stand in line at night to clock out.

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

Flu symptoms seem to have hit the Motor Pool hard—the victims—**Zelda Boyd, Jack Knarr, Lucille McCabe** and **Marie Armstrong.**

Olive McDonald is hoping for warmer weather. Her shoes are worn out and her shoe stamp is gone.

While Jack is on the sick list, **William Hatting** is handling all "Mr. Anthony" affairs of the Motor Pool.

It soon will be "curtains" for **Dorothy Bick** if food rationing continues.

New self-appointed superintendent of gas and air is **Dick Roeder.**

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

John Hanson, home on furlough and looking very fit, stopped in at the shop to see the boys. John is in the Navy and stationed at Davisville, R. I.

Dan Haines, sheet metal worker assigned to Group 2, resigned to take up farming and has been replaced by **Chester Davito.**

Mrs. Mattie Louis Koch, wife of **Otto Koch**, was a winner of a $100 War Bond at a Wilmington theatre.

Line Department Lines
By Ray Curtis

W. C. Frieling, formerly of Group 3-A, has been added to the Line Department roster.

Web Willows, one of the "old-timers" with this department, has been called for his Army physical. It may be "so long" for the duration for Web.

Tears, so much in evidence around the Women Guard Headquarters, are being shed because **"Battling" John Wagner** has left the U.S.A. for foreign parts unknown.

Electric Shop
By Ben Webster

Robert Baskerville, truck driver for the Electric Shop, has begun his turn for Uncle Sam. He is well qualified to pilot anything that burrows or leaps, as he so ably demonstrated before EOP was blessed with black-top roads.

Raymond Dracca, lightning rod specialist, chose Uncle Sam's Navy as the best place to serve. The "rods" are bigger there and are not made for "receiving only."

Round House
By Jim Thompson

Farewells were said to **Richard Norris**, who severed connections here for a new field.

Fellow workers extend wishes for a speedy recovery to **William Ellinger**, who is ill at St. Joseph Hospital.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Bill Piontkowsky and **John McGraw** have been vying for the front seat of the station wagon on their morning drives to Group 61 since the advent of women drivers.

The gremlins played a prank on **Frank Roemer** by putting disappearing ink in the time clock at the exact instant he punched his card.

It is understood that **Alfred Davison** encountered difficulties entering the Plant—without a badge!

Service Garage Spares
By Russel E. Benway

Now that **Walter H. Murphy** has joined the Navy, the Thursday Night Club will have to elect a new president. Being a "live-wire" is the principal qualification for prexy. Original members of this unique club are **Blanchard "Boots" Shepherd, Glenn "Porky" Bitterman, Joseph "Jojo" Szwaja** and **Walter "The Great Informer" Knupp.**

Jim Welhelmi wants to know how long it takes to become a general in the Army after he gets drafted. Such modesty!

It seems that **Bob Cleghorn** is now making the most trips to the laundry. His alibi is a good one—seat covers for sedans must be sewed in **Francis Walsh's** inner sanctum.

Many wonder why Mr. Bitterman, **Bill Booker, Sylvester Learned** and **Paul Swisshelm** do not wear their "E" pins?

Excerpts from **Walter E. Sheridan's** current Personnel Dictionary: Production—**Clarence Weidemann**; Keep 'Em Rolling—**June Wood**; OPA—**Ralph Groll**; Point System—**John Enrietta**; Emergency—**Remmel Rogers**; Second Front—**Marvin Christensen**; Ration—**William Briddick**; Convoy—**Eugene Gorski**; Non-Essential—Reckless Drivers; Submarine—**Angelo Calcaterra**; ODT—**Frank Kern**; Pay-as-You-Go—**Mark Livingston**; Lend-Lease—**S. J. Kukulski.**

Did you know that: **Jim Hatz** keeps a ferocious dog at home to protect his beautiful wife . . . **Sgt. Earl Goodknecht** of the Guards is a good customer . . . **Ray "Jackrabbit" McCoy** is training for the Army with his boyhood "BB" gun . . . **Jean Ann Evans** is the latest feminine addition to the office force . . . **Paul Bud Wood's** hobby is cooking, and **Eleanor O'Keefe's** is sailors . . . **Bob St. John** has a vast collection of S-R and M-W mail order catalogs . . . **Louis Calcaterra, Clarence Murphy** and others threaten to join the Army if food rationing continues to become more threatening?

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

Someone in the radio shop apparently heard that the well dressed man would be wearing blue this year. Oh, but it didn't mean paint, did it? No one seems to know a thing about it and curiosity is killing.

It is good to see **Ken Storch** back on the job. Ken was under a physician's care for a week but again is feeling mighty chipper.

Larry Jack appeared on the scene the other day wearing dark glasses. Larry had been on the night shift and according to him—carrots played a big part in his diet. This daylight is a shock to his eyesight he explained and the carrots help one to see in the dark. He always carries one in case of a blackout.

Beverly Ashley reports that she is going to raise chickens this year. "Razzberries," said **Merle Eberhart.** "Well then, maybe razzberries," retorted Bev.

A defenseless little squirrel found its way into the radio shop a few weeks back and has since made its home there. Everything was peaceful until he had a fight with an electric fan. Most learn by

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JOKING ASIDE, those who almost have given up hope that winter will ever end are assured that summer always comes. This photograph, taken in front of the EOP Hospital, is proof that there are days here when overcoats, scarves and galoshes are wholly unnecessary.

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT
Correspondent

Office

Vi Wheeler and **Lois Martin**, having heard some wild tales about Coal City, visited **Betty Ross** hoping to find out if they were so . . . seems they picked the wrong night . . . not a soul in town.

Helen Boula's one gal who isn't worried about food rationing . . . she's well supplied with chickens, milk and eggs and p-l-e-n-t-y of ground for planting a Victory garden.

If you want to see **Stan Eisler's** face turn color, ask him about the $2.06 roast pork dinner he had with **Lt. Sol. Jacobs.**

Gerry Ward has transfered to the office of **Lt. R. E. Pinnick** in Safety and Security.

Carl Anker left for the armed forces and **Clara Brennan** has assumed his duties.

If you want to know anything about civil aeronautics ask **Esther Noffke** — she's in the "know" about it.

Evan Lewis and **Basil Steinhoff** are a welcome sight at the office at any time . . . it usually means a "coke party."

Have you noticed: The glamour gal hair-do's on **Bernice Shroba, Penny Dagon, Linnetta Parry** and Miss Brennan — **Ethel Dirker's** capacity for food—the steady nerves of **Catherine Tomlianovich** —how pleasant it is to work with **Clara Wehner?**

F & B Chem. Lab

W. H. Peterson visited the Arkansas Ordnance Plant in Jacksonville, Ark., February 15 and 16.

It's just been discovered that **Robert Harbison's** car is two-toned grey. It had its annual bath recently.

Gladys Cain scraped the mud of Group 9 from her feet recently and moved her baggage to the Chemical Lab.

Want to buy tomorrow's eggs today? Get in touch with **Harriet Nadelhoffer.**

Marie Plankar has returned to work after enjoying a vacation because "Johnny came marching home again."

Group 61

Marion Carter became the proud father of a daughter March 2.

Group 3-A

Paul Smith, assistant chief inspector, sure knows how to hang baby clothes!

Uncle Sam called **Robert Potter** to help win this war.

F. J. Kraft and **D. E. Grimshaw** were transferred to Group 3.

Anna Bates, Minnetta Arter and **Irene Allison** are known as "The Three Musketeers."

Anna Mae Harvey is the mascot of **Irv Slutsky's** shift. **Ted Rhode** is so good to all the girls that they gave him the name of "Daddy." **Basil Steinhoff** has a weakness for pencil stubs—a decent sized pencil doesn't have a chance any more.

Melvin Dugan, assistant chief inspector, is back after a very short illness—extremely bad cold and laryngitis had him down for a little bit, but not for long—his voice is still known to squeak at inopportune moments.

Group 7

Ruth Capanash recently left to join her husband in Tennessee . . . according to word from Ruth everything's just *wonderful.*

It is suspected—**Helen Biernat** is dieting—an apple for lunch and rushing home weakly—to a full-fledged "Diamond Jim Brady" with all the trimmings . . . that **Aurdrey Waldvogel's** interest in Group 2 goes *further* than ammunition . . . **Sylvia Nielson** is the prettiest inspector in Group 7.

Familiar sights: **Lucille Weber** and a hue hairbow—**Edith Senesac's** perfect fingernails — **Bob Cretcher** lugging his favorite box around — to test ballistics, of course—**Bill Proudley** always in a hurry, and **Sylvia Nielson** never, never that way—**Cathy Cyphers** and her smile and dimples—**Mary Pomykala** having a good laugh over some quip she'd just heard.

Signs of Spring as seen by **Elinor Gudath:** So Spring is here! Proof?—the corner office thermometer registering a cool 67 degrees, about 10 degrees higher than it has all winter—**Helen Zivic** with a sprained ankle, probably from kicking her heels from joy of living—thickest proof of all is the Miles of mud to slop through daily.

Group 6

Elizabeth Button has plenty of trouble getting her car out of the muddy parking lot at Gate 8.

Many wonder why **Dorothy Haag** didn't go to Rantoul February 22 . . . couldn't be that she was afraid of the "big bad wolf!"

Lorraine Barger's boy friend left for the Navy.

Gertrude Collins is wished a speedy recovery from her illness.

Mary Cucos, recently transferred to 3-A, writes that she is very pleased with her new job. **Ruth Phillips** has returned to Group 7 after spending a few weeks here.

It is recommended that **Margaret Carter** get a hunting license before she again starts to play with her husband's revolver . . . luckily the dog was under the table so the bullet found its mark in the wall instead. Now Margaret is convinced the gun was really l-o-a-d-e-d.

Group 9

Marion Westcott has truly begun dieting . . . she accepts only a "little" offering from each lunch pail now.

Wally Zukowski is now serving in the Navy Reserves and is stationed in New York City.

E. J. Nemanich has "an added attraction" in a little frame on his desk.

Alice Ward has been traveling to Chicago quite often lately—going "big city."

WOMEN GUARDS INCREASE as more and more men are called to the armed forces. The group of smartly attired policewomen shown here includes left to right: First row: Lt. Ruth Chedsey, Lt. Eve Anna Castle, Edna Lytle, Mary Bennewitz, Villa Eggleston, Alma Mattox, Pauline Morrow and Capt. G. Armstrong, chief of the women guards; second row: Sgt. Billie Toff, Nora Mae Secar, Florence Bradedich, Pearl Holberg, Verla Chism and Margaret Cavalt.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

From **June Morgan** comes the latest bit of advice, but you'll have to supply the imagination as **Helen Bardi** did. Helen was searching for a letter that she has mislaid when June suggested, "Loose the wolves, er—I mean greyhounds, like I do." Of course, everyone in the room realized that she meant bloodhounds, but it was fully two minutes before she could state that fact clearly, and the letter had been found long before the hint could be rephrased.

Maurice Evans has a new treatment to propose to the medical world. As he walked down the hall several days ago, he was striking the back of his head with the side of his hand. Now this presented a strange spectacle and evoked considerable comment. In defense he explained that having forgotten his glasses, he was troubled by a dull headache and the jarring helped. That's his story and he doesn't seem inclined to change it.

Bernice "Barney" Keenan is doing a little rationalizing these days. Since she's decided that she should diet (though everyone has tried to discourage her) she's been bringing less in her lunch each day. It was one day last week that she reached the peak when she brought only half a sandwich, no fruit, and then sneaked a piece of luscious, home-made, chocolate cake. When she boldly consumed this treat, she explained that it was only a very small piece and that soon she hoped to change it to a piece of fruit.

Charging out of the examination room, **Dr. I. W. Madura** practically knocked a man down. Startled to find a man standing quietly outside his door, "Doc" exclaimed, "Well, are you just visiting or do you want to come in?"

When **Kathryn "Katie" Smith** returned to work after being quarantined with her adorable son, she told **Audrey Deiss** that **Jimmy-Boy** was fine, except, of course, he still had his leg in the cast. Audrey, who is always teasing someone and will patiently explain that black is white—if you're credible enough to listen—was nonplussed. A short while later she asked how he broke his leg and if it bothered him very much. This was more than "Katie" could stand, and she burst out laughing while Audrey admitted a little sheepishly that she guessed she was caught at one of her own tricks.

Helen Bardi courteously inquired of two men who approached the door of her office if she could help them. The taller of the two dignified men responded, "Well, we just wanted to know a few facts. We were told to ask for Miss Bardi, and if you are she, we would like to know if you bake your own pies or what?" Even Helen was taken aback but soon recovered her poise and clarified the man's case. He was from a baking company and wanted to sell pies to the commissary.

Those first few days of spring weather the last of February affected everyone, and several of the girls mentioned spring with birds and flowers, the moon and a lonely lane, but **L. D. Edwards** was the first to show symptoms of spring fever. Early one morning he was standing, or rather leaning, against the door frame gazing out over the grass that will be green someday. When someone approached, he was heard to remark that it looked nicer outside than it was inside Since the cold wave returned, the southern gentleman doesn't yearn over the out of doors.

Reports are being hushed about the building that the girls in the Personnel Department are true sportswomen. **Betty Benedict**, who declares that she is only learning to bowl, rolled a game totalling 183 pins just recently. If she continues her present rate of improvement, she'll have earned a champion's rating within a few weeks. In the tennis world—**Lucille Venzara** won the title in the Will County tournament just about two years ago. She insists that she doesn't play at all any more, but there are some hardy souls who hope to challenge her during the approaching season.

To **Vivian Jones**, it doesn't make a particle of difference whether it is her birthday or not, she can fall just as gracefully on that day as the next. Of course, if you mentioned the fact to her, she would probably say it was wind that blew the brim of her hat in front of her eyes when she turned to see what was detaining **Helen DeLach**, and not the particular occasion. Net results were: one pair of stockings, which had been new, with a hole in each knee, two knees from which the skin had been scraped, two red hands where the orange methiolate spilled, and more than two laughing persons.

While you're laughing, you might as well join **James Forrest** in one of the heartiest laughs of the season, 'cause his wife **Marge** was sent home yesterday morning with symptoms of the measles. When she called to tell him the news, he just couldn't restrain himself. Poor Marge, everybody she told followed his example. In all fairness, it must be added that after his first burst of laughter, his solicitude was all and more than could be desired.

Cold stares greeted **Cora Adelman** when she entered the rest room one noon. Not a word was spoken and then **Lorraine Nichols** began to laugh. Laugh — she giggled and tittered until the tears were running down her cheeks. Finally Cora could stand it no longer and volunteered to leave if she were interrupting something. Then Lorraine turned around with a warning to **Rita Cooney**, "Don't look at me," while **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist** and **Patricia Carlos** joined her, beginning to snicker. It was all a plot to undermine the morale and the scheme was to stop talking abruptly as soon as anyone entered the room, just to discover how she would react.

Selma Brown is mourning for May. May is her trusty car which she's been driving to work every day and is nicknamed for "maybe she will and maybe she won't." It seems that after rounding a curve, May had to make a choice whether to try to buck four cows in the middle of the road, two on the left or one in the ditch. She drove right into the ditch, chased down the single one and made contact. After everything had quieted down, like the pig, the cow "got up and slowly walked away." Not equally fortunate was May, however, as she's been convalescing in the garage for several days.

Champion of the blunders for the week has been claimed by **Marcella Burnham.** Describing a small boy in a comedy she was comparing notes with one of the other girls when the companion added, "And he was always reciting poetry." "That's right, and he said poems, too," was Marcella's contribution.

Cigars and chocolates have been passed about the building by none other than **Maurice Evans.** It's a fine, healthy boy weighing more than seven pounds. Father is coming along nicely.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

The Three Musketeers, **John Nelson, John Whalen** and **Lee Noberg** come rolling in each day in a chariot driven by **Joe Gardinia.**

Dominick Astorino read an article that reported snow never falls on 70 per cent of the earth's surface. That was easy for him to understand, as he believes it all fell in this vicinity.

Earl Fick claims the statesman of the future will not boast that he was born in a log cabin. He will begin his autobiography: "My people were a one-car family with an 'A' card."

Cap Eads saws his new neighbors' children. The boy is the picture of his father. And the girl is the talkie of her mother.

William Keenan and **Jack De Vore** are the two most *sober* men in the area. They are always on the water wagon (M. E. 1720).

Art Voss has found a safe place in the event of an air raid. He found this note on a slot machine: "In case of an air raid stand next to this machine. No one has ever hit it."

Edward Girot left this department to join the Army.

Utilities

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their mistakes as "Bushy" found out.

Members of the Radio Department and their guests enjoyed a pleasant house warming party at **Kathryn Richardson's** in Wilmington recently.

Here and There

George C. Ricketts, train dispatcher, became ill suddenly at work March 3 and was removed to the Silver Cross Hospital, where his condition is reported as favorable.

Leona Hagen, formerly of Personnel and later with Utilities, left to become associated with **Dr. D. H. Hoge, Joliet.**

ENTERTAINING MUSIC is furnished at the drop of a hat by this quartet of EOP employees. They are called upon frequently for Mess Hall and Recreation Department affairs. Shown left to right are Stuart Moloney, Fire Department, drums; George Zelke, Fire Department, accordion; Frank "Bubbles" Wesley, Group 62, trombone and vocalist; Norbert McLuckie, Group 3, saxophone.

CLERICAL WORK in the Fire Department and with the fire inspectors is being assumed by girls. Among the first is this group. Shown left to right are Harriet Knight, Ellen Dill, Molly Mahoney, Henrietta McBride and Helen Gahagan.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Marty Knowles, fire inspector, who was stationed in the Administration Area for a year, was inducted recently, but in his ever quiet manner impressed the Navy into selecting him. Marty is now in the Cee-Bees (Construction Battalions) of the Navy, making good use of the pipe-fitting skills gained from his Dad, who has been a plumbing contractor in Chicago for years. The whole department wishes Marty Godspeed and good luck.

Willie "The Professor" Atwood, fire inspector, left for the Merchant Marine, his old stamping grounds. He promised to send back a mermaid for a pet if the boys will construct a water tank in the back yard. All wish him the best of luck on his way to Murmansk or to wherever his ship sails.

It was noticed February 18 by the Number 3 shift that the dog at Station 3 was appearing scrawnier every day. Finally the mystery was solved when some food scraps intended for the dog never reached the poor fellow. **George Rogina** and his cohorts, **Len Anderson, Ralph Batty, Bert Benson, Marion Murawski, Ted Kloeckner, Norm Heath, John Davis, Tom Downey, Al Roth, Don Barnett** and **Lloyd Rector** decided that the food was too rich for the dog and disposed of it themselves. However, they were kind enough not to eat the dog, who is even scrawnier now. The dog has been renamed "Gandhi."

The Fire Department Dribblers —the apple of the department's eye—are drilling overtime under the direction of **Loris "Candy" Hart**, fire inspector, in preparation for the basketball tournament. Stress has been placed on secret plays and formations (Hart scouted the U. of I. a few weeks ago). Thus far, assignments call for **Joe "Stretch" Catalani** at center, "Candy" and **Larry Dailey** in the forward spots, and **Ed Dickens** and **Eddie Striklin** in the guard positions. **Harry Neilson** will stand by in case of an emergency, such as being the sixth man on the floor when the referee isn't looking.

The Dribblers planned to ask **E. L. Walkup** if they could insert their own specially trained referees into the games, but, after due consideration, the suggestion was tabled. With it went the last hope of the Dribblers.

When **George "Gutter-Ball" Philip** and **Al "No Pins" Penn** spend an evening at the bowling alleys, strange events take place. The spectators think the boys are having a bocci ball session. Penn was asked about the final score and said something about "4-love."

Chief Roy Mortenson (wishing a new polish on his desk) asked **John "Fibber" McGee** to simonize that useful article. Fibber, the urchin, said, "Chief, if it's Johnson's Wax, aye; if anything else, nay."

William "Banker's Hours" Bolton rushed into the Central Fire Station screaming "Whoops—Eureka!" When he was finally lassoed, searched and questioned his schedule read 6-8:30 shifts.

The lovelorn can lay all their problems at the dancing feet of **Donnie "The Lovah" Jones.**

Anyone having a slightly used compass can find a buyer in **Ed "Where Am I" Markstrom.**

Sgt. James Dillree looked at the new fire inspector as he reported for work and bellowed, "You should have been here at roll call at the change of shifts." The Inspector looked puzzled and answered, "Why, what happened then?"

The boys at Station 1 would like to know how **Orvil Milton** drives that cracker box jeep of his to Champaign from Pontiac in one hour and 30 minutes. If anyone would like to learn how to roller skate, please get in touch with "Smokey." Smokey sure keeps the boys at the station entertained with those tall yarns of his.

The lesser light of the Fire Department corresponding duo has been given undeserved credit for some darn clever copy that hits *The Bomb-Shell* under the name of "Scorchy." As much as glory would like to be claimed for those gratifying gems, in all fairness, a statement must be made, and called to the august attention of such swell guys as **John O'Connell, Tom Singer, George Becker** and **Milton Treitel**, who have kept the Central Fire Station filled with gardenias and orchids, believing this place to be the source of much classy copy from the pen of "Scorchy." Comes this honest denial—"We are not Scorchy; we do not know Scorchy—but if we did, we would try to enlist his talents in helping us prepare our column."

Guards

GENE RYAN

Carl Gebhardt has always been proud that he has never been ill from smoking cigars. But it so happened that one of his buddies gave him one and he hasn't felt well for a couple of days. He wont admit it was the cigar.

Great was the elation among the stalwart members of **Sgt. Joseph Chavez's** shift when they peered into the "little red colored wagon" (Group 3 truck) and learned that what they saw was no mirage, but real seats, which had been removed several days ago to renovate the truck.

The Guards of Group 3 on Sergeant Chavez's shift went over with a bang in making a 100 per cent contribution to the Red Cross War Fund.

Condolences were sympathetically given by Group 3 guards to **Harry Bloomquist** and **Prentice Antle**, guards. Fathers of both men died recently and two beautiful floral wreaths were sent.

Robert Hard said he can tell when the themometer hits zero merely by observing **Robert Jennings'** shawl. The shawl is always present on the cold mornings.

Howard Gill's uncle died recently. All the boys offer their sympathy.

It looks like Spring is just around the corner, for **Lt. Joseph Noel** and **Stanley Safiran** are shining their fishing tackle.

Corp. Albert W. Frankovich, MP division, U. S. Army, now stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan, spent February 21 in Joliet with his relatives and friends. His time being limited, he asked to be remembered to his many friends on the EOP guard force. Frankovich was a former Lieutenant here.

Frank Porterfield received a letter from his son, **Sgt. Bud Porterfield**, reporting that Elwood Ordnance Plant is very definitely represented in the Middle East.

D. F. Harrelson, son of **Lt. Frank Harrelson**, and a former employee at Group 3, is now in training at Great Lakes Naval Station. Also the sons of **Lt. John Sullivan** and **Lt. Noel** entered the service recently.

Howard W. Maxim, son of **John Maxim**, is reported dropping his share of bombs on Germany, according to latest news.

Sgt. Peter Lazar isn't worrying much about rationing as yet. However, when they start rationing snuff he may be perturbed.

Evidently your reporter is slipping, as there seems to be some type of a race going on among the Groups. However, reports reach Headquarters that **Cecil Godbey**, Group 2, is one up on Guard Maxim, Group 3-A. It is possible that further information may be obtained from **Sgts. Louis Hedstrom** and **Foster Jarvis.**

DEACON is what many call popular Jim Grady of the Recreation Department. Jim obligingly posed for this picture to illustrate his nickname. He is known to all softball and baseball players at EOP and at present is hard at work helping Director E. L. Walkup get plans ready for the 1943 season.

Joyce Olson has bought a new dog. Many think it is a ruse he is employing to keep himself out of the dog-house.

Edwin Legg said he is going to do a little farming this year. His equipment so far consists of two acres of top-grade soil, two burly hogs, one meek cow and 400 baby chicks. Poor **Mrs. Legg!**

The boys at Group 2 want to know if it is the old oaken bucket or just "Buck at Gate 4, Group 2." (Telephone address.)

Old ME-2771, the faithful truck, which is commonly referred to as the "Meat Wagon" because it hauls the men to and from their posts, has been remodeled and painted. Two wise-crackers were overheard as they viewed its renovation job. One remarked, "It looks like a coffin now." The other responded, "It ought to, most of you fellows are half-asleep when you go out in it, anyway."

Speaking of coffins, it is reported Lieutenant Harrelson is driving a reasonable facsimile of a hearse around the area.

Group 2 guards are anxious to know if **Elbert "Panel Kid" Lemley** has any startling news about his four-day vacation in southern Illinois.

Glendon Lade's 4 - year - old daughter, who fell from a window and suffered a broken leg, has returned to her Wilmington home after complete recovery at a Joliet hospital. Guard Lade has been in much better spirit since her return home.

John Coumbes and **Simpson Garrett** have been assigned to Group 2. Sergeant Jarvis and his men gave them a cordial welcome.

The one big reason **Carl Graham** is always anxious to work the day shift is because it gives him an opportunity to hear his favorite news commentator, **Cal Tinney.**

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

Amidst a salvo of farewells such as, "so long boy—good luck, fellow—be seeing you around," and many others, good-bye was said to **John Pete Fleming.**

Starting here in early construction days, he literally grew up with Group 2, transferring to operations July 1, 1941. His ability, efficiency and competency will be sadly missed by all.

Supt. James J. Murphy, Asst. Supts. Gene Hunt, John H. Johnson, and **John Kelahan** and all Group 2 personnel join in wishing Pete success and good luck in his return to farming.

"We Rent 'Em—You Push 'Em Baby Co."—that's the latest on **Robert "Purdue" Case** of Building 12. Bob, in possession of one buggy now, is attempting to obtain eleven more. His plan to rent all eleven until such time as his own family needs have to be met has drawn much comment here. The boys of Building 12 asked that an advertisement be placed in *The Bomb-Shell* to help the cause along.

Robert Rutherford writes, "I now wear an Army uniform instead of EOP coveralls. Keep 'em rolling, boys." He added that Army life has been swell so far and asked to be remembered to all the boys.

Daniel Vicini and **Andy Plym** are reported to have been pounding the sidewalks on Collins Street and some of the fellows wonder why.

Nurse Beatrice Merrick reported her hubby, **Lee Merrick**, is now with Uncle Sam's armed forces at Camp McKain, Mississippi. The climate should agree with Lee as well as the good "ole Southern" hospitality.

William "Jersey" Klegman with pencils behind both ears attempting to do some clerical work is one of those things which just can't be believed.

Letters have been received with pleasure from two former workers, **James Noblitt**, stationed at Camp Howze, Texas, and **William "Atlas" Rogers**, stationed with the Army Air Corps in San Antonio, Tex.

Some of the boys have questioned **Jerry Phelan** about a pretty nurse living near Seneca. He is reported to be carrying the well known "torch."

Robert "Tiny" Conroy, weight and measure man, has a terrible time trying to keep water in a bomb split. One of the reasons the water was evaporating so quickly was a small crack in the split itself. So the story goes anyway.

Another item of interest comes from Building 12 and concerns none other than **George "Speed Merchant" Williams**, known as a crack radio salesman and sharpshooter. George, it seems, has transferred to Building 3, leaving many sad hearts, especially **James Falbo**, who bemoans the fact whenever any one mentions it.

Other farewells were to **Melvin Roach** and **Charles Gaby**, timekeepers, who have transferred to Group 3 and Group 61, respectively. Mel, they say, has been quite sick and all wish him a speedy recovery.

For some interesting literature contact Clerk **Robert McCleary** at this group. Bob has an endless amount of some very absorbing reading matter.

Gridley "Paper Hanger" Wheeler has asked to be assigned to the midnight shift permanently. Everyone wonders why he asked for this assignment.

Ask **Eugene Carter** or **William Kelsey** to tell you about **Frank Zabor** putting his foot in the water pan last week. Frank was putting some screens up in the superintendent's office when the foot soaking took place.

There is a wild rumor that **Don Carlson** cannot keep ahead bumming cigarettes. It wasn't so bad when he had only himself to supply, but he just cannot keep up when he has to provide for **John "Nate" Johnson**, too. Johnson's motto is, "You bum 'em—I'll smoke 'em."

Charles "Cowboy" Brewer, an honor student in the afternoon first aid class, has a hard time finding some one on whom to practice. If you would see "Cowboy" fold a "sarong" and try to apply it, you would wonder if he were practicing his homework or putting on a hip bandage. "Cowboy" is never without an answer for the instructor.

Leo Bell, a young fellow, but still an old timer here, is now a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces. Leo hasn't been gone long, but is sure missed by all who knew him. Leo started here early in construction days, December, 1940, and came into loading operations in September, 1941. Everyone wishes Leo the best of luck, and all await a letter or card.

Archie "On the Wagon" LeBorence reports he is going to take a long rest after the bowling season. Arch has been kept busy rolling up good scores. Maybe after the season is over and the softball season starts, Archie will not want to sell his house trailer. If anyone is interested in that trailer he should contact him before the start of softball season, because Archie uses it frequently at that time of the year.

Dan Obrien of Building 4 has donated generously to the Red Cross and, with a broad smile, said, "What's the difference, if I go home **"Bonnie"** will just take the dough away from me anyway."

There is no end to the tales of **Carter White**, Building 12. All day long he talks about the Flying Ford. It's a Ford, all right, but it was difficult to find out about the flying part. It was finally learned that he makes model airplanes.

John Ala, Building 16, has all of his boys tipped off, not to give out information to anyone connected with *The Bomb-Shell*. **Ray Forsythe** wanted to report a story, but looked at John, and then said he might give with a little story next time.

Tom Ryan, Building 12, is not an Irishman, but is the champion euchre player in Morris, Ill.

Clifford Ashley, Building 12, is keeping the boys in the dark about his passenger. They want to know if "she" is his wife or his sister.

Lemon Pie

1 Cup Sugar mixed with 4 level tablespoons cornstarch.

¼ Teaspoon Salt.

¼ Cup cold water added to sugar, cornstarch and salt to make a smooth paste.

Boil 1 cup water separately. Add to first mixture and cook 3 minutes. Add piece of butter the size of a walnut.

Grate rind of 1 lemon and use the juice. Use 2 or 3 eggs. Separate yolks from whites. Beat yolks with lemon juice and rind with a fork. Add yolks and lemon to cornstarch mixture and cook for 3 minutes. Cool and put in baked pastry shell. Cover with meringue and bake in moderate oven (350°) until well browned which requires approximately 12 minutes.

—**Geraldine M. Ward,**
Ordnance Department.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

The life of a columnist is one of ups and downs . . . each time the issue comes out a guy worries until all of them have been delivered . . . afraid to walk down the hall for a couple of days . . . but the latest is that this column has been likened to one that appears in a big city sheet . . . it could be complimentary, but coming from **J. Thomas Haigh,** he of the marrying Haighs . . . it can't be taken too seriously . . . however, it has been suggested that the title "Everything goes when the wagon comes" . . . be used as a slogan . . . the rest is for your imagination.

Suppose you know that **Helen Harmon** of Payroll is about to become a draft widow . . . yep . . . Uncle Sam is about to grab off the **B. F. . . . Bill Dockendorf** by name . . . suppose that accounts for the sad expression in her blue eyes come these mornings.

Charlotte Matheny has been having quite a time these days . . . her soldier husband is about to enter officers training and Char can hardly wait for those gold bars.

If you are in the market for the latest in publications . . . see **Charles Di Lorenzo,** he's the boy who can give them to you.

Dick Nemanich is now answering to the familiar sound of "Daddy" . . . he has a brand new son. **Phil Hahn** is one of the nicest guys you'd want to know . . . always there with a smile . . . and willing to help . . . By the way . . . Phil and **Johnny Odchodinicky** have a bet on . . . to see who first will acquire the parental name of "Papa."

Have you heard . . . **Capt. A. G. Resch,** Ordnance Inspection . . . is an expert omelet maker . . . He has the recipe and will be glad to demonstrate his ability by appointment.

Got info about **Ralph Clutts** and **Bill Perkins** . . . Ralph is at Camp White, Oregon, and Bill at Aberdeen Proving Grounds . . . Both say they like the Army but miss good old EOP.

Ain't love grand???? . . . **Hazel Kossak** got a dozen red roses from hubby, **Art,** t'other day . . . He is in the Army, but didn't forget their six-month anniversary.

Betty Wilhelmi certainly will cast her vote for the guys who invented that three-day pass thing . . . twice in a row . . . two weekends.

Shirley Gersich is a cutie pie, no? . . . she can make heads turn in the proper direction when she walks in a room.

If you'd like to see a good representation of Love in Bloom . . . take a gander in the direction of **Margaret Jesberger** . . . She's got that stuff and his monicker is **"Tony" Haffner??** . . . Many wonder when that sparkler on the proper finger will be polished off by the "all important" round ring!

Along the romance road. . . . **Evelyn Dix** has made a trip to the Army . . . yep, 'tis a nice guy by the name of **Lt. Virgil Long.**

See where **Carl Anker** is now wearing that familiar olive drab . . . yep, frans, he's in the Army now.

Off the record . . . have you heard that they call **Jim Pavel** the "Man with the Glasses"? so far that is all the dope on it . . . but full info has been promised by next time.

At last that cute bundle of dynamite in the Payroll Audit section . . . **Elaine Levanduski** has shown the "weaker sex" how to act in an emergency. . . . Since the men are so scare in the vicinity . . . she has hied herself to "Old McDonald's Farm." . . . Boy . . . will the cows have a break with all that glamour about!

John Gravelot, Jr., has the nicest eyes? . . . Got a very good chance to look 'em over the other day . . . besides that he's got a wonderful sense of humor.

Mary Lou Schwartz of Mail and Record is sure burning up the midnight oil and Uncle Sam's postal service . . . the reason:—Her big hubby is in the Army down California way.

Dorothy Herbst is sort of giving the Navy preference over the Army . . . seems that the ensigns have the inside track.

Ginny Harrod, of Personnel, was agoin' to get herself married to that handsome soldier when he got home on leave. . . . Fate took a hand and can you imagine . . . the camp was quarantined and so—o—o . . . Wedding bells didn't ring . . . but the poor guy did get a pass and they had a few days of seeing the sights . . . the wedding will have to wait for a while but that's the way things go these days.

Art Koch is wondering if he should have taken a driving test before he got his license . . . seems as if Art had a slight misunderstanding with another car the other night.

There was a nice little article about **Mavis Emerson** that was supposed to appear in this issue . . . but . . . a little gremlin got into the mail and so . . . all that can be said is she should be ashamed.

Jim George was floored by a strep gremlin last month and was off for a short time, but he's back in the groove again.

Kay Reubart's heartbeat . . . **Fred Lancaster** . . . former EOP worker . . . is in the thick of that fight in Africa. . . . It's up to those at home to keep those supplies moving in that direction . . . so don't be absent without cause.

Betty Kovach sure was dressed up the other Sunday . . . furs and everything . . . seems that Waukegan was going to be the honored city . . . lucky them.

Didja know that some of the office girls have become tongue tied???? . . . yep when they answer the phone, one of them said "Public Service" . . . instead of the proper salutation . . . how about that?

There was quite a state of confusion in the Executive Office the day the Red Cross Drive was started. . . . **Lt. C. R. Crandall** and **Capt. George A. Grant** started the drive off with a bang and their office was the very first to receive that great big Red Cross sticker. . . . That's one thing about that outfit . . . they sure are the best co-operators.

And now, my little pigeons, 'tis time to tuck this sheet in its little bed.

With the Timekeepers

The Government time inspectors entertained at a dinner party at a local night spot February 24 as they bid fond adieu to **Robert McEvoy** who left recently to help settle that account with the no-account paperhanger.

Oh, boy! **Betty Lou Page** has a pretty new spring hat—flowers 'n' everything!!

Best wishes go with **Ken Chapman** who recently resigned to accept a position nearer to his home.

Petite **Anita Lambur** was thrilled February 28 — the reason — she visited boy friend, **Ed Farrell,** formerly of Group 1, who is a boy in khaki at Ft. Sheridan.

Mary Biernat was much elated the other day—when she received five letters—and several gifts—including a pair of grass slippers from her husband who is stationed in Africa.

Two former co-workers, **Bob Kasten** and **Ray Coesfeld,** have recently been released from the Army because of the 38-year-old provision. They are welcomed back to civilian life.

Now that spring is just around the corner—the balmy breezes have stirred something in **Ed Reichert** (probably his asthma)—so that he craves a romp or a frolic—or something of the sort.

Imagine: **Frank Bravato** without an oversized chew of Beech Nut. . . . **George Stevens** with his upper-plate. . . . **John Hugo Green** not "rolling his own." . . **Willie Peebles** showing **Loretta Franke** a card trick—and having it work. . . . **Kay Lohman** without her derby!

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN
WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

Clement Eiden, safety engineer, reports the Inert Storage Department is one of the first to hold safety meetings for foremen and sub-foremen. At these meetings general problems are presented and action is taken to obtain a successful solution. The meetings are held every two weeks in the Inert Groups.

Mr. Eiden and **Irving Olson,** also of the Safety Department, expressed appreciation to **Supt. A. P. Balston** and **C. H. Mann** for their active interest. The men, too, are happy to have the opportunity to discuss their problems.

Will "Wild Bill" Hayes, confined to the EOP Hospital, wishes to thank the boys for their visits and hopes they will continue to dribble in. Will is responding well to treatment and is able to enjoy a ride in a wheel chair.

Walter Peterson of Group 27 has an addition to his family . . . an 8½ pound son. Walt is planning a bigger garden this year.

Horace Clarke, who has had some conferences with his draft board, is back on the job at Group 27.

Group 27 will miss **Ray Biggins, Robert Moberly, Harold Ruble** and **Osborne Sims.** These boys will soon be serving in the armed forces.

Idle moments are spent selecting seeds for Victory gardens at the South Inert library . . . **Earl Ely** and **George Harrop** have thumbed the catalog so much they had to order another.

Jim Brooks of South Inert has taken up new living quarters in Gardner. Some of the boys think Jim may run for public office in this coming little town.

Weather department of South Inert is able to give reports some 24 hours in advance . . . just call **Thomas Dillon.**

The basketball team wound up with five wins and five defeats. They are now re-organizing and have a new counter attack which they will display in the tournament.

The spring cleaning campaign is under way at South Inert . . . **Elmer Boudreau** claims offices and clockhouses will be spic and span before long.

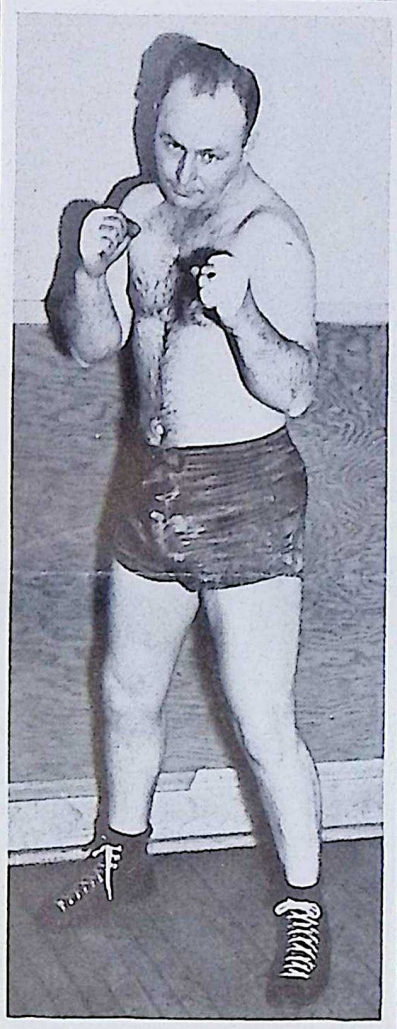
Jim Whitley and **Al Gierich** were happy to hear from their old friend and co-worker, **Walter Fang,** who worked both at South Inert and at Group 27. Walter is stationed at Camp Grant.

Along with **Dick Ashworth,** who is an accomplished cook, it is reported that **Fred Ford** also has something cooking. At least he was overheard to say that he had a pie in the oven!

George Newton predicts a chicken dinner at his house by Decoration Day. George has been saving eggs for the last three months and is now bargaining for a setting hen. If no chicken dinner develops, he is sure to have an odiferous omelet at least.

That big mountain of scotch plaid with the shaved head sticking out is not **Andrew Fris** as stated in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell,* but looking at it from a distance it turns out to be the "Plano Kid," **John Wald.**

Since there is nothing else to add to this column it has been decided to start a "Ben Bernie-Jack Benny" feud with that highly imaginative, non-realistic, ethereal and perhaps even non-existent gentleman who issue after issue manufactures or stretches his conjured up ideas into a full length column for *The Bomb-Shell.* It is rumored his name is "Scorchy."



AMATEUR fighter hereabouts is Tommy Thompson, EOP locksmith, shown here in ring garb. He is popular in fistic circles and is called upon frequently to display his ability as a leather pusher.

CONFISCATED ITEMS in Guard Headquarters run from firecrackers to firearms. Cameras make up the bulk of banned articles taken from employees before entering the plant.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

The many friends of **Agnes Freehauf** were pleased to hear that she is now employed at General Electric as a secretary.

Pvt. Florian Ebben of Truax Field, Wisconsin, has been seriously ill for several weeks and would like to hear from all his friends at EOP. His address may be obtained from his sister in Room 237 or your correspondent.

Mable Robbins left to take a job elsewhere. **Phyllis Clair** is the new typist. **Bud Wright** bid adieu to all his friends here February 27.

Ray Banker has announced that she is a proud grandmother now.

Marge Gall, after several days' illness, has returned to the fold.

Some of the familiar expressions heard from a few of the Production Planners follow:

Lucille Brown: "How can you tell?" **Frances Mores:** "Oh, that's all right!" **Myrtle Cooper:** "Yes, little girl!" **Mae Norem:** "Gosh, I'm starved!?" **Bud Wright:** "I don't know." **Jim Murphy:** "Will someone please get me something?" **Fred Mastin:** "If I dood it, I dit a whippin'? I dood it!" **June Kuglich:** "Yes, I'll type that report" (hesitantly).

The other day **Harry Brown** mistook the figure of an Indian for a bull dog. Now what could be more novel than that?

Traffic Audit Division

Helen Hausser has returned from a two-week leave of absence. She enjoyed the time with her husband, who is stationed in Louisiana.

Multilith Room

Mary O'Connor took everyone by surprise when she contracted the —did you guess right—measles. All hope she will be back soon.

Christine Dare will have a longer distance to travel now, as she and her folks are moving to Morris.

Equipment Checkers

Since **George Sangmiester** has been put in charge of the equipment checkers, it is reported that he has been really "dolling up." Any one in Traffic Audit will confirm it.

Kenneth Weber, formerly an equipment checker, is now serving in the Air Corps at Miami, Fla.

Tom Nugent, whose home is in New Hampshire, says he is getting used to the plains out here, but he sure does miss the mountains back home.

John Cann, who is supervisor of Wilton Township, says he is giving up politics. He reports that he is not running for re-election.

Pete Conroy likes to smoke his pipe, but **Leslie Wilson** doesn't like the kind of tobacco he uses. Suggestions as to how both could be pleased are welcome.

Jake Debri surprised everyone by purchasing himself a tool box. Reports have it that he keeps two locks on it.

Frank Weston is an admirer of Indianapolis, because he hails from the Hoosier State.

Group 2

Bob Ardaugh, after a short stay here, left for a good reason, to join up with Uncle Sam.

Paul Somervilles' pet peeve is to answer the phone, only to hear someone ask, "Is this the Reverend?"

The clerks never get in "Dutch" with their "Chief," **Johnny Williamson.** Johnny could very well be called the "Sweater Guy," for he wears several sweaters of various designs and colors.

Orville Rasmussen is also getting along very well for the short time he's been here. He says he likes Group 2.

Group 3-A

Edna Strohm gives her lunch a party air with her new beverage idea. She melts a plain chocolate bar and then adds her milk to it.

Ask **Neoma Jett** why **Mary Bertino** brought her a ruler?

Any broken ribs, fractured skulls, or lacerated wounds? See **Frances O'Keefe.** She wants a few victims on whom to practice her first aid training.

Groups 4-9

Joanne Schwartz, who was reported as going to do some middle-aisling, wishes to correct this statement. She said she is not going to be married as yet.

Loretta McDonald is ill with pneumonia. **Gwen Hannabarger** has returned after a week's illness.

Ask **Gwen Ellis** "what's copper?" and many would like to know her reason for insisting that she will not eat any more lunches.

FOUR VICTORIES and six losses marked the activities of the Group 3-A basketball team in the first EOP inter-group league season. Members of the team shown here left to right are: Front row, Jim Hendershott, Davis Jutierrev, Robert Helmick; back row, Clifford Coash, Jr., Lloyd Howard, Stewart Law and Colby Erickson.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

If you live in Wilmington, it is suggested that you visit the USO Wednesday evenings when they have their "Swing Shift" parties. Every week there are newly added features. There is dancing, table tennis, chess and checkers, reading room, and starting next week they expect to have entertainers. This party starts at 11 p. m. and runs until 2 a. m.

The few spring-like days brought several calls about softball and baseball. The Recreation Department is getting all set for a busy season. Oh, yes! there will be leagues for the girls this summer, in addition to a strong men's league. Group 62 is trying to figure out how they can strengthen up its team this year. **Eddie Spezio** thinks he again has a championship team the way it looks on paper.

Twenty-six men are playing off the Table Tennis Tournament. All eyes are on **Dr. Andrew Bustin, Jim Hart, Bill Bishop** and **Bob Hanks.** There are several dark horses who might come through and surprise the many fans and players. The girls' schedule for singles, doubles and mixed doubles has not been drawn up yet. If anyone has been missed, call in your entries and every effort will be made to get them on the list.

Watch your bulletin boards for the next dance. It promises to be something different and a real novelty. It will be under the auspices of Group 61. **Harvey Steffes** is working on the plans with a strong committee from the group.

Bowling

The Pabst Blue Ribbon women's bowling team gave an exhibition against a picked team of men from EOP February 18. The girls came through strong the first game with a total of 847 pins to the men's 807. High score for the girls during the exhibition was made by **Nell Hartman** with 194. **W. Colby** of the Fire Guards was high man with 221 for the third game. The score was as follows:

Pabst				
Joan Meseck	162	123	150	445
Rose Simmons	170	152	151	473
Mary Ortyl	166	161	162	489
Marie Meyer	155	160	132	457
Nell Hartman	194	171	178	543
Total	847	767	773	2387

EOP				
Ed Murphy	200	172	196	578
Harold Troupe	103	179	148	430
Ken. Bull	178	201	199	578
W. Colby	155	136	221	512
A. Plym	171	164	180	515
Total	807	852	944	2603

By popular request there will be another bowling sweepstakes the latter part of this month. Keep in touch with **Eddie Murphy** and the Recreation Department, watch your bulletin boards in the change houses, or inquire of your Employees' Activity Committee representative for entry blanks. One hundred and three bowlers participated in the last Sweepstakes, and it appears there may be more than 200 for the next one.

Every Wednesday night teams representing Payroll, Government Auditing, Fire Guards and Investigators bowl. They have drawn up a schedule for 23 weeks, and plan to have cash prizes to divide among themselves at the end of that period.

Basketball

The basketball elimination series is now being played. Visit the Recreation gymnasium any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and you will be assured of seeing a fine game.

The Purchasing Department is justly proud of **Kathryn Johnson's** 226 bowling score, which remains high for women bowlers here.

Esther "Snuffy" Doeden, Group 9, bowled high score of 176 Ladies' Day, February 19. Incidentally, her regular visits will be missed, as she has returned home.

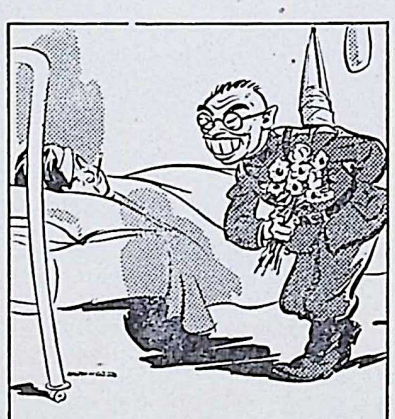
Dorothy Tou Velle, War Bond Department, is a daily visitor. Wonder if she's getting in trim for the terrific ping pong tournament. Could be!

Catherine Noonan is a walking testimonial of learning to play ping pong in ten easy lessons. She is known as "Champ" around the Recreation Building—and rightly so!

Emergency Calls

To report a fire....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.



Final Scores of First Cage Season

An elimination series is now in progress between the teams of the EOP Basketball League, following Chemical Lab's winning of the first season's title. The Fuze and Booster chemists closed the season in a blaze of glory.

The following box scores complete the reports of the regularly scheduled league games.

Group 1 (24) 2-15	B	FT	Fouls
Sherwood	0	0	3
Hill	1	1	1
Tucker	5	0	2
Grant	2	0	4
Sharkey	0	0	1
Edwards	1	1	0
Stagner	2	0	0
	11	2	11

Inspectors (31)	B	FT	Fouls
Layfield	2	3	1
Darkins	2	2	1
Wilhelmi	1	0	0
Brennan	3	0	0
Pitt	0	0	1
Belay	4	2	1
	12	7	4

Bus Drivers (13) 2-16	B	FT	Fouls
Anderson	0	1	2
O'Connor	0	0	2
Cole	1	0	1
Hayes	0	0	2
Scoggin	5	0	3
	6	1	10

Fire Guards (34)	B	FT	Fouls
Dailey	1	0	0
Dickson	1	0	1
Hart	5	2	0
Getson	1	0	0
Guyott	4	2	2
Neilson	1	0	0
Catalina	0	1	3
Stricklen	1	1	0
	14	6	6

MARINE salute is given by appropriately uniformed, 4-year-old Donna Lea Horn, daughter of Albert Horn, shop foreman in Group 71. She has four baby War Bonds and gets one each birthday.

Army (21) 2-16	B	FT	Fouls
Heavens	0	0	3
Bowler	1	0	1
Aschenbrenner	7	0	1
Swanson	0	0	0
Murphy	2	1	0
	10	1	5

Group 3 (29)	B	FT	Fouls
Fread	3	0	1
Harris	2	0	0
Emanuelson	2	0	0
Donaldson	0	0	1
Hankes	2	0	1
Helmick	1	0	0
Struck	3	2	1
Pekar	0	0	0
Juricle	0	1	0
Pekar	0	0	1
	13	3	5

Fire Guards (19) 2-17	B	FT	Fouls
Dailey	0	0	1
Getson	0	2	0
Hart	2	3	2
Guyott	2	0	5
Catalina	1	2	1
Stricklen	1	0	2
	6	7	11

Inspectors (20)	B	FT	Fouls
Darkins	2	0	2
Marlette	0	0	0
Oram	1	0	3
Wilhelmi	1	0	2
Layfield	0	2	3
Bealey	3	1	5
Hair	1	1	2
	8	4	17

Group 3-A (28) 2-17	B	FT	Fouls
Blecha	1	1	0
Beatty	1	0	1
Gutierrez	3	0	2
Law	0	0	0
Guest	0	0	0
Kiefner	3	4	2
Griffin	3	1	0
Hester	0	0	2
	11	6	7

Bus Drivers (10)	B	FT	Fouls
Scoggin	4	0	1
Kane	0	0	1
Cole	1	0	0
Anderson	0	0	1
O'Connor	0	0	6
	5	0	9

Group 1 (23) 2-18	B	FT	Fouls
Testa	0	1	0
Stagner	2	0	0
Wittinghill	0	0	2
Hill	1	1	0
Grant	1	0	1
Sherwood	2	1	1
Sharkey	4	0	3
	10	3	7

Group 62 (26)	B	FT	Fouls
Spezio	2	0	5
Reny	3	0	1
Clark	3	0	2
Kalee	2	0	1
Heavens	2	2	0
	12	2	9

Inspectors (16) 2-23	B	FT	Fouls
Oram	5	0	1
Elmer	0	0	2
Wilhelmi	1	0	1
Brennan	1	0	3
Carroll	1	0	1
	8	0	8

Group 3-A (33)	B	FT	Fouls
Blecha	2	0	2
Gutierrez	5	4	2
Law	1	1	1
Koash	2	0	1
Erickson	4	0	1
	14	5	7

Chem. Lab. (28) 2-24	B	FT	Fouls
Mees	2	1	1
Partridge	1	1	2
Hines	0	1	1
Bridwell	3	1	3
Burk	0	0	0
Hull	2	0	5
Sessie	0	0	1
Elliott	2	4	1
Starr	0	0	0
	10	8	14

Police Guards (16)	B	FT	Fouls
Armes	0	0	3
Gebhardt	2	0	0
McCarthy	1	1	0
Grimsley	1	1	3
Dutter	1	0	0
Farber	1	1	3
Lawrence	0	1	1
Sue	0	0	2
Wolfe	0	0	0
	6	4	12

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK
Correspondent

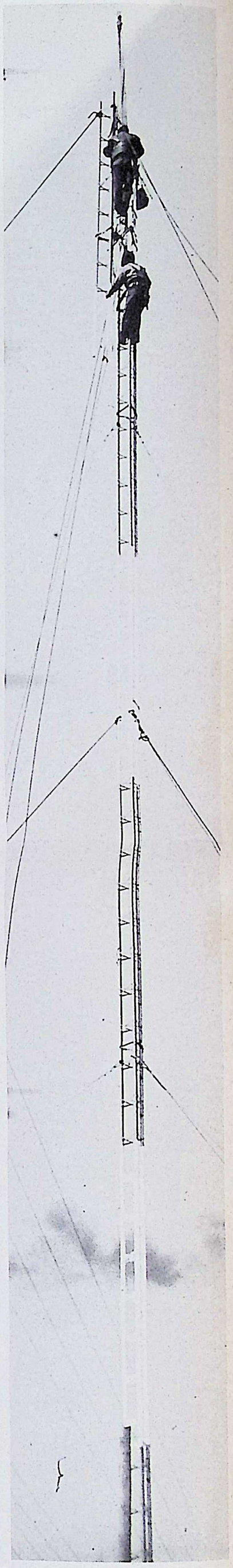
Oscar Horn is in the market for two large red lights for the right side of his Buick, all because of a little accident he had in Joliet one evening last week on the way home from work.

Oscar tried to turn right and the fellow in the car on his right side tried to turn left at the same time. They collided, but there was very little damage done to either car. One of the passengers riding with Oscar reports it looked like Oscar and the other driver would get into a fist fight all on account of noisy **Fred Nelson,** who started calling the other driver names and inviting him to fight. The argument finally ended, and both drivers went peacefully on their way.

Gaylord Sties, material checker stationed at the Hub with **John Markley,** left February 25 for the armed forces. His former associates wish him the best of luck and hope to hear from him often.

Norman Hammerschmidt, material checker of the Hub staff, is now the proud father of a seven pound son, born February 14. This may have started the boss, Mr. Markley, smoking, as it is difficult to refuse when the cigars are passed around.

Another Hub employee, **James Eib,** is the owner of a nanny goat that expects to have a kid some time this spring.



RADIO tower erection offers a different kind of thrill around a bomb and shell loading plant. Here are shown L. L. Rood (top) and W. W. Willows putting one of the final sections of EOP's new antenna in place.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

March 15

Raymond Ashbaugh, Utilities; **Patricia Barden**, Group 5; **Nathaniel Carson**, Utilities; **Philip Collett**, Group 1; **Richard Crutchley**, Group 2; **Alphonse Delaney**, Group 1; **James Dickson**, Fire Department; **T. J. Fitzpatrick**, Utilities; **Myrtle Fordyce**, Group 4; **Harold Guderjan**, Guards; **William Herbert**, Utilities; **Joseph Herro**, Group 3-A; **Ralph Hletschold**, Utilities; **Florence Hnetkovsky**, Group 7; **William Kelly**, Group 61; **Mary Kemp**, Group 7; **Katherine Koncor**, Plant Protection; **Frank Krieger**, Group 2; **Joseph Larson**, Group 1; **Joseph Larson**, Utilities; **Lorayne McCarthy**, Group 8; **Herschel McFarland, Jr.**, Group 4; **Katherine Perry**, Group 6; **Josephine Sedlock**, Group 9; **George Shearer**, Group 3; **Robert Sievert**, Group 2; **Joseph Szwaja**, Utilities.

March 16

Francis Begler, Group 3-A; **John Bowman**, Utilities; **Harry Canney**, Group 1; **John Dempsey**, Group 5; **A. S. Dipietrantonio**, High Explosies; **Jane Estes**, Group 1; **Robert Feeney** Group 2; **Leonard Frieling**, Group 2; **James Grady**, Accounting; **Clyde Hart**, Group 3-A; **Charles Hoffner**, Group 1; **Joseph Kopski**, Utilities; **Joseph Lamberta**, Group 9; **Salle Mayfield**, Group 3-A; **Michael McDonald**, Guards; **Clarence Naese**, Utilities; **Esther Noffke**, Ordnance; **Athiel Powers**, Utilities; **Thomas Reardon**, Utilities; **Arlene Thorson**, General Office; **Ruel Whittle**, Inert Storage; **Marion Williams**, Group 3-A; **Frank Wylegoose**, Group 2; **Peter Yost**, Utilities.

March 17

Virginia Anderson, Group 9; **William Baker**, Group 3; **Paul Becker**, Utilities; **Ida Billingsley**, Group 1; **Ellis Bitner** Utilities; **Helen Boula**, Ordnance; **Beulah Cake**, Group 1; **Terrence Davis**, Group 3; **John Donahue**, Finished Rounds; **Edward Doyle**, Group 3; **Clarence Dyon**, Guards; **Arthur Fairbairn**, Utilities; **Richard Foley**, Group 1; **Mary Funk**, Group 7; **Elmer George**, Group 3; **Richard Gordon**, Group 3; **Ida Green**, Group 9; **Daniel Haines**, Utilities; **George Hanlin**, Utilities; **Edward Hendry**, Utilities; **Geraldine Hickey**, Group 4; **Lester Highland**, Finished Rounds; **Ruby Hornbuckle**, Group 3-A; **Alice Jones**, Group 45; **Spiro Kljaich**, Group 1; **Robert Klopp**, High Explosives; **Adam Lavender**, Group 1; **Robert Lovett**, Group 3; **Helen Martin**, Group 7; **Lois Martin**, Ordnance; **Doris McCollem**, Hospital; **Violet Mitchell**, Group 1; **Samuel Mount**, Inspection; **Melvin Nielsen**, Group 1; **Clara Oggs**, Group 6; **Arthur Owens**, Guards; **Homer Pullen**, Inert Storage; **William Ridenour**, Utilities; **Peter Schroll**, Utilities; **Leopold Skokan**, Utilities; **Emil Steinke**, Utilities; **Hugh Sterrett**, Group 4; **Olive Thompson**, Group 1; **Theodore Zouganelis**, Utilities.

March 18

Stanley Angus, Group 3-A; **Arthur Back**, Group 3; **Mary Barrowman**, Group 7; **Dorothea Beverly**, Accounting; **George Blecha**, Group 2; **Amelia Brown**, Utilities; **Janet Chapman**, Ordnance; **Lucille Colona**, Group 7; **Allie Cryder**, Group 9; **Alfred Emiley**, General Office; **Joseph Getson**, Group 1; **Carl Graham**, Guards; **Patricia Haley**, Ordnance; **Anna Hare**, Group 4; **Norman Heath**, Fire Department; **Ezra Jenkins**, Group 1; **Alvin Johnson**, Group 3; **Floyd McKune**, Group 3; **Jennette Owen**, Group 3-A; **Edith Parker**, Group 6; **Joseph Plut**, Group 1; **Stanley Robb**, Group 1; **Catherine Walsh**, Group 9; **Herman Walter**, Guards; **Eula Weaver**, Group 6.

March 19

Lawrence Bapst, High Explosives; **Ralph Biggins**, Group 1; **William Crosiar**, Group 3; **Rosalin Goodwin**, Group 9; **Treva Hall**, Plant Protection; **Stella Jaworski**, General Office; **Charles Kesley**, Utilities; **Ralph Knoth**, Utilities; **Cyril Lazier**, Materials and Stores; **Joseph Mager**, Group 2; **Frank McHugh**, Utilities; **William McPherson**, Utilities; **Ralph Miller**, Utilities; **Joseph Mitok**, Utilities; **Mae Murray**, Ordnance; **Ruth Nelson**, Group 4; **Wilbur Olroyd**, Group 3; **Josephine Plarick**, Group 4; **Mary Porter**, Group 7; **Gustave Salmen**, Group 66; **Adeline Sharp**, Group 1; **William Sicard**, Utilities; **Adolph Smith**, Utilities; **Bernice Sperry**, Group 7; **Shirley Stafford**, Group 1; **Frederick Tamblyn**, Group 3-A; **Everett Thompkins**, Inspection; **Irene Veronda**, Group 9; **Joseph West**, Group 2; **Mark Welch**, Utilities.

March 20

Lucille Ayers, Group 7; **Albert Baker**, Inert Storage; **Helen Boldego**, Group 41; **Edmay Burton**, Group 7; **Mary Cankar**, Group 4; **Denny Christensen**, Group 3-A; **Charles Curtis**, Group 4; **Roald Evenson**, Ordnance; **Wayne Frederickson**, Group 3-A; **James George**; Ordnance; **Mayola Golst**, Group 3-A; **Florence Golgin**, Ordnance; **Arthur Hansen**, Group 1; **Arthur Hansen**, Group 3; **Charles Hearn**, Utilities; **John Johnson, Jr.**, Group 2; **Henry Kiep**, Group 61; **Erline Lewis**, Group 9; **Leland Lyons**, Group 3-A; **Orin Marvick**, Group 3-A; **Betty Nagle**, Group 1; **Clarence Phillips**, Group 3-A; **Pearl Raridon**, Utilities; **Owen Ralston**, Inspection; **Hildred Shewmaker**, Group 3-A; **Frank Skole**, Accounting; **Herman Steinman**, Group 3-A; **Willard Tennant**, Group 3-A; **Fredrica Uhrenholdt**, Group 7; **Daniel Watters**, Group 9.

March 21

Marion Ambrosie, Group 4; **Eileen Brinkman**, Group 5; **George Buck**, Guards; **Bonna Chafey**, Group 1; **James Dvorak**, Utilities; **Robert Fuchs**, Group 3-A; **Frank Govednick**, Guards; **Marie Hagerty**, Group 5; **John Hamilton**, Group 6; **Ray Howard**, Group 3; **Thorwald Jacobsen**, Group 3-A; **Sereno Lardi**, Utilities; **Sylvester Mammosser**, General Operations; **Jack Marcus**, Utilities; **Andrew Martis**, Utilities; **Artie Mills**, Group 61; **Iliff Mills**, Group 1; **Albert Mondrella**, Group 8; **Earl Morris**, Utilities; **Bernard Nelson**, Group 2; **Howard Noble**, Group 5; **William Petty**, Group 2; **Ampheon Patterson**, Plant Protection; **Robert Roth**, Fire Department; **Maurice Seerine**, Utilities; **Theresa Smith**, Group 3-A; **Pearl Spence**, Group 9; **Ernest Toppel**, Group 3; **Harold Zagar**, Inert Storage; **William Zarley**, Inspection.

March 22

Walter Addis, Maintenance; **Myrtle Bade**, Group 5; **Roy Benson**, Utilities; **Edith Clement**, Group 3-A; **Chester Davito**, Utilities; **Elmer Dupree**, Utilities; **Avery Emerson**, Group 3-A; **LaVern Hahn**, Group 1; **LaVern Hahn**, Group 3; **Dewitt Johnson**, Guards; **Mary Joyce**, Group 9; **Paul Knuff**, Utilities; **William Murphy**, Group 9; **Edmund Nally**, Group 1; **Claud Patterson**, Finished Rounds; **Horace Paxson**, Utilities; **Conrad Pierson**, Group 1; **Margie Ragain**, Group 6; **Leo Rood**, Utilities; **Cleero Shartzer**, Inert Storage; **Paul Shepley**, Group 2; **Isidor Ternes**, Group 1; **Gladys Todd**, Group 5; **Virgil Tull**, Group 3; **Helen Weber**, Group 1; **Hans Wilder**, Utilities.

March 23

Harry Anderson, Group 68; **Wayne Barber**, Fire Department; **John Barry**, Group 1; **James Bean**, Accounting; **Roland Bennett**, Accounting; **Everett Brammer**, Guards; **William Bretzman**, Group 61; **Ambrose Caron**, Group 3-A; **Albert Churchill**, Utilities; **Leslie Cloyd**, Inspection; **Arthur Cwudzinski**, Group 1; **Julia Dempsey**, Group 4; **Gerald Drummond**, Group 3-A; **LaVerne Dutour**, Group 2; **Betty Fryauf**, Group 9; **Harold Gehner**, Group 61; **Emil Gehrke**, Guards; **Frederick Jackson**, Utilities; **Waldo Johnson**, High Explosives; **Joseph Kalal**, Group 2; **Fred Kane**, Group 61; **Alexander McArthur**, Utilities; **Robert McEvoy**, Ordnance; **August Nickel**, Plant Protection; **Gertrude Olson**, Group 1; **Gordon Plowman**, Group 1; **James Porter**, Group 66; **Orval Riffey**, Finished Rounds; **Theodore Rolfe**, Group 1; **Joseph Smith**, Group 7; **William Strum**, Group 1; **Forrest Tolley**, Guards; **Standly Villiers**, Ordnance; **Frank Weston**, Production Planning; **Major West**, Inert Storage.

March 24

Anna Bailey, Accounting; **Joshua Bell**, Utilities; **Rose Chike**, Group 7; **Lauretta Delaney**, Group 4; **John Dixon**, Inert Storage; **Ethel Dodson**, Group 3-A; **Guy Dufrain**, Group 9; **Raymond Goode**, Group 2; **Willard Jones**, Guards; **Edward Kreutzer**, Utilities; **Margaret Lonyo**, Materials & Stores; **Willis Pitzer**, Utilities; **Everett Reed**, Group 3-A; **Eleanor Senesne**, Group 1; **John Small**, Group 1; **Edward Suffern**, General Office; **Evelyn Tatroe**, Group 4; **George Wasko**, Group 6; **Emery Wise**, Group 1; **Joseph Yancaskas**, Group 3-A.

March 25

Chester Abell, Accounting; **Janet Bailey**, Group 7; **Edward Berens**, High Explosives; **Paul Boucher**, Utilities; **Opal Brooks**, Group 1; **Bulah Brown**, Group 7; **Beulah Caise**, Group 3-A; **DeForest Carter**, Group 1; **Mary Corrigan**, Group 5; **Mary Cortese**, Group 9; **Wayne Cumbow**, Group 3; **Mary Finn**, Group 7; **Henry Forgason**, Group 2; **Theron Glass**, Inert Storage; **William Haner**, Utilities; **Lenora Hanson**, Group 5; **Leonard Hinkle**, Utilities; **Charles Johnson**, Ordnance; **Keith Kavanaugh**, Group 1; **Arthur Kossak**, Inspection; **Alfred Kuriger, Sr.**, Inert Storage; **Louise Kwasnieski**, Group 6; **Donald Lee**, Guards; **Phillip Moranski**, Utilities; **Frank Meredith**, Group 3; **Ross Miller**, Materials & Stores; **Marion Murawski**, Guards; **Arthur Peterson**, Group 3-A; **Theodore Powell**, Group 2; **Kathryn Richardson**, Utilities; **Roland Savole**, Group 2; **Lois Simpson**, Group 7; **Charles Stahl**, Group 1; **Colonel Stevens**, Inert Storage; **James Stonehouse**, Group 3; **Glenn Wright**, Group 1; **Emil Zajicek**, Utilities; **Paul Zamkovitz**, Accounting; **Lloyd Zenor**, Group 3-A.

March 26

Axel Anderson, Utilities; **Elwin Barker**, Group 2; **Margaret Bologh**, Utilities; **Marie Borgra**, Group 1; **Agnes Boucher**, Group 1; **Melvin Busch**, Guards; **John Conlin**, Ordnance; **N. A. Christjansen**, Group 1; **John Goggins**, High Explosives; **Dorothy Haag**, Group 1; **Gerald Hafell**, Utilities; **Julia Harrop**, Group 1; **George Hazer**, Guards; **George Henderson**, Guards; **Chester Johnson**, Utilities; **Bessie Kennedy**, Group 7; **Edna Kirchner**, Group 1; **George Kratochvil**, Group 4; **Stanley Kroger**, Group 3; **Walter Krohn**, Accounting; **Christine Leser**, Group 8; **Frances O'Keefe**, Group 3-A; **Christ Pedersen**, Maintenance; **Eunice Peet**, Group 9; **David Petit**, Guards; **Joseph Reinhart**, Utilities; **James Sexton**, Group 2; **Ellis Steinberg**, Ordnance; **Andrew Thornton**, Utilities; **Gerald Tyler**, Group 2; **John D. Walker**, Group 6; **Francis Walsh**, Utilities; **Winston Wascher**, Group 2; **John Woodard**, Utilities; **Louis Zambello**, Utilities.

March 27

Phillip Ashline, Sr., Group 1; **Guy Ayers**, Group 61; **Wayne Brown**, Guards; **Mary Brozovich**, Group 6; **David Bumgarner**, Group 61; **Howard Byrnes**, Utilities; **Robert Conroy**, Inert Storage; **Donald Crowther**, Safety Department; **Elizabeth Daniels**, Group 9; **Martin Dowell**, Guards; **Catherine Erickson**, Group 4; **Raymond Gardner**, Group 1; **Gilbert Gould**, Inert Storage; **Mary Grahovac**, Group 9; **Albert Hardy**, Inert Storage; **Mary Hunt**, Group 6; **Fred Ingraham**, Group 5; **Frank Kavanaugh**, Utilities; **Homer Lane**, Guards; **Dorothy Matesvic**, Group 9; **Dorothy Maxwell**, Accounting; **Raymond McCoy**, Utilities; **Jack Mills**, Utilities; **Marcia Mitchell**, High Explosives; **Jennie Naiden**, Utilities; **Dewayne Richards**, Group 2; **Henry Risk**, Utilities; **Lynn Roberts**, Guards; **Jack Rosenthal**, Finished Rounds; **John Ryan**, Utilities; **Mary Stark**, Group 9; **Gustav Sunby**, Guards; **Veronica Vilt**, Group 8;

POPULAR Wayne Howard of Group 61 is shown here as he appeared before "they put shoes on him," according to the wag who submitted the picture.

Louis Walsh, Jr., Safety Department; **Grover Williams**, Inert Storage.

March 28

Dorothy Austin, Group 9; **Fred Barry**, Plant Protection; **Robert Behrens**, Utilities; **Frank Bobzin**, Group 1; **Raymond Bohanon**, Group 2; **Euclide Brais**, Group 3-A; **Ezra Buerlein**, General Operations; **John Connelly**, Fire Department; **Mabel Cortrecht**, Group 7; **Joseph Crigler**, Group 1; **Matilda DelRose**, Ordnance; **Charles Dodson**, Group 3-A; **Ernest Evans**; Group 5; **Harry Everist**, Group 1; **Glenn Foreman**, Group 1; **George Gibson**, Group 1; **Frank Huml**, Group 2; **Dixie Ireland**, Group 3; **Herbert Johnson**, Group 1; **Louis Liberty**, Group 3; **Dorothy Magolan**, Ordnance; **Percy Miller**, Utilities; **Paul Mullvain**, Guards; **Sophia Odenwald**, Group 4; **Joseph Obryan**, Guards; **Theresa Pasich**, Group 7; **Paul Pavletich**, Utilities; **Carl Radzom**, Utilities; **Edward Rinn**, Group 3; **Howard Sampson**, Group 7; **Joan Schauland**, Group 7; **Sylvester Short**, Utilities; **Robert Sproull**, Group 3; **Charles Tibbetts**, Group 9; **Frank Understahl**, Group 1.

Q. What is the derivation of the word "chevrons"—you know, those stripes that we non-coms wear?

A. It's an architectural term, and the stripe itself is a representation of the apex of a roof. In early days the wearer of a chevron was the head of a clan or "the top of his house."

"I'll inform the captain you want the Army to start using paper cups exclusively. Now may I ask you to please bear with us in the meantime?"

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Written by Evelyn Doran during the absence of Evelyn Richards.

Dr. Jim Madura, Personnel, was ill for three days.

How popular these new brides can be! **Veronica Kelly**, formerly **Veronica Rossi**, receives a letter daily from her husband. However, **Dorothy Busse**, a previous bride, writes a letter to her husband daily.

Mrs. Busse received an interesting letter from a merchant in Cairo, Egypt. The merchant several times had entertained her husband who is now in the armed forces over there. The merchant sent pictures of his family and himself. They speak five languages, English, French, Arabic, Italian and Greek. This is due to the fact that Cairo is a cosmopolitan country. He was born in Alexandria, Egypt, but is of Russian origin.

The next time **Kay Lindblad** has her club meeting it is hoped some one will be able to suggest some way of entertaining without the difficulties of making open-face sandwiches. However, Kay did solve the problem by engaging a maid.

All are glad to know that **Myrtle Burrus'** husband is well again after being hospitalized with an infected eye at Galesburg during a two-week vacation.

Esther Baer, sister of **Elsie Baer**, was an air stewardess on the American Airlines. She has just recently resigned and enlisted in the Army Evacuating Air Corps. Until she is called, she will spend a two-week vacation at some camp in Virginia.

Well, well, well, there is here a scientific Farmer Jones. It is difficult to decide what type of chicken is his specialty, poultry or human beings for scientific experimentation. To tell you the truth, it is poultry—one thousand of them. If anyone is interested in eggs in the not-so-far future just get in touch with Farmer Jones, alias **R. R. Sidell.**

Sylvia Hamper, formerly a nurse here, is stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida. She will be on a flying boat carrying the sick and wounded from war zones to hospitals.

The Hospital staff extends sincere sympathy to **Nellie Lazio** whose brother died last month and was buried March 1 at Ohio, Ill.

Lorene Motta attended the play "Goodnight Ladies" in Chicago with a party of friends.

That seedy expression **Tom Moore** has these days is to be sown in his Victory Garden. He expects to raise cane, wild oats and cantelope. This garden is to be situated on the roof of his apartment, thereby, making it a tall-story garden.

Lost—A Birth Certificate

Sweet little **Evelyn Doran**
Arrived like September morn,
Now no one can figger
About that little jigger,
Just when or where she was born.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Wanted to Rent—Four or five room house or apartment by April 1. In or near Joliet. Give all information in reply. **F. P. Barry**, 66 South Elmwood Drive, Aurora. Telephone 2-9228.

Riders Wanted—From Chicago to EOP. Steady 7:30 to 3.30 shift. Meet driver on near north side on Ogden Avenue. Call **Edwin Scholl**, Power House, Group 4. Line 4144.

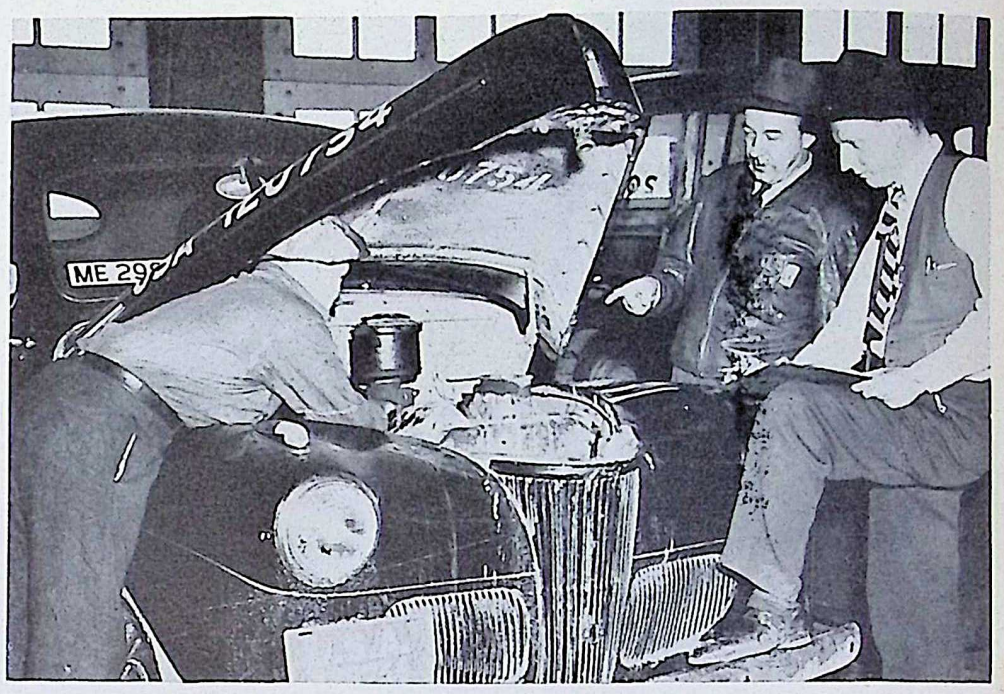
For Rent—Large furnished cabins equipped with electric lights, heat and ½ acre garden space. Located on Highway 66 at Braidwood. Call **William Kelsey**, Group 2, Line 3296, or Stewart Hotel, Wilmington.

For Sale—'35 two-door Oldsmobile sedan. Call **Joe Harkins** between 4 and 4:30 p. m. Line 2284.

For Sale—'41 Alma Trailer in good condition. Four new tires. Call **C. Willows.** Line 5115.

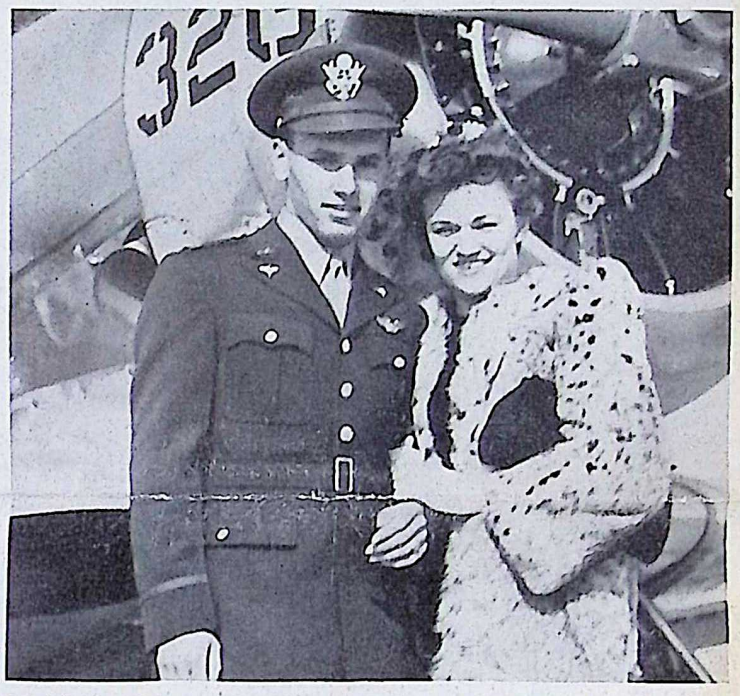
ELWOOD ON PARADE

EXCITING MOMENTS were many when Chemical Lab defeated Group 3 for the EOP cage title February 25 by one point, 29 to 28. Shown here is one of the tense seconds at the Recreation Building.



SMILING SERVICE keeps up the reputation of the Service Garage for speedy motor repairs. Here Manager C. I. Wilson and S. J. "Kelly" Kukulski, service manager, direct Blanchard Shepherd's efforts.

SERVICE GARAGE STAFF pictured here includes (left to right) Walter Sheridan, Eugene Gorski, Walter Knupp, William Briddick, Clarence Murphy, Fred Thompson, Clarence Weidemann, June Wood, Glenn Bitterman, Ray McCoy, Jean Evans, Blanchard Shepherd, Ralph Groll, Leroy Hutchinson, Howard Booker, Heinie Johnson, Richard Miller, Robert Cleghorn, James Hatz and Paul Wood.

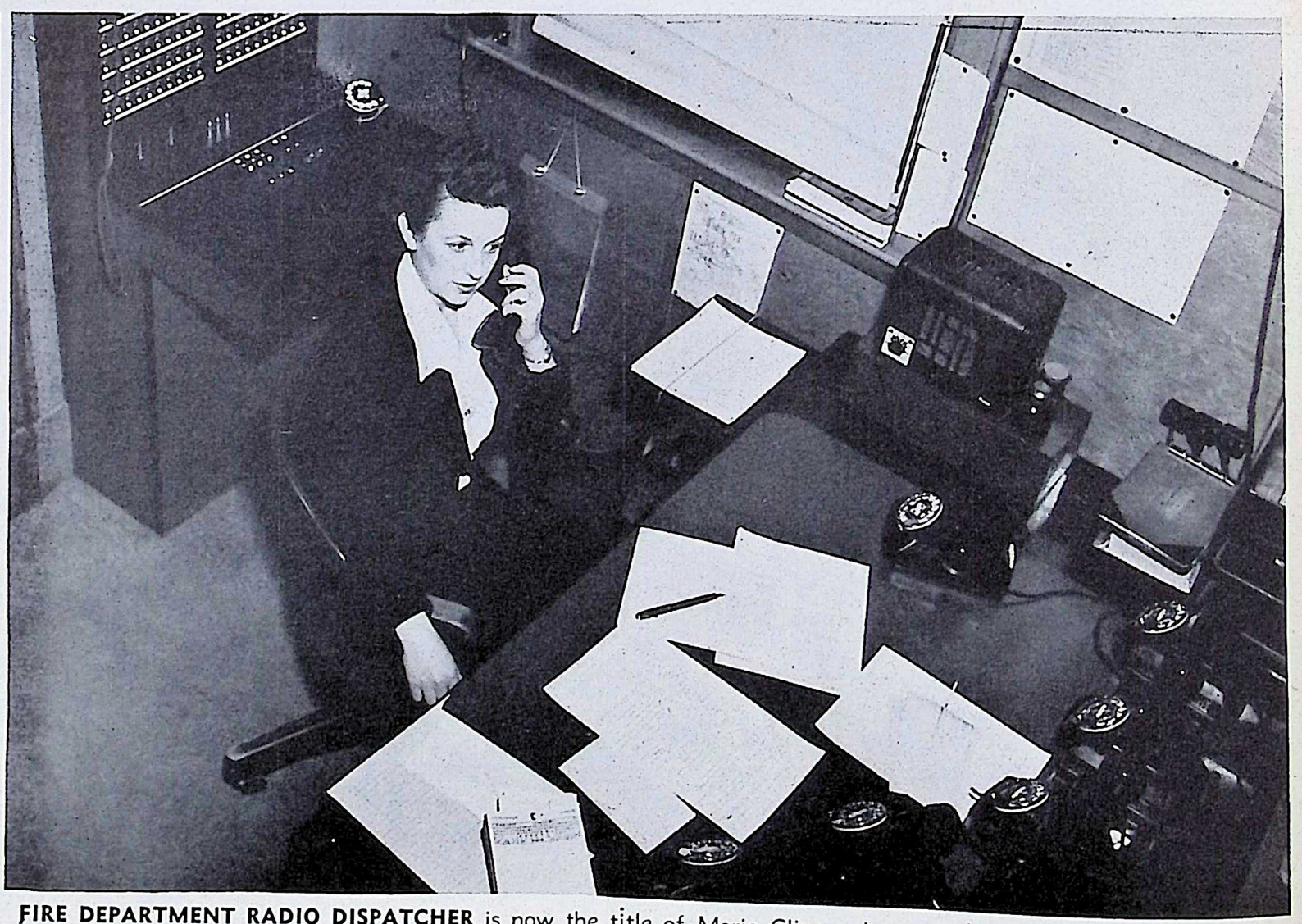


GRADUATED as a pursuit pilot in Texas, Lt. Earl G. Konrad, formerly of EOP, is shown here with Irene Deye, Ann Arbor, Mich. Lt. Konrad was a member of his school's first graduating class.

Take Me Home . . .

Your family is waiting for me and someone will be disappointed if I don't get there. The mailman has delivered me before, but now it's up to you. Read about it on Page 1.

The BOMB-SHELL



FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO DISPATCHER is now the title of Marie Cline, who won many friends as an escort and woman guard at the Administration Building. Shown here surrounded by radio microphone, amplifier, receiver and telephones, Miss Cline is among the first of many girls who eventually will do this type as well as clerical work with the fire fighters and fire inspectors.

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Gerber Once Commanded 2 Plants Here

Former C.O. of EOP Now Field Director Of Ammunition Work

By Harrison Smith

Col. T. C. Gerber does not need an introduction to our people through *The Bomb-Shell*. He served as our commanding officer for a year and three months, comprising practically all of the construction period and until all of our main loading lines were in operation. He is familiar with the Elwood Ordnance Plant in all its details. He knows the kind of people we are, the work which we have done and are doing. He has approved our efforts on many occasions and has co-operated in correcting our deficiencies. His ability as a leader accounts for the increasing responsibilities which have been bestowed upon him.

We are all proud of our association with Colonel Gerber and of the good job he is doing as Field Director of Ammunition Plants. He makes our tasks easier because he understands our problems and helps us solve them.

As Field Director of Ammunition Plants, Colonel Gerber works very closely with **Brig. Gen. R. E. Hardy**, chief of the ammunition branch, Ordnance Department. The Field Director supervises the administration of all Government-owned contractor-operated ammunition plants, except small arms facilities.

Native of Missouri

Colonel Gerber is a native of Missouri and a graduate of the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. He entered the Army in 1917 as a lieutenant of engineers, and after having served with the Infantry during World War I, he transferred to the Ordnance Department in 1920. He is also a graduate of the Ordnance School of Technology and the Army Industrial College. Although his service has been varied, his chief connection has been with the manufacture and maintenance of ordnance material and ammunition.

Following Colonel Gerber's graduation from the Ordnance School he served with the Office. Chief of Ordnance, in the outfitting of the National Guard when it was being reorganized after World War I. This duty being completed, he was assigned as Ordnance instructor of the National Guard of the Fifth Corps Area, which comprised the states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia. In 1928 he was detailed as Ordnance officer of the Philippine Division, at the time **Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur** was in command of the Philippine Department.

Upon his return to the United States, Colonel Gerber attended the Army Industrial College. After graduation there, he served at Picatinny Arsenal for four years. His next duty was that of Ordnance Instructor of R.O.T.C. at Lehigh University, and later served at Watertown Arsenal, Mass. Colonel Gerber reported to Joliet, November 2, 1940, as commanding officer of Kankakee Ordnance Works. He assumed command of Elwood Ordnance Plant January

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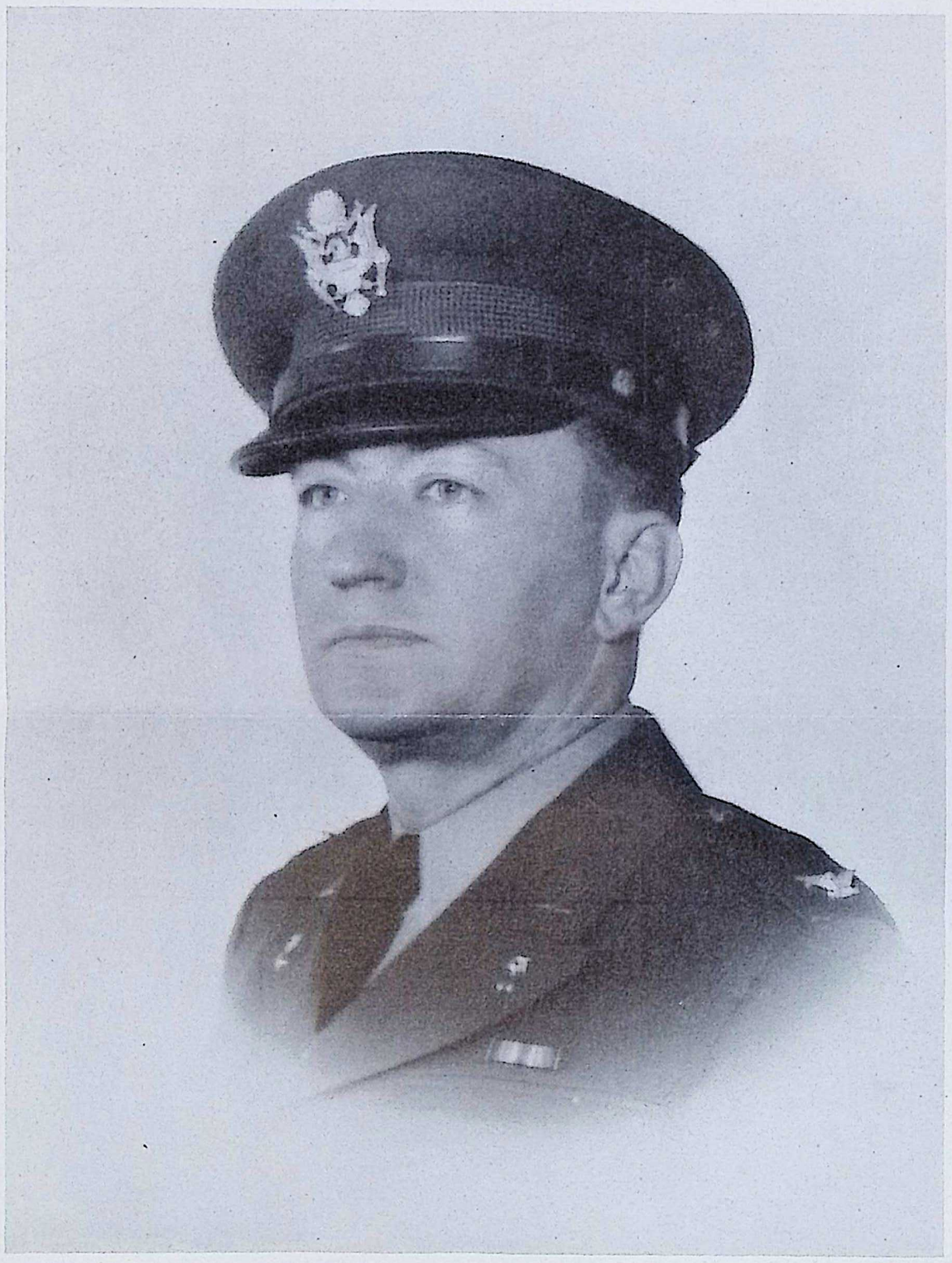
A Salute to a Former Commander



COLONEL THEODORE C. GERBER

Field Director of Ammunition Plants, St. Louis, Missouri

"I have been asked to speak on the subject of Elwood's contribution to the war effort. While it is not possible in these times to use production figures in describing the Elwood effort, we can look back over the short, but successful, history of this plant and see how, through the vigorous activities of Sanderson & Porter and all those associated with them, you started and maintained production within eight months after the beginning of construction.

"When you started operations in July, 1941, you were the first establishment of its kind to initiate operations. This being the case, numerous key personnel from other plants, building and projected, converged upon Elwood to learn how this unique establishment was built and operated.

"Those were trying days for many of you because you were building, operating and instructing both your own personnel and visitors. You were very patient, despite the extreme pressure of those days. We know that the products of the Elwood Ordnance Plant have found their way to the far corners of the world wherever our troops are engaged. We know that they are high quality products. They are the best that American workmanship and American ingenuity can produce."—From speech by Col. T. C. Gerber during Army-Navy "E" Award Ceremonies here February 12.

Tunstall Promoted To Director's Office

Capt. David P. Tunstall, public relations officer at EOP since construction days, has taken over wider duties in the office of **Col. T. C. Gerber**, field director of ammunition plants, with headquarters in St. Louis. **Capt. Tunstall** will assist all plants under **Col. Gerber's** supervision with public relations activities.

$50 Bond Buyers Grow

Three hundred forty-nine additional EOP workers signed last week for $50 War Bonds instead of $25 ones in the campaign to save money for Uncle Sam, it was reported by **G. A. Becker**, of the War Bond Dept., who said the total who had changed is now 3,658. For slips to sign see your foreman.

Fellowship Meeting Planned for April 8

A. J. MacLellan, head of the inspection department, will serve as chairman of the EOP Fellowship Meeting scheduled for April 8th in the Mess Hall and Recreation Building. Others on the committee are **H. S. Robb**, assistant chairman; **Ruth Elliott, Charles Hickock, Lt. C. R. Crandell, J. J. Casey, D. P. Mancini**, and **E. L. Walkup**.

Red Cross Fund Raised To $11,513.00

Woodruff Congratulates Workers; Departmental Contributions Listed

"Everyone in this locality highly appreciates the fine community spirit of your whole organization," said **F. W. Woodruff**, Joliet, chairman of the Will County Chapter, American Red Cross, in a letter to **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, acknowledging contributions from EOP men and women to the Red Cross War Fund.

A total of $11,513.88 was given by employees and management of Elwood Ordnance plant, according to **R. T. Bassett**, who handled the fund raising drive here. Supervision of the campaign was directed by the superintendents of the various groups.

An initial contribution of $10,000.00 was turned over to the Will County Chapter immediately after the 7-day drive here, and later contributions increased the total to $11,513.88.

The departmental contributions follow:

Utilities	$3,533.65
Loading Lines	2,685.38
Fuze & Booster Lines	1,483.31
Administration	1,252.46
Plant Protection	765.77
War Department	589.90
Inspection Department	401.83
Group 61	272.18
Inert Storage Groups	259.50
Timekeepers and Material Checkers	253.50
High Explosives Laboratory	16.40

Mr. Woodruff's letter to Mr Smith follows:

"On behalf of the American Red Cross, I want to thank all the good people at the Elwood Ordnance Plant for the wonderful contribution of $10,000.00 which they made yesterday.

"You will remember that I have always told you that I do not think there is a finer group of Americans anywhere than the employees of EOP and their action yesterday proved to me once more that I am right. May I also say that in my opinion your 'production army' at EOP is led by a very able general.

"Assuring you that everyone in this locality highly appreciates the fine community spirit of your whole organization, and with kindest personal regards and best wishes, I beg to remain . . ."

Mr. Smith replied to Mr. Woodruff as follows:

"It was kind of you to write your letter of March 10th in appreciation of the contribution to the American Red Cross by the employees of this plant.

"I quite agree with you that there is no finer group of citizens than the people of Elwood Ordnance Plant. I have said this so often as applying not only to them, but to the whole citizenship of this territory, that I rather thought I had invented the idea.

"We are very proud of the public spirit and of the intense interest in the war effort which the people of this plant have so often displayed. They alone are entitled to commendation and it affords me great pleasure to have them receive it."

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Lots of Bonds Required

It takes the purchase of a good many bonds to buy a soldier's complete outfit and a lot of time to train him to use it properly. But no cost and no effort is spared to see that he gets all that he needs, and the "know how" to use it efficiently. Equipment and knowledge plus American fighting spirit, have made our soldiers a formidable enemy. The Axis fear such soldiers because they know such a combination cannot and will not be beaten. Perhaps we have grown too accustomed to America's habit of being best. We expect final success because we know the men, material and methods of this great country cannot be bettered.

A steel bullet puts a man down and out—a tank or truck can be shattered by artillery, too. An accident bullet, with less noise and surprise, will kill and injure just as efficiently. Does it matter whether a man bleeds through khaki or coveralls; does it matter whether the machine be tank, truck or drill-press? In all cases, accidents cripple our effort to wade through this mess and come out where the sun is shining, and each day's delay drags down its share of lives as eager to reach that goal as you and I.

We would roundly condemn the soldier who needlessly exposed himself to enemy fire, for we can evaluate the loss of a trained man and material. We would equally condemn the commander of a mobile unit who carelessly fell into enemy ambush which demolished his precious machines. We speak out, at home or at work, against such blunders made under the pressure of combat, amid bursting bombs and screaming shells. We berate and belittle, "Cuss" and discuss, these things—yet, in the calm and friendly surroundings of our work where conditions are nicely tailored to allow the focus of attention where it belongs—on the job, we are placid witnesses to the accidents which injure and disable our workers and machines.

What do you think a battery commander says about *you* when he faces the advancing enemy with empty guns and glances anxiously behind him for the armored tank support that isn't coming because in a great many places a great many men who "know how" didn't get around to making those shells or those tanks because accidents—the fourth Axis partner, laid his demolishing hand on those men and their machines?

Well, perhaps it's a good thing you can't hear those bitter words from a brave commander whose men and machines calmly await destruction and death—they might make you mad! They might make you spring out of the lethargic acceptance of Accident, the grave-filler. Your eyes might suddenly see that sometimes men die because they don't have guns and planes and tanks, and not because they blundered. And you just might begin to get your own personal knife sharpened to do a bit of carving on old man Accident. But then again, you may decide this is all a lot of eyewash and go on living with him—who knows?

—Harl E. Son,
Safety Engineer.

"My second husband bought me my first set of false teeth and my third mink coat . . . then he joined them commandoes!"

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

The lesser light of the Fire Department corresponding duo has been given undeserved credit for some darn clever copy that hits The Bomb-Shell under the name of "Scorchy." As much as glory would like to be claimed for those gratifying gems, in all fairness, a statement must be made, and called to the august attention of such swell guys as John O'Connell, Tom Singer, George Becker and Milton Treitel, who have kept the Central Fire Station filled with gardenias and orchids, believing this place to be the source of much classy copy from the pen of "Scorchy." Comes this honest denial—"We are not Scorchy; we do not know Scorchy—but if we did, we would try to enlist his talents in helping us prepare our column."—From Fire Department column.

Since there is nothing else to add to this column it has been decided to start a "Ben Bernie-Jack Benny" feud with that highly imaginative, non-realistic, ethereal and perhaps even non-existent gentleman who issue after issue manufactures or stretches his conjured-up ideas into a full length column for The Bomb-Shell. It is rumored his name is "Scorchy."—From Inert Storage Department column.

The two foregoing paragraphs are reprinted from the February 26 issue of The Bomb-Shell to make Scorchy's column herewith a little bit clearer. They were written by Stuart Moloney and Charles H. Mann respectively.—EDITOR.

And now for a little journalistic fly-swatting. Funny how comes one nice day at the end of a long winter and the local insects come soaring out of their hiding places to pester and annoy. I refer more particularly to two messages directed to your learned scribe in the last issue of Ordnance's Gift to the Graphic Arts. If you will turn to page 8 of Vol. 1, No. 21, you will find a manly admission from Stuart Moloney under the confusing heading of "Fire." Thence off to the southeast on page 9, your lead foot will stumble over a rash challenge from one Charles Mann. It is under the heading "Inert."

Your correspondent did not start out to quarrel with the honored editor about his selection of captions, but it is indeed curious that the only recognition recently cast at EOP's Roving Distorter should come from two sources where Moloney and "Fire" are intertwined and Mann and "Inert" seem to be in such columnar partnership. You figure it out. I have things to settle.

Thank you very much, Mr. Moloney, for those kind words, but even you ought to know better than to take seriously the guesses of John O'Connell and Milton Treitel—they never did get a name straight, but, oh boy, mention a clock number and they will describe the bloke down to the karats of gold in his rear (and to make it harder) upper molars. George Becker's word is usually his bond but this time, he buys the cokes. As for Tom Singer, we'll give him the brush-off and let him dry up.

But the more important aspect of your innocent arrogance, Mr. Boloney, is that you thought it necessary to disclaim to your fellow workers any remote similarity to the originally copyrighted article. In fact, Mr. Salami, I have been told by the little bird high up in that hose tower that the only completely coherent story you ever wrote without outside help went something like this: "Alarm rang, went to fire, put it out, came back." There is no doubt, Mr. Liverwurst, that such a vivid recounting of the episode suggests the possibility that, if you live long enough, proper training might really bring you to the pinnacle of literary ripeness. But what's the sense of me sitting here planning entertainment for my great-grandchildren? You answer.

And now, folks, that Mann's here again. The audacity of him stepping out with a challenge without even first ascertaining the opponent's weight class, and also what is to be in the gloves besides digits. His first feint carried the words imaginative and ethereal. Then to make it worse, he attached his insolent defi to the end of his laboriously extruded words more or less as a bit of journalistic putty to fill in the spaces which were still blank after exhausting his store of "Inertiana."

Just to deflate his feudal instincts, I may find myself forced to go up to Group 62 and kick a few holes in that pretty picket fence. Nothing ethereal about that, is there, Mr. Mann? I can't resist this one—I suppose since that fence went up, they call the joint "Wald Inn." But to get back to Mr. Inert, or should I say Mr. Mann, I just want to say that with rationing coming up, I eat guys like him—'cause I'm a Mann-eating fool.

I have written . . . a poem!

A Guard's Ambition

There I sit at Tower Three,
I like to work at EOP.
I sit there, grumble and growl,
But that's a hell of a lot better
Than milking a cow.

Then I wait and wait to get
My turn at Change House Eight,
To shake down the fellows
Who come in late.

Then down the stairs to
Have a smoke and sit
Around to hear a joke.

Then comes the day to get
Building Three—
We just watch to see what we can
see.

They're there in work up to their
knees—
Reminds one of a bunch of bees.
But still I like to work in Three.

Then we get old Gate Six,
And you should see the girls primp
and fix.

—Willard Price
Guard

A Slogan

Buy a bond out of your pay,
Save 10 per cent every day.
Aid the Red Cross, when you can,
Give blood, a pint, and save a
man—
Maybe yours or maybe mine,
But, they're all our boys; get it in,
on time.

—Louise Huckstep
Inspection Class

A Toast

Here's to the man
So loyal and brave
That he'd give up his life
This country to save.

He's the stout-hearted man
In the Army today
Who's fighting our battles
In lands far away.

It's taking the strength
Of our country's young men
To stem a cruel tide
That wants to rush in.

He's fighting those battles
In lands over there
So our flag ever flies
O'er a free land so fair.

Do you think he likes it—
This battle and strife?
No, you bet not,
It is taking a life.

He is hoping that when
This battle is o'er
He'll never have to fight
A battle no more.

So think of him now
As you sit there at ease
And breathe out a prayer
For a soldier who's there.

—Fay A. Horstmeier
Guard

To Ann McFarland

A time has come to tell you, Ann,
In words quite simple, if we can,
That though we've razzed you
every day,
And burned you up in every way,
We think you're tops, and real true
blue,
And hope our words will comfort
you.

We love your Irish charm and
smile,
Even your wisecracks, because all
the while
We know if ever we needed a
friend
You'd be there pitching, and on
you we'd depend.
So, Ann, to you from your girls at
four,
May your birthday be happy;
May you enjoy many more!

—Helen Kelly,
Timekeeper, Group 4.

Absenteeism

This is a reminder to everyone,
Without you this war cannot be
won.
So let's work to keep us free,
By never being an absentee.

This war can be won, and win we
will,
If you knuckle down and use your
skill.
But Victory we will never see
If everyone should be an absentee.

The soldiers of our armed forces
Could never travel on their
courses.
Their bombs and shells will never
be,
If we never get rid of the absentee.

The soldiers who fight and die
each day,
Lying in fox holes, they probably
pray
For peace that comes with Victory.
Victory, without the aid of an
absentee.

Some people work and slave,
Helping our men to be more brave,
By sending them power over the
sea,
But others remain an absentee.

There is a war to be won, and we
will win
If you on the job tomorrow begin.
Like a true American, never be
A measly little *absentee.*

—Glenn W. Allen
Timekeeper, Group 9

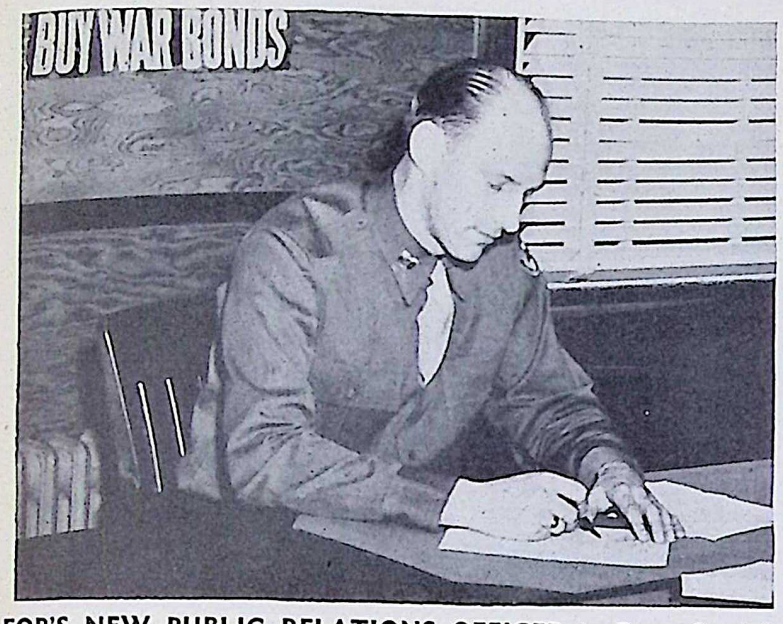
St. Patrick's Day

S is for *soon* the war will be over.
T stands for tanks which rumble through Dover.

P is for peace for which we all pray.
A stands for action, we see day by day.
T is for teamwork between soldiers and workers.
R stands for right! there will be no shirkers.
I is for interest—we all do our share.
C stands for ceasing our worry and care.
K is for kindness, the American Way.
S stands for security in the U. S. A.

D is for duty, we've all had our call.
A stands for above, the flag waves o'er all.
Y is for *yes*, our enemies will fall.

—Marion Shelley
Purchasing Dept.



EOP'S NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER is Capt. Paul D. Cooper, who was assigned here from KNK, where he served as safety and security officer. Captain Cooper has a wife and daughter at Burbank, Calif.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

EOP has won the "E" flag and recognition by the Army and Navy for its efficiency. Now the trustworthiness of a former EOP employee has come to light. In "Navy Breezes," a Navy publication, **James Koerner** was commended for his honesty. All appreciate Jim's carrying on the EOP tradition. The item, under a heading, "Skipper Commends Honesty," follows:

"Within the last few days three wallets containing large sums of money were turned in to the proper authorities by three individuals for claiming. The prompt action and honesty of **H. D. Hubbard, D. D. Austin** and **James Koerner** came to the attention of **Captain Browder,** who commended the men for their acts.

"The prompt action on the part of these men is well worth the consideration of every man aboard and it is hoped that anyone else finding an object of value will act with the same accord.

"The wallets were turned over to either the company commanders or the Officer of the Day. As yet unclaimed, the owners may have the articles upon proper identification."

Catherine Noonan resigned from the staff of *The Bomb-Shell* and has been succeeded by **Edith "Billie" Valentine** of Joliet, a recent graduate of St. Francis Academy, as secretary to **Vernon C. Bailey,** editor.

Gene Bennington received a call from Uncle Sam for his physical exam March 24. Gene had too much luck lately, winning bonds two weeks in a row.

Ask **Mavis Francis, Jean Oliver** or **Mary Narwick** what they saw out of the window March 16.

Hazel Gleason suggested a traveling make-up kit be sent to **Lucille Ambrose,** who recently left for New York for duty with the SPARS. Her many friends responded with contributions, and all hope Lucille will enjoy her gift.

Ruth Myers resigned March 20 as secretary to **H. H. Clark** of the Expediter's Department. Ruthy was always a pal to girls throughout the building.

Vincent Cantarella, Payroll, was invited to the Elwood Club in the Elks' Ballroom March 14 by **Jim Scheidt** of Group 3. Vince reports having a wonderful time, and hopes some of his friends will be there next Sunday night to enjoy the dancing.

Veronica Hansen of Joliet, formerly with the Boston Store, is a new girl in the Payroll Department.

All the gals who go to the Recreation Building for a little relaxation at noon want to thank someone for their thoughtfulness in installing that new cinder sidewalk from the Administration Building.

Edmund L. Rowley left the Accounting Department March 20. His friends presented him with a fountain pen.

The Purchasing Department has a new buyer, **S. P. Nyren,** formerly with the outside expediters.

A little bundle from Heaven arrived at the home of **Russel R. Kuntz** March 8. She was named **Wanda Lee.**

Duane Swinford, of the Navy Air Corps, stationed at Naperville, Ill., was a visitor March 16. Duane is thrilled over his work and so were all to see him.

Imogene Wilson, Payroll, reported to work the other day with a shorter hairdo. Looks nice, too!

G. J. Wilcox left the Purchasing Department March 20.

It seems that one department was lost when it was moved around but it was finally found, so everyone is happy now. Now, **John Platz'** department will be represented here from time to time. By the way, Platzy does run a peaceful, happy and busy department.

Bob McKeon, Engineering Department, was given a party at the Grogan Club by friends before he left for service.

George Karas seems to be having trouble. The speedometer on his DeSota won't work so friends have suggested his jacking up the back wheels and running a new car under.

When a 204 score is bowled there is reason to go hi-hat and that is why everyone is saying **Walter Peterson** is swelled with pride and won't consider mediocres.

The Engineering Department is following with interest the "back-to-nature" movement of **Al Scheer** and **E. V. Sperling,** who are planning great things in their Victory gardens in the Administration Area. A great celebration is planned for the pulling of the first radish.

Ray Marquardt says he got that sliver from jumping too close to a fence. It is reported his physician gave him an anti-tetanus shot to get even for Ray wearing orange stockings St. Patrick's Day.

Dorothea Beverly, Accounting has been ill for several days and is missed.

Fred "Pop" Poplausky has a new position—finding cracks and chips in concrete floors. He says the only trouble is that he "fweezes."

Edward Washburn, Sr., Engineering Department, reports that his son, **Edward, Jr.,** formerly of the Chemical Lab, is in Miami Beach, Fla., in the Army Air Corps. He left two weeks ago. There *is* a proud father.

With the shortage of shells, many wonder what **Bob Forst** plans to do with his new duck call.

Catherine Lynch, Payroll, was entertained at a birthday party March 11 at Stefanich's in Joliet. The group went bowling later. A lovely gift was presented to Catherine.

Extra! Extra! March 12 sweet music burst forth from the rear of the 6:25 plant bus. The serenaders were **Donald Natchorn,** with his accordion, and **Jack Walker,** with drums. All the passengers wanted to know why this doesn't happen more often.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

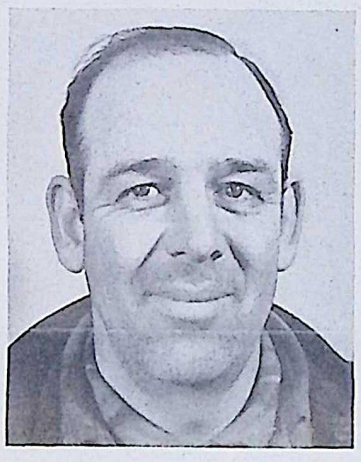
Inert basketeers performed at the Recreation Building in two games, winning one and losing one. The Inspectors fell to the Inert attackers 36 to 27. The test tubers of Chemical Lab split the Attackers' hopes of a second win by a score of 30 to 28.

Russell Kuntz of the Inert organization and a member of the EOP Labor-Management Committee is the proud father of a seven pound, five ounce daughter . . . when she becomes of age she hopes to join the WAACS.

Leslie Cloyd, inspector, is about to hire a detective to solve the problem of what happens to his home-made pies . . . he never has to worry about his hot peppers.

Thanks are given to the Inert boys for the fine way they came through for the Red Cross War Fund.

LaVerne Lyons of the owl shift is performing again in great style, since his return from a few days' sick leave.



Charles McDonald

Charles McDonald, a squad leader at Group 27, claims a long distance championship in traveling to and from the plant with the least amount of absences. In the last 19 months he has traveled 175 miles a day in order to work at Inert. During this time he has traveled 86,450 miles. **John Leindecker** and **William Stors** lost only two days in 19 months and **Bill McCollum,** also of his squad, has not been absent in 12 months.

Turk Argyle is not only an artist with the brush, but throws a mean hammer . . . what a cabinet he can build.

Many robins are reported at Inert warehouses . . . mostly at the lunch rooms. Some even open the lunches.

Gardens and more gardens are the issue . . . **Leonard Spooner** has selected some fine evergreens for North Inert.

Instead of a shamrock, St. Patrick's Day brought a black and white cat to North Inert office. He is well mannered and is making many friends. Thanks go to the boys of Chemical Lab. He has been named—Wilhe.

Now that the seed catalog is worn out, the boys have turned to the sports catalog. Little new equipment will be necessary this year, as the boys have quite a supply of bats and balls on hand. Spring practice will be getting under way in a few weeks. **Supt. A. P. Balston** is waiting for the day.

Out the window can be seen **Stuart Moloney** of the Fire Department across the road coming out of the building with his mouth moving and arms waving and it turns out that this regular procedure is necessary so that he can let off steam. There are quite a few girls working inside the fire house. An all-girl band would be a good thing to organize with summer coming on . . . with Stu as director.

Deepest sympathy goes to the family of **Edward Schreck,** who died as a result of an automobile accident.

If you would like a newly born kitten for your trailer so he can be trained to sleep in a cracker box, just call **Edward Sheridan** at Group 27 . . . get 'em while they're young.

Jack Turner, dog enthusiast, has a reject. It seems Jack sold a bull terrier some days ago on a pay-as-you-go basis. When the going got tough, the terrier was given back in full payment of the debt. Jack will have him on sale again in a few days after his bath. **Sidney Bennett** says he is the cutest pup he ever saw.

Manus "Red" Moberly of South Inert is about to join the soup drinkers' club . . . he will take a week off to have his tonsils removed.

South Inert boys have received mail from two old timers—**James Wolsey** and **Whitey Wheeler.** Both men are serving at Lincoln, Neb. "Hello to all," is their greeting.

Betty Ross, Ordnance inspection, treated the office staff to chocolates. Betty says she received them from one of her admirers.

Joe Birsa says he once knew a fellow who wrote a column for a business paper and now they have him in a steel cage.

Seen at the drug store corner was **Robert "Lefty" McGraw** visiting, planning a week-end, talking about a vacation, or giving good advice to three blondes and one red-head.

C. A. Kemper has two sons in the service . . . one is in the Air Corps.

George Shaw is back on the job after a winter illness.

Next on the list of days comes April Fool's Day. Don't be fooled if they tell you summer is coming—it is. If those chilblains on your toes will pass away—they will. If more people will have gardens this year—they will. If the "E" flag will be forfeited—it will not. If they tell you that absenteeism pays—it does not.

After filling space with mention of a feud with Scorchy in the last issue, it seems the subconscious has begun to work. Your correspondent's sleep has been greatly disturbed recently. He seems to sense a scorching feeling. The heat is unbearable and the perspiration exudes from the brow. Flames dance about and one time amid the tongues of fire he saw a pointed ear and occasionally a glimpse of a mocking face. Once as he lunged for his tormentor, he saw a pointed tail drag over the embers as the vision eluded his grasp. The thought of Scorchy torturing him became greater and greater. When awoke, he decided that it was just the same old devil who has been tempting and tormenting him all his life—but was it?—Scorchy—heat—devil? It fits—Scorchy is unveiled, exposed. At last the mystery clears with a pointed ear, a mocking grin and a pointed tail.

Garden Plots Available for EOP Employees

Applications Sought As Victory Program Is Launched Here

There will be Victory gardens at EOP this spring and summer. This announcement met with instant approval of hundreds of employees who are living in apartments, trailers and Government homes. Since the rationing of canned goods has gone into effect more fresh vegetables will have to be used, and it has been a problem in many minds to find suitable space and well fertilized ground to grow their own garden truck.

The answer came in a bulletin from **A. E. Frosch,** chief engineer, in which he said that Victory gardens will be arranged in many of the Groups as well as in the Administration Area. The plan is very simple and the ground will be plowed and prepared for all who wish to take advantage of the opportunity to grow what they eat.

If you want a plot in the group where you work, take it up with your superintendent and if plans have been made for gardens he will arrange for your participation. If you want space reserved in the Administration Area, you can sign up with **E. L. Walkup,** Director of Recreation.

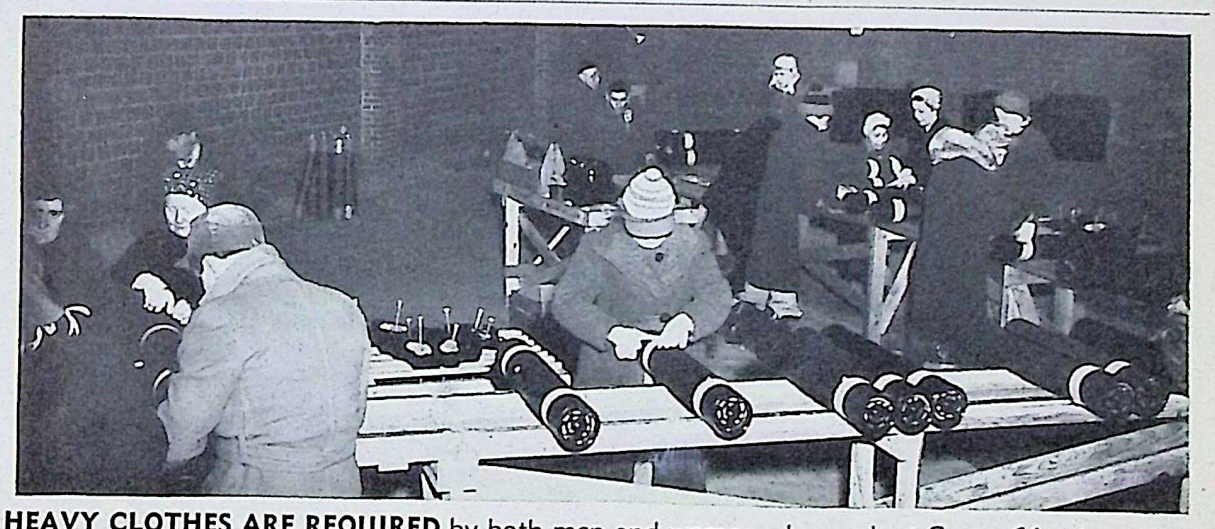
Plots 40 by 50 feet will be staked out. **W. B. Manchester,** groundskeeper, will plow and fertilize where necessary and do all work required to prepare the ground for initial planting. **A. M. Lockwood,** general superintendent of utilities, will provide water connections for garden hose. Mr. Walkup, acting for the Employees Activities Committee, will assign the plots to the individuals in the Administration Area, establish rules under which parcels are to be farmed, keep necessary records and institute competition for best farmed plots.

Here is an opportunity for you to grow what you eat, and get a lot of good healthy outdoor exercise while doing it. The dividends will be better food and better health.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.



HEAVY CLOTHES ARE REQUIRED by both men and women who work at Group 64, where shells and ammunition are stored awaiting shipment overseas.

HAPPY INDEED were executives of EOP when they turned over $10,000 to the Joliet officials of the Red Cross. Shown here left to right are Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, commanding officer; Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter; Richard T. Bassett, EOP campaign chairman; Charles Crawford, chairman of the Joliet campaign, and Mrs. George F. Woodruff of the Joliet Red Cross office.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

Many of the men at this group have been asking about the assignment of Victory gardens. At a recent meeting of the Employees' Activities Committee the entire plan was outlined by Recreation Director **E. L. Walkup** and any one here desiring information should contact **Wilbur Galbraith.**

In the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* the departure of Timekeeper **Mel Roach** was mentioned, only to learn since that he was transferred to Group 2. He is welcomed back to the fold.

Walter Voss, Building 16, is known to all as "Mayor of Peotone," but Walt modestly denies the accusation, adding, "I'm merely a native son."

Talking about hats and caps the other day, some one reported **Nicola Altieri's** assortment could match any which might be found in Harlem or Hollywood.

The group's contributions to 'Golden Gloves' are none other than **Lawrence "Terror" McKeon** and **Harold "Scrap Iron" Spier.** Both boys have daily workouts and are reported to be rounding into form.

Louis Mietsner, known to all as a confirmed 'woman hater,' has changed his mind about the fair sex. Attendance at a house party in New Lenox recently, where the main entertainment consisted of parlor games such as 'post office,' etc., was the main reason. Rumors say Louie is a second **Clark Gable.**

Roland Pierson was voted the best story teller ever to work in Building 16, barring none.

Best wishes for success are extended to **Bernard Riley** and **Richard Feller** who have returned to farming. The boys are missed by their fellow workers.

Lester "Whitey" Butler, foreman of Building 7, is nominated to represent the group in the next EOP bowling sweepstakes. The only complaint 'Whitey' makes is, "the alleys are too wide and the ball too small."

Congratulations go to **Charles "Deputy" Schoenfielder** who was married in his home town of Aurora, February 22. The gang awaits the cigars.

It is alleged **Albert Rusterholz** brings a piece of pie each day to his building foreman. Al claims he is paid for each slice delivered, but some of the fellows wonder.

Another proud father is **Gerard Dandurand**, whose wife presented him with a bouncing son. The boys hope to be singing "Smoke Gets In My Eyes" soon.

Probably **Fred Johnson** will make sure he has all his clothing before any empty cars are pulled away from Building 7 hereafter. A few days ago he had most of the office force tracking down his coat which had been left in an empty car.

Any one desiring information about the fine points of basketball contact **Vernon Walsmith** and **Frank Szabo** at Building 5-A. They say these fellows are really experts.

Raymond "Over Pour" Bell really was excited the other day when two pretty feminine visitors went to Building 4. Ray, of course, denies this, adding, "my complexion is naturally ruddy."

Good old **Gridley "Paper Hanger" Wheeler** went duck hunting last week, fell asleep in the boat and returned home empty handed. Doing some talking in his sleep that evening, Grid kept accusing his wife of rocking the boat. Now the reason is known why he wasn't successful on his latest duck hunting expedition.

A great big welcome was extended to **George Richardson**, assistant foreman, who returned to work after being away for three months with a broken ankle.

Lots of good luck wishes accompanied **V. Fogarty**, when he left for the armed forces. He said he is going to 'bag' a Jap for every man in Building 12, and while doing this will get three for himself, adding "and that's for sure."

Now that **F. Bales** has completed his welding course he is thinking about taking a first aid course to heal his many wounds.

Did you ever see a dream walking? Come over and take a look at **Art Beardsly** in Building 12.

Best wishes go with **Frank Lorenc** on his adventure as a farmer. This is nothing new for Frank, so all are sure he'll do well.

Rudy Larson, foreman, predicts he'll get to Chicago to the Zoo, gas or no gas. He said, "the trains are still running."

All hope that **Andy Doyle** will be back by the time shifts are changed. Andy is having a rather tough job waiting for the stork.

George "Meat and Gravy" Spencer came out with something new in the line of a haircut. It wasn't the usual broken bowl, but a chipped tea-cup affair. This is something new and, who knows, it may be the start of a fad.

Friends are congratulating **James "Rackets" Brophy** and **Moe Feeney** on their beautiful friendship. Some say they get along like brothers and others say it is more like a bill collector and a debtor.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER

Correspondent

Fuze Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

Ask **Hal "Pack-em-in" Pitchford** to show a trick of his which he calls "the old New Yorker."

Helen Abrams was disappointed last week when her para-trooper husband couldn't get home because his leave was cancelled.

Harriet Porter, forelady in Group 4, left for the WAVES March 25. A chicken dinner and handkerchief shower was given in her honor by the girls on her line.

John "Peddler" Kinney, foreman of Building 5, must have taken a course in salesmanship—the way he is high pressuring his friends. He is also thinking of a going-away party, but is too shy to mention it to his friends.

Ethel Studer was a happy girl when she received a cablegram from her boy friend, who is somewhere in England.

Harvey Sessi writes every day to his "one and only" (?) girl friend back East.

Jean Beyer left March 12 for Fort Bliss, El Paso, Tex., to visit her husband who is stationed there.

Best wishes are in order for **Mickey Sanchez** on her marriage to **Robert Wonnell** of Joliet March 6.

Gladys Todd has been walking on clouds ever since her recent visit with her husband, who is a sergeant stationed at Indiantown Gap, Penn.

Serious days ahead are reported for **Anna Esser**, who received a watch from her boy friend in North Carolina.

Alice Deschand has received some interesting pictures from her soldier brother in North Africa.

Many wonder why **Helen Cusick** and **Julia Flori** are better known as "Ding" and "Dong." **Bing Enger** and **Ronnie Carlson** are reading **Emily Post** and saying, among other things, "After you, please."

Loretta "Shadow" Leamann, is back on a steady liquid diet.

John "Pa" Woods, Britton "Flash" Palmateer and **"Wild Bill" Watt** report that their razor blade, shoe string and button business is not on the point rationing system. **Eddie Burns** is their best customer.

In the Nickname Department there are **Lois Schultz** and **Mary Foster**, who are known as the "Gold Dust Twins," and **"Peaches" Hulse** and **"Sully" Sullivan** are called the "Rinso White Girls."

Pauline Vismara, Helen "Honey" Kelley and **Gerry "Cindy" Parthun** can throw anything but a party!

The Fuze and Booster Area is justly proud of its championship basketball team. All comments concerning "the luckiest team winning" are being disregarded. It seems that it takes a high quality team to be a good loser. The boys are wearing their gold basketballs, and the first place trophy is theirs.

By the looks of the sparkler on **Cecelia Stangler's** left hand, it won't be long till she is taking that final step.

The girls from the shipping room surely missed **Hulda Gaffey** the day she missed her bus. Hulda was scheduled to bring all the trimmings for the pot luck luncheon.

MAJ. GENERAL Russell L. Maxwell observes closely as a 2,000 pound bomb is poured in Group 3-A.

Vernon Foster has a new spring bonnet that is deserving of comment. **Marcella Barchark** has a new system for saving time in dressing. Extended napping periods are involved.

Doris Raber is welcomed back to work after a week's illness.

Fuze Group 5
By Florence Schnebley

Rita Legris was surprised recently on her birthday when the girls in the Paint Shop had a party and presented her with a gift.

Al Nahas has been missed since he left for the Army; however, the blue-eyed painter is cheerfully trying to console all the girls.

Larry Patton is cordially welcomed to Group 5. Many wonder what the great attraction is out in the receiving room where **Rus Dwyer** and **Art Thomas** spend most of their time helping.

Tommy Nesbit, assistant superintendent, who has acquired the art of painting, has only to obtain a union card in order to hang out a shingle.

Jack O'Grady wonders where a really good barber is available for 50 cents. Two more boys have gone into service, **Johnny Dolnak** and **Walter "Smokey" Duncan.**

When **Mary Pribish** sings "Miss You" she has that far away look in her eyes. **Ruth Schaubel** hasn't appeared so happy lately. The Army? Could be!

Ruby Hoye, who is convalescing from a minor operation, is really missed by her many friends.

A word of praise is deserved by the girls of the clean-up gang. They are doing nice work on their new job.

Group 9
By Marguerite Goodendorf

Peggy Warren, timekeeper here, who left for the SPARS, will be missed by all those who admired charming personality. **Velda Clemens** is ill with pneumonia.

Kathleen Coash is welcomed back to work after being off to take care of her little daughter who was ill.

The girls on the clean-up crew are very efficient, and a pleasant addition to the group.

Lois Krieger has been ill for some time and everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

Is **John McCormick**, the great Irish tenor, dead or alive? Any information would be greatly appreciated by some puzzled workers here.

Several persons have received post-cards from **Ray Ruder** of the Air Corps, now in Miami, Fla.

Harriet Sokolinski, who soon will leave for the WAACS, was given a farewell dinner by her fellow-workers.

Group 45
By Mae Agnich

Billie Burrill left recently for the WAACS, and already several of the girls have received letters and postals from her. Billie is stationed at Des Moines, Ia., and sends her regards to all of her friends.

James Ewing has taken over the Reclamation Division.

Edna Johnson is back after being confined to her home for a couple of weeks.

***Dorothy Hallett**, driver, took the limited to Champaign in search of romance one week end. Looks like she found it!* No definite reports are available.

Helen Fritz and **Rilla Tallman**, truck helpers, were out on a double date one night. Double as far as they were concerned, for there was but one man. **Mary Krawetz** was their chaperon.

Wilma "Willie" Fawver seems to block traffic on Route 66-A at the entrance to Group 45 each morning. Many of her associates wonder why. **Ida Moers** had her car washed.

Pat Engel is on a diet. So is **Chris Franklin**, the kind when you eat everything and any time.

Mary Byron is thinking of sailboats—on her wallpaper.

Amy Bishop is welcomed as a new matron.

Alice Meadows is flashing a diamond on that certain finger.

Red Lampman has a $10 bet with **Mae Agnich** but no details have been obtained. **Mary Wright**, driver, has that sad, forlorn and lonely look in her eyes. 'Tis the war!

"Booster," mascot of Group 45, had a little difficulty one morning gaining admittance, and several plan to get a badge for the puppy.

Millie Doyle, helper, plans to buy a bicycle, since her Buick requires so much gasoline.

Terrence Henry Hop, eight-pound son of **Pvt. Henry Hop**, formerly of Group 7, Building 10, now stationed at the Cut Bank Air Base, Montana, is two months old. He was born January 24. Mrs. Hop is the former **Wanda Hertz**, who also was employed in Group 7.

George Lamb paid a visit to his home town of Oglesby which, he explained to a few of his friends, is a wide spot in the road. On his return he remarked that some work had been done on the road—the draft board narrowed it.

All donations will be cheerfully accepted for the "bull-whip" which will be given to **Dan Carey** his next birthday. The whip he has been cracking around the last few weeks is nearly worn out and should be replaced.

Everyone is hoping and pulling for a speedy recovery for **Edwin Giasson.** All are looking forward to seeing him back at work soon.

Did you know—That **Joe Horvat** will fight at the drop of a quarter . . . That **Bill Borr** keeps time by the number of days until the midnight shift . . . That **Otto "Bull of the Woods" Koch** doesn't like poetry . . . That **Les Arling** is wearing a tie waiting for feminine visitors to come through the line . . . That **Ode Golden** lost his hat at the Moose Hall one night, and made three trips there to get it, coming back each time without it?

Q. How much is deducted from a serviceman's pay, if his dependents receive an allowance from the Government under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act?

A. Twenty-two bucks a month. This deduction is made whether his dependents are in class A (wife and child, or children) or class B (parents, brother, sister, and grandchild). However, if an allowance is paid to dependents in both class A and class B, $27 will be deducted from his pay.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Several co-workers have been on the sick list. **Lorene Motta, Ozzie Blancard, Vance Cook** and **Dr. Andrew Bustin.** Dr. Bustin, Vance and Ozzie have recovered.

Among the Hospital staff members who blossomed with bits of Erin St. Patrick's Day were O'Schultz, O'Cohler, O'Luke, O'Gergovich. **Dr. Jim Madura** said he is not at all Irish, since his forefathers came from India.

Elliott Hayes, a versatile patient, has been amusing the nurses with his prowess as a monkey. The only things he can't climb are some of the tall stories he has been broadcasting. Even "Imogene" is beginning to doubt his words! Especially about the string of yellow catfish that the railroad detective mistook for a stolen bunch of bananas. Mr. Cotner is beginning to be a bit envious of his roommate's cage-like tendencies and would also like to have some steel bars placed about his bed.

Best wishes for a successful recovery are sent to **Mary Philbin's** mother, who underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet.

The staff wished happy birthday to **Doris McCollum** St. Patrick's Day.

Bertha Perush enjoyed the play "Maid of the Ozarks" in Chicago.

Dr. Lazarus Cohler has become a good mathematician. How? The hard way—by doing ration-point shopping for his wife. So far he hasn't been heard to complain about headaches.

Reports have it that **Dr. Bohdan Giel,** who has been working on the p. m. shift, is mighty lonesome. However, he does find time during the day to watch the surgery being done at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

Marge Hartong was royally entertained in the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCollum.** Marge had an excellent dinner, but many wonder how she spent the rest of the time.

Dorothy Busse attended the wedding of her borther at Palos Park March 13. She returned to work starry-eyed, probably with fond memories of her own wedding of a year ago.

Roy Picamen, Hospital "G" man, left for Alaska to seek fame and fortune.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The inspectors at Group 61, as far as their former occupations are concerned form the melting pot of industry:

Jim Finnegan, alcohol distiller, A. P. (after prohibition); **Joe Sitkowski,** photographer; **Jimmy Glade,** school teacher; **John Smith,** stove artist; **Harold Rouff,** playboy and student; **Albert "Dink" Mattern, Charlie Barnett's** drummer; **Joe Sullivan,** grain dealer; **Ed Rashid,** lawyer; **Bob Karges,** traveling salesman; **Elmer Tolf,** wallpaper maker; **Sam Mount,** horse fancier; **Clarence Dixon,** car salesman; **Glenn Coppens,** paper machine operator; **Lloyd Thompson,** barber; **Ed Korevac,** male nurse, and **Perc Sprimont,** farmer.

It has been rumored that the Foremen's Quarters are going to have a Victory Garden. They have elected **Bill Hartman** and **Art Jensen** as head gardeners. It is hoped that Art doesn't get his sweat shirt dirty again so he will have to return it to the cleaners for the second time this year.

Bob Partridge, Army aviation cadet at Coe College, and **Don Peters,** Navy aviation cadet at DePauw University, sent their regards to the inspectors of the Fuze and Booster Area.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompkins, Group 62-S, spent a week-end in Detroit visiting relatives.

Wedding bells soon will be ringing for **Ruth Mueller** of Kankakee. **Glenn Evans** of Chillicothe, O., is the lucky man. Maybe you remember the day he braved the flood and suffered a sprained wrist while walking on a slippery floor.

Everett A. Thompkins, Group 62-S, now holds a U. S. Government second class commercial radio telephone operators license, following a recent examination. This is a very limited field of service and the group is proud one of its members made this creditable record.

Jack Heavens and his companion, **Matt Reay,** are anxious to see good weather come. Cold and snowy week-ends don't make very pleasant motoring. Jack says that it is a shock to find, all of a sudden, cornstalks flapping against the car windows.

Arthur Kossak, who recently left South Inert for the Army, writes the boys that he is now in Miami, Fla., with the Air Corps, and that the famous Florida climate is really great.

The Inspection Office is getting more feminine every day. Now there is **Grace Johnson,** who is taking the place of **Glenn Sparks.** The first few chilly days she wore her jodhpurs, but she must have tied her horse behind the Time Office, for no one ever saw it. Anyway, she is very welcome in the department.

SUPERINTENDENT J. J. Fitzpatrick welcomed Maj. Gen. Russell L. Maxwell, who visited EOP after spending 16 months in Africa.

Homer Peters reported that there is at least one canned delectable, which is neither frozen nor rationed, still on the shelves of a few stores. In case any one wants to save on a few points, Homer is going to let you in on it—it's rattlesnake meat.

Lawrence Myers was giving his grocery order over the phone the other day and among the articles on the list were two or three kinds of meat. The grocer, knowing that he couldn't part with that much meat, told him in a nice way that it was frozen. Lawrence, absent minded, said, "Oh, think nothing of it, it will be all right after my wife thaws it out."

Loretta Mock, Group 7, left for the good old homestead in Joliet. The inspectors surprised her with several lovely gifts.

Several inspectors had a good time in Morris at a P & A dance. **Josephine Kien,** Group 7, must have been there, for she just loves to do the polka.

The Gremlins you have been reading about in Smilin' Jack sure are doing their part in **Stella Jaworski's** office. They seem to get in the lead of her pencil when she takes dictation and also must climb all over her typewriter keys, for when she finishes a letter no one will claim it and if someone does claim it they have to sit by her side and keep an eye on the keys while Stella types it over again. This time, whether the Gremlins are scared away or not, the letter turns out perfectly. Has anyone a powder or something that will take care of these Gremlins for Stella?

Congratulations go to **George Wetterhahn** and **Mel Kennedy** of Group 3. George was promoted from shift supervisor to senior inspector, and Mel was promoted from inspector to shift supervisor.

After working with **Bob Rolence** for some time, it was finally learned through a recording, that he is an accomplished musician on a tenor saxophone.

It just doesn't pay **Joe Motta,** Group 61, to dream about Alice. While doing so his news for *The Bomb-Shell* disappeared. Of course, his inspector friends wouldn't know a thing about it.

BOMB LOADING is watched by Maj. Gen. Russell L. Maxwell (left), Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, commanding officer, and Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, in Group 3-A.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

S. G. Joseph, former superintendent of concrete, steel and brickwork during the construction of EOP, spent March 12 visiting here. This was Mr. Joseph's first return since leaving February 7, 1942. Since that date, Mr. Joseph has been connected with two Sanderson & Porter projects. First, he worked on the completion of the Rivesville Power Station at Fairmont, W. Va.; later, a dam project at Santa Fe, N. M., for the New Mexico Power Company. Mr. Joseph's work here contributed largely to the success of this project.

News has been received of the birth of a son to **Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vaupell of Elmhurst.** Mr. Vaupell was until recently connected with the Utilities Department.

Beno Judge, Water Division, has moved back to civilization. The address is 1111 Kankakee Street, Wilmington—but he still complains of no key to his home.

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

Robert Hayes is settled down at Great Lakes, and would appreciate hearing from his friends here.

James O'Connor has joined the Marines, and is missed by all his pals, especially at lunch time.

Girls are now driving the "zoom" buses. Any questions? Ask **Ray Provance.**

According to the guards at Group 8, **Edith Cerre** is doing O.K. driving a semi.

Margaret Forbin has a new light in her eyes. She says she gets a kick out of driving a bus.

Sheet Metal Scrap
By Jess Thomas

John Vidmar and **Earl Olson** passed around cigars. Both have sons.

Karl Triebel is now raising rabbits in anticipation of meat rationing.

Charlie Webb has gone to Mayo Brothers for a check-up.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Alex Bertoia is now a member of the "I forgot my badge club."

Bob Walker and **Charles Wackendorfer** opened the fishing season at Taylor Lake.

Jack Shiner can use at least three more men.

Eddie Wolford says his Victory garden will grow only one vegetable—'onions.'

Bob Dickman won't help his wife assemble a quilting frame again. The blisters on his hand explain the reason.

Elmer Dupree has given up smoking a pipe. Cigarettes are easier to handle.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Lucille Hassel has a definite aversion to snakes, even a toy one which jumps out of a can marked "peanut brittle."

Everyone was glad to see **Harry Chayer** back at work after being off for two weeks with a severe cold.

Kenneth Robertson, pipefitter on the night shift, left to join the Army.

Jim Miller always carries a few marbles in his coat pocket in hopes that someone will want to play during the noon hour. Jim says, "In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of marbles."

One of the most efficient Red Cross collectors during the recent campaign was **Mary Wynne,** who had even the cot at the Pipe Shop tagged!

Machine Shop Slants
By Marie Studer

Paul Becker celebrated his birthday March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Edward Delaney has returned to work, also **Glen Bick,** who returned March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kallner are the proud parents of a new son.

All baseball-minded men of the Machine Shop are reminded that Spring training will begin just as soon as the weather warms up a little bit. Anyone who wishes to play is to report to **Manager Becker.** As most know, the Machine Shop won the trophy last year, and hopes to repeat this year.

Telephone Tid-bits
By Elaine Christman

Mary McFadden resigned as an operator to care for her home and children.

John Brewer and family spent a week-end in Streator, his home town.

Loretta Bradshaw has been on the sick list for a week. All hope she will be back soon.

Velma Whitmore has received word from her soldier boy, **Ray Harper,** that he has been transferred from Camp Grant to Washington, D. C.

The field men of the telephone building have been kept busy with cable trouble caused by the heavy lightning and rain storm of March 15.

Radio Ramblings
By Kathryn Richardson

Oh, the pity of it all! The thermometer read 10 above zero and **Gust Hahn** nonchalantly walked into work with the sunniest suntan ever seen here. He said he fell asleep under a sun lamp *and everyone believes him.*

R. A. Brown has a few homemade recordings which really take the cake. Ask him about the one which he has very appropriately named "Corn."

They were discussing the tramp situation the other noon hour at work and were wondering if there were such things any more. **Ken Storch** answered the question by saying that on his day off he took a little tramp around the town.

Who "planted" the mouse near the telephone in the front office? It could have been **Clarence Coope** and yet he isn't the only one with a sheepish look on his face around these h'yar parts.

Herb Senter stood at the work bench assembling a radio when apparently something went wrong and Herb (on the verge of using a little profanity) looked up suddenly and saw your correspondent watching the process. "How long have you been here?" asked Herb. Your correspondent (not knowing that he meant—standing in that particular place) answered, "A year and a half." "Oh, you poor girl," he responded, "you must be tired—draw up a chair."

Merle Eberhart was greatly envied as he walked into work gingerly swinging an apparently new lunch bucket the other day. "Just a new paint job," Merle reported. It *was* a new tool box he carried in March 19 though and was he beaming?

Bess Moore's Brother Is Reported Safe

Bess Moore, chief, Personnel Division, Ordnance Department, has been notified by the Navy Department that her brother, Marine Gunner **Joseph F. Moravec,** who was reported missing in action in the South Pacific, is now back at his base in New Hebrides. A letter from the fighter revealed that he had to bail out during a driving storm when his plane ran out of gas. The hail cut off his helmet and goggles, but he hit the water and immediately launched his collapsible rubber boat. Friendly natives on the shore hid him from the Japs and later took him to an outpost from where his base was signaled. A plane was sent for him and returned him to his own squadron. He was missing for ten days.

FILING CABINETS are an important part of Personnel Department's activities as shown here. Pictured left to right are Elizabeth Benedict, Evelyn Voitik and Helen De Lach.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Word has been received from **Sgt. Joseph Haley**, a former guard here. Joe sent his regards to all the boys and said he enjoys immensely *The Bomb-Shell*. He is stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon, and would welcome letters.

It seems a good many former guards are moving places in Uncle Sam's Army. Former Supervising **Sgt. Ray Harper** is reported in Washington, D. C., while former **Lieut. James Connor** is at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y. Both are in the MP service.

Deep sympathy is extended to **Sgt. Foster Jarvis** and **Lieut. William Bantner** in recent bereavements in their families.

The Guards' basketball team saved a number of their backers from embarrassment by coming through with a victory over the "Dribblers" from the Fire Department. Not seeing the boys in action before, it was difficult to select a proper monicker. But then came a flash—"The Beef Trust." Some shapes and sizes—but they put the ball through the hoop.

Frank L. Hansen, former guard, is a corporal in the Army, stationed at Camp Chaffie, Arkansas.

Congratulations are extended to **Lowell French**, who is now fondling a new son, born February 27.

The Guards suffered another loss when **Peter Sacco** was called by Uncle Sam. From the many telephone calls he received, he was quite popular here.

Your correspondent has been pondering over a noteworthy article in behalf of the Irishman's day—March 17. After due deliberation (being of Irish descent) it was decided not to flourish on the subject, as by the time this reaches press, the Kellys, O'Briens, Murphys, and the Macs will have resumed normal stature, that is, their expanded chests and heads will have been reduced.

Capt. Walter Bayer, Lieut. Gene Ryan, dispatchers **John Smith** and **John Welch** were very interesting and accommodating students at a recent card-playing demonstration given by **Joseph Wolf** at a recent fellowship meeting. Guard Wolf asserts that at all future lessons all students will be awarded gold certificates.

With the Women
By Lt. Ruth Chidsey

Marjorie Kelly, a former woman guard, has returned to the farm. It is hard to lose a good policewoman, but farming is very essential and all wish her every success in her new endeavor.

Alice Lacey has been called home to Ottumwa, Ia. Her mother is very ill.

Sgt. Billie Taff enjoyed a day off last Friday. She went to Chicago and really did the town.

Mayona Nelson, efficient driver, is home suffering from a severe cold.

Some of the women guards were pleasantly surprised when, on St. Patrick's Day morn, **Margaret Egan** sang a number of Irish songs and **Helen Dillon** danced a jig.

Zelma Kinard is spending all of her spare time reading the seed catalogs. She plans to have one of the best Victory gardens at EOP.

Lt. EveAnna Castle helped Miss Dillon befriend a little white puppy. **Luella Lipzchutz** applauded their noble deed until she was asked to sit in the back seat of the car so that the puppy could sit up front and keep warm.

Esther Martin of Joliet has been employed by this department.

Several of the women guards bowled March 10 and then joined **Capt. Gladys Armstrong** for a chicken dinner. Several of the girls were proud of their scores and others were a little discouraged. However, a good time was had by all.

Lt. Ruth Chidsey has been trying to convince the office force that that little plant on her desk is a shamrock and not a clover.

Beatrice McInerney was a victim of another automobile accident. Her injuries were slight but painful.

Several new women have entered the department: **Georgine Blaeuer**, Wilmington; **Mary Burke**, Joliet; **Clara Arnold**, Dwight; **Amy Gable**, Manteno; **Alice Lee**, Kankakee; **Peggy Stinespring**, Kankakee, and **Bette Walters**, Joliet.

Cecile Martin resigned because of ill health.

Ruth Kimmel received word that her son has joined the armed forces. She is doing more than her bit; it isn't everyone who can boast of having a husband in the Navy and a son in the Army.

Jo Finch moved to Joliet from Morris. Her husband left for the Army.

The harmonious strains emanating from the Payroll Department at quitting time St. Patrick's Day came from none other than those famous sons of Erin, **John Dolan, John O'Connell** and *Company*. Many wonder where the wheezy baritone with the bald pate, the company part of the trio, learned all of those Irish lyrics. Perhaps he is Irish on his mother-in-law's side.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK
Correspondent

Kenneth Wehling, Tom Martin, Paul Ray and a few of the Warehouse employees are warming up every day during lunch hour with the baseball and gloves, and expect to be in the best of condition when the season officially opens.

Gerald Fitzgerald, one of the old timers checking material for **John Markley** at the Hub, was examined March 18 for military service. If Fitz is accepted and will do as good a job for Uncle as he has done here for EOP it will not be long before this war is over.

Robert Gulso, a checker stationed at the Hub, reported March 18 at Peoria for a final examination for the armed forces. At the rate these youngsters are leaving for the fighting fronts, it looks like **Charlie Herbig, Clinton "Barrel House" Jones, Fred "Billy Goat" Nelson** and your correspondent, **"Superseding Ticket" Frank McCormick**, will be about all that's left to carry on.

One night recently in a bowling match, **Felix Senasac** got three fingers stuck in a ball and he couldn't get them out so when it was his turn to bowl, Felix, ball and all shot down the alley, knocking down all the pins on two alleys. When Felix wanted to chalk up two strikes, the other players wouldn't allow it so Felix quit bowling and is strictly a pingpong player from now on.

With the robins singing every morning, the rains falling and all signs pointing to spring, most persons shiver and hang on to their overcoats every time they see the old "Fox Squirrel," **Joe Horrell**, hiding stale bread crusts and sour peas and potatoes.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF
Correspondents

The boys of the Fire Department are busy with the black paint and crepe to match. No one has a sweet smile for his fellow fire-fighters and it is not very nice to come home to the fire inspectors.

Fire Inspectors **John D. Smith, Harry Nielson, John Hembrough, Jim Dickson, Jack Jevitz, Tom Brown, Bob Graham** and **Harold Guderjan** handed **Frankie Nolan** a petition requesting that the color of the pretty carmine hued extinguishers throughout the area be changed to black.

Mark Settlemoir, Bill Monk, Ken Curry, Ogle Garrett, Art Flahaven, George Bexson, Dutch Meyer and **Otto Mietz** are mournfully engaged in a most unjoyous task . . . they are tying large bows of crepe around each and every fire barrel in the lumber yard . . . page **A. M. Lockwood**. The barrels in the groups are receiving similar treatment from **Ermand Marco, Clyde Townsend, Did Jensen, Lynn Boman, Orville Riggs, Nick Cleary, Murrell Smith, "Cy" Ochs, Howard Arnold, Don Trimmer** and **Clarence Kline**.

Now you are whisked to the Fire Stations to show you how a brave fireman stands up under the strain of an overwhelming avalanche of grief and sorrow. At Central Fire Station, **Chief Roy W. Mortenson** has quit eating. **Cliff Weiss, Charlie Davis, Walt Lueder** and **Bill Reichert**, assistant chiefs, refuse to play checkers. **Tony Schnelton** stopped cooking and **Frank Scoma** won't talk. **Donnie Jones** has joined a Bible class and **Tom Downey** is running for mayor of Ottawa on the Prohibition ticket. **Willie Hayes** just sits and stares with his eyes closed.

At the Group 60 fire barn, **Grover Alexander** keeps asking for the address of **Pete Kelly's** mission; **Al Newman** just won't be drawn into an argument, and **Walt Williamson** doesn't care if he gets a raise or not. No one can get **Mike Ryan** to leave at the end of his shift. He says he just can't bear his grief all alone looking at four walls.

Charlie Jiskra stopped writing those fancy checks. **Larry Bade** gave up playing the piano and **"Pappy" Hayes** sold his roller skates. **Jim McGinnis** wants to dye his hair black and **Gerry Noyd** keeps mumbling "I'll Never Smile Again." This article gets more and more depressing (and disgusting), so off to Station 3 for a gander.

Here also the clouds hang low. **Buzz Pavlich, Earl Fitzgerald, Ed Koren** and **Don Trainor** just look at each other and tears come to their eyes. The officers got together and formed a "Sobbin' Blues" quartet with **George Philip** as soprano, **Ralph Rausch**, baritone; **Mike Olson**, mezzo soprano; **Norm Lubs**, contralto, and **George Rogina** and **Ken "Squeaky" Brooke** doubling on bass. They were accompanied by that Frankenstein of the canine world, **Rin-Tin-Tin** the Third (4, 5, and 7). This is slightly more than is usually found in the average quartet, but what are a few figures . . . if it's art . . . (haw)?

But back to the boys on the rigs. **Joe Vaccaro's** chin is down to his knees . . . and that's a drop in any man's language. **Ed Kamper** has to be watched every time he shears his mustache for fear that he might include his throat in the operation. **Angelo Amarose** won't even fight with his kids at home and **Ludwig Lazar** is wearing purple glasses.

At the Chicago Road Burning Pit, the scene is equally miserable. **Clayton Fuller** just says "yes" in a mild manner to all questions put to him by **Walt Van Winkle, Roy Barth, Lee Gadberry, Harry Moran, Ralph Hoehn** and **Donald Pray**. **Frank Hayes** nods his head in mute approval of all these doings.

By now all youse readers who have not fallen asleep . . . or fallen off the wagon . . . with this drivel, may faintly wonder what is this calamity that has overtaken the ex-happy Fire Department. Is it the reverse at Kharkov? Income Tax? The Lenten season? Memories of the early days of the war . . . or what?

Anyone who has gone through the ordeal of reading the foregoing is entitled to an answer and here it is in your correspondent's own dull and rambling manner.

On the afternoon of March 16, an event took place which is common practice (says the script). Those darlings of the basketball world . . . "The Fire Department Dribblers" encountered three teams from a group or a team from Group 3. It was a tough tussle. The boys sank one sensational shot after another (and then they sank). It was a see-saw, razzle-dazzle affair throughout. The final score was in doubt until the whistle blew (the Fire Department blues). The crowd was treated to basketball a la professionals. The boys were practically perfect. The game uncovered one star after another, **Ed Stricklin, Larry Dailey, Loris Hart, Ed Dickens** and **Joe Catalani**. Your correspondents have never seen 'em play, so they don't know who else is on the team . . . but it's a cinch they were great that night.

In the last second of the game a freak shot from the opponents was found in the Fire Department basket, thus rendering the final score 33 to 17. It is unimportant who won. The fire fighters did their best and after all, it was only a semi-final in some sort of a tournament and look what it gave the boys in the department . . . something to sigh for . . . something to cry for . . . and a lot of names in *The Bomb-Shell*.

The following new members are welcomed to the Fire Department: **Sylvester Hubert, Anton Stukel, Erwin Randolph**. And "so long" was said to **John Watkins, Paul Mulvain, Max Reick, Al Schomas** and **Rudy Getson**.

Set two more places at the table. Old friends **Len Jesson** and **Wiley Bell** are back from the Army.

Marine Says Girls Here Are Inspiration

Harvey Conrad, who left EOP in March, 1942, to enlist in the Marines, visited his former co-workers here March 16. Mr. Conrad was an explosives operator in Group 1.

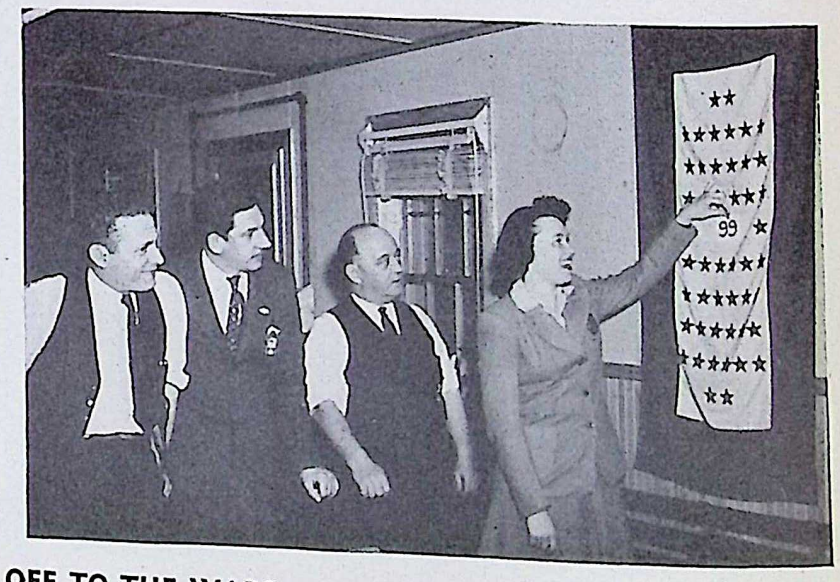
After serving with the Marines for six months, Mr. Conrad was honorably discharged following an injury to his hand during a drill in San Diego, Calif. Then he enlisted in the Merchant Marine and, for some time, was on convoy duty in the Atlantic. At present he is training gunners in New York.

"The girls at EOP," said Mr. Conrad, "are doing a swell job on the loading lines. I will admit I was somewhat shocked when I saw a girl doing the same job I used to do, but after watching her and her associates in the building, I am confident that the ammunition will continue to roll no matter how many men are called to the armed forces.

"I wish it were possible for all of the men who used to work here to come back to see what a wonderful job the girls are doing. It would be an inspiration to every one of them."

Standing in Trucks Is Dangerous Practice

Employees who stand up in the backs of trucks while they are in motion are cautioned by **Rollin T. Reed**, safety supervisor, that they are committing an offense against safety regulations and are taking needless chances. Mr. Reed pointed out that if the truck should come to a quick stop, the workers might be thrown off balance, and cause a serious accident, resulting in lost time for the employees and considerable expense to the plant. Truck drivers are requested to be certain that all passengers are seated before starting.



OFF TO THE WARS goes Peggy Warren as she places her own number on the Time Office Honor Roll as Bernard McShane, John O'Connell and Milton Treitel look on.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

It is with regret that farewell was said to **Capt. David P. Tunstall**, who has been public relations officer here for longer than a year. The best wishes of the Ordnance Department went with him . . . and the big welcome mat was spread for his successor, **Capt. Paul Cooper.** His pleasant manner will bring him hosts of friends and so "Farewell and Welcome" is said all in the same breath. . . .

Now to the work at hand. . . . **Ray Reynolds**, known as "Skip" to the gang in Operations and Engineering, is now in Milton, Wis., where he will receive civilian training as a pilot and after two months will be enrolled in the Navy V-5 program at the University of Iowa, at Iowa City . . . how about that? . . . ain't ya glad? . . .

Also heard the other day that **Harold Holz**, formerly of Inspection is now in the Armed Forces. . . . Boy, they sure are grabbin' 'em. . . . Who knows . . . maybe your correspondent will be next. . . . That cute little man with the bow and arrows caught another gal in his journeys . . . yep. . . . **Ethel Dirker** now answers when you call "**Mrs. Robert Campbell**" . . . hubby is **Pvt. Bob Campbell** of Scott Field. . . . Congrats and good luck. . . .

Suppose you heard that **Emma Shea** was in a cigar store buying a big fat cigar for **Bill Leeland** and her pride and joy, the junior edition of Em, her daughter, told the vendor . . . that if her mom was going to start smoking . . . she wanted a package of snuff. . . . How about that!

The Public Relations office has a new "glamor gal" . . . she is the very pretty **Jeanne Baskerville**. . . . All welcome her and hope she will like the gang.

Keesler Field, Miss., is the new home of **Robert McEvoy**. . . . He's at the Air Corps Technical School there.

Danny Considine is the clock-outingest guy ever known hereabouts. . . . When he goes to lunch, doesn't he go up to the time clock and big as life punch out . . . having done that once . . . could be forgiven . . . but no . . . Danny boy romps up the next day and does the same thing . . . when questioned about this . . . Danny just sighs and mumbles something about . . . "Well, if you had 10 girls working for you, you'd be nuts, too."

Bernece Carlson had the "flu bug" the other day . . . but she done threw him and is back on the job again.

Hazel Kossak heard from hubby, **Art**. . . . He's in Florida, soaking up all the sunshine. . . . He was in the Inspection Department prior to being inducted into the Army. . . . Hazel is about to get writer's cramp writing to him. . . . He is one of those A A F T T C. . . . That is really a mouthful, but it really means somethin' . . . yep, them flier fellows sure do the stuff, don't they?

Lois Ressler is keeping herself scarce these days. Has she got something on her mind that is important . . . have heard rumors that her heart is fluttering for a dark man . . . full name is unknown at present . . . **Janet Chapman** sure is a model of neatness and besides has a swell personality . . . she's in Operation and Transportation.

Many wonder how **Aubrey Brockhouse** manages to get his exercises since **Ray Duclos** left . . . no ping pong to take off that excess weight. Also **Don Hubbard** must miss those "bull" sessions that gang use to have . . . Seems as though no one ever won.

Leona Sopher of Personnel reverted back to the old ways to catch a man . . . she and her friends from Streator and Joliet were taking a tour through the penitentiary in Joliet the other Sunday and Leona played "drop the handkerchief." . . . For details it is suggested that little "Lee" be consulted . . . anyway that gang had a good time . . . and they always do . . . **Bill Zelko** sure was missed the other night when the Transportation outfit had a party . . . ya know kids . . . he's the "life of any party." . . . "**Snuffy**" **Santry**, the traffic king . . . sure gets the guys and gals off on the right trains at the right time. . . . By the way . . . what's that "Snuffy" deal?

The flash of the week . . . **Mavis Emerson** has taken over Orphan Annie's job as a Commando . . . so folksies it is now Colonel Emerson of the Junior Commandos.

Flossie Babecke has all but lost that Kentucky drawl she acquired on her recent trip.

From the Timekeepers

Best wishes went with **Otto Zenke** who recently returned to his former position with the Armour Packing Company in Chicago.

Kay Lohman's brother, **Ensign Robert Lohman** of the Naval Air Corps, has completed his training at Corpus Christi, Tex., and spent some of his furlough with his charming and cute sister.

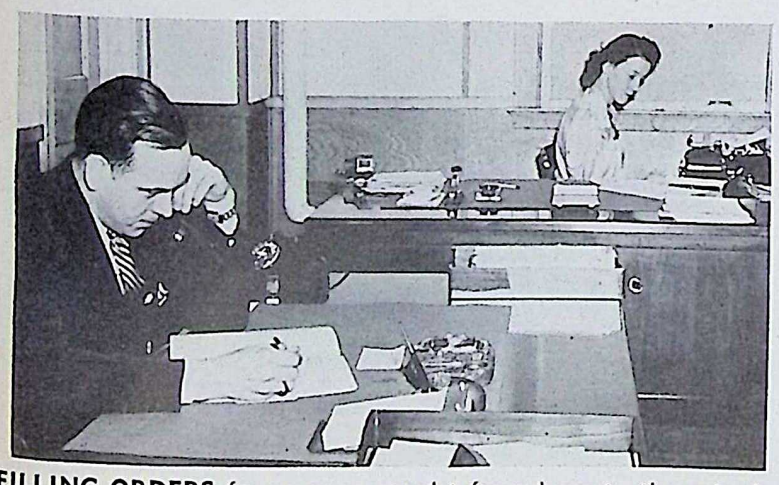
Flash, flash—**Willie Peebles** has something attached to his upper lip . . . no one seems to know just what will happen . . . but are all waiting with their usual sceptic looks.

Lots of persons are jealous of **Jay Folk's** curly hair, why not with the price of permanents what they are! Wonder how **Chester Tomes** likes walking the floor at night . . . he should secure the services of that stamina stout **Lewis Schuck** . . . he'd be a big help. . . . Or maybe the quiet manner of **Lonnie Richardson** would fit into the picture better. . . . Anyway the timekeepers want to help all they can.

Q. What does Guadalcanal mean?

A. Named by a far-wandering Spanish adventurer in 1568 after his home town, Guadalcanal, Spain, a silver-mining village 50 miles northwest of Seville. Village name is believed to have come from the Moorish "wadi," meaning stream, and the Spanish "canal" meaning channel.

J. W. Milus, a first sergeant at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, formerly employed in Group 3, wrote that he had been there a year and is training recruits as they come from reception centers.



FILLING ORDERS for persons sought from here to there is the daily job of Floyd Schauland, assistant personnel director, attempts to fill. He is shown with his secretary, Jane Schnepper.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Darwin "Dale" Boitnott has been making it a point to be confident his name will be in each issue of *The Bomb-Shell*. Know what he did now? He had a birthday; nothing so unusual about that, but what happened in connection with it is what started tongues to wagging. Someone who signed only the name, "Lorella," sent him a birthday box similar to the kind you used to receive when you celebrated at school. Starting out with home-made cookies and candy, gum drops, peanuts, shaving soap, tooth-paste and tooth brush, it ran the complete list of everything that a fertile imagination could unearth down to a toy sailboat and socks.

Even though **Claude Sayre** can't by any stretch of imagination be included in the Personnel Department, unless you count his daily visit to the building, a story he told about himself is just too good to omit. Going to a small eating place directly after he finished working (and without bothering to change his clothes), he was accosted by a man who noticed his EOP badge. Answering pertinent questions, he revealed his name and that he was **A. M. Lockwood's** assistant. "Oh, no you aren't," was the reply. "If you had a job like that you wouldn't be wearing those clothes!" Mr. Sayre said he bought those clothes himself and he's rather proud of them. (P. S.—The man later apologized.)

Alphe Englehart has been particular in caring for her shoes since rationing became effective. However, it's not many days since she made a little journey down the road to get a treat after her lunch at the Olympic Commissary. Stepping out of the car, she was talking, and stepped right into a puddle consisting of more mud than water as they had been grading the road. Mud oozed almost to the top of her brown suede pumps; now it's the subject of a great deal of good natured teasing, but it wasn't so funny at the time.

Titles of sleeping beauties were earned March 13 by **Vivian Jones, Dorothy Kaldem** and **Marjorie Onsen.** These girls, who usually eat their lunches at a fairly normal rate of speed, fairly gulped the food and then disappeared. The reason was soon apparent. They were discovered curled up in a row like kittens on the studio couch in the rest room, sound asleep.

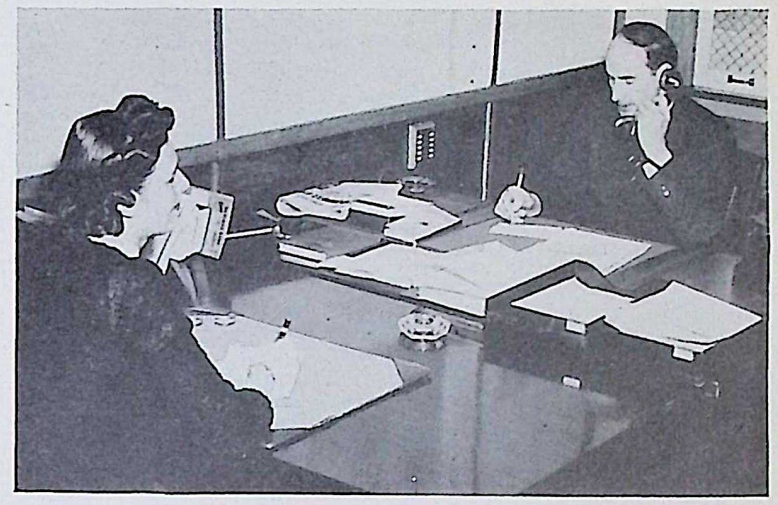
While the subject of the rest room is at the front, the intruders of March 18 mustn't be forgotten. A few of the girls were in the room when the door, marked *Private* suddenly swung in so abruptly and forcefully that one girl screamed, intuitively guessing that it wasn't one of the Personnel employees at the door handle. It was none other than **Comptroller John Cole** and his assistant, **Richard T. Bassett.** In trying to reach **L. D. Edwards'** office, they had made the natural mistake of opening the door marked *Private* in the same approximate position in the hall. Moral—beware of doors marked *Private*.

Carmen Oldani has suddenly developed a hush-hush technique when anyone who might report something to *The Bomb-Shell* approaches. It wouldn't be so disastrous, if she didn't warn everyone in the vicinity that a villain is in the crowd and every word must be guarded.

News which shocked the entire department was received by **Rose LeBeau** recently when she learned of the airplane accident in which her only brother, flying **Sgt. Isidore LeBeau**, received fatal injuries in Hawaii. A military funeral was observed and his grave is on the island. Memorial services were held for him in Kankakee March 20.

Celebrating before they started fasting, girls in the Transfer Division took up a collection from every girl and bought a large box of candy. Acting as purchasing agent, **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist** entered one of the best candy stores in Joliet and was asked frequently by the clerk, "You lika dis, Hon? Or dis better?" Not only was the box a good idea but the odds are that they almost made expenses as they charged every outsider for a piece of the treat.

A "bucket of tears" was presented to Miss Englehart by **Frank "Mickey" Green**, guard, after the recent sectional basketball tournament in Joliet, when the home team won. Alpha was there with a group of Bradley enthusiasts to cheer them on to victory, but she didn't shout loud enough. It was bad enough to lose to Joliet, but she lost a bet, too. There was a nice little verse of consolation attached to the pail which reposed on her desk when she arrived the following morning.



PERSONNEL DIRECTOR George F. Bent and his secretary, Helen Bardi, pictured here. Other Personnel photographs on page 12.

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT
Correspondent

Ethel Dirker, secretary to **W. F. Douville**, chief inspector, became the bride of **Pvt. Robert Campbell** of Coal City, now stationed at Scott Field, at a double ring ceremony performed by **Chaplain William Pearson** in the Army Chapel at Scott Field, Illinois, March 8. The bride wore a beige dressmaker suit with blue accessories and a corsage of white roses. Attendants to the bride and bridegroom were **Mrs. Alan Heavens**, sister of the bride, and **Sgt. Paul Ryan**, also of Coal City and now stationed at Scott Field. Present at the ceremony were fellow classmates of the groom, who is attending the Army Air Corps Radio school, and also **Clara Ashamy** of Coal City. Members of the bridal party were dinner guests at the Officers Club.

When the new Mrs. Campbell returned to work March 15, she had a surprise. Fellow co-workers had bedecked her desk in pink and white crepe paper, old shoes and rice and placed in the center a wedding cake decorated with a miniature bride and groom. A lovely gift was presented to the bride by the group.

Fifteen guests helped **Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Smith** celebrate their third wedding anniversary February 28. The list included **Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Wooley, Mr. and Mrs. Gar Burt, Mrs. Kermitt Long** and daughter, **Judy; Mr. and Mrs. William White, Mr. and Mrs. James George, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Loucks, Mrs. Roy Beourgois,** and **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Falletti.** A buffet supper was served and the honored couple received several lovely gifts. Mr. Smith is an assistant chief inspector.

Two new classes for Government inspectors began March 1. **Robert Harbison** is instructor for the group assigned to the Fuze and Booster area and Mr. Long is instructing those assigned to the loading lines.

Lea Dalton of Group 9 is recuperating from a recent operation and her friends hope she will be able to return to work soon.

Romance seems to be in the air these days—**Vicana Wheeler** is going around happy as a lark—that's what a new "interest" in life will do. Miss Dirker said "I do." **Bernice Shroba** is contemplating doing the same soon. **Lois Martin** is wearing gardenias and getting long distance calls from a young lieutenant in Panama and **Penny Dagon** is hoping the b. f. will pop the question—or is it just that Spring is in the air?

Linnetta Parry, librarian, will be known as Farmer Parry's wife soon. Her husband is going to farm the "old homestead."

Evan Lewis, line inspector at Group 3-A, is in the market for some chicken fence. Rumor says he's having a tough time getting it.

Group 2

Morris Banks bid farewell to his fellow workers and left for the Army. He is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Arthur L. Friedburg, formerly of this group is reported as being well and rapidly shaping up to be a 60-day wonder with a commission in the Navy.

By all accounts and correspondence, "a quiet life of heaven on earth" or "life in Peoria" ended when **Pvt. Louis D. Shuler** entered studies in the field of meteorology with the Army.

Philip Lipson was called in the draft—it's Private Lipson reporting for duty.

It is rumored that **Max Krup** feels the hot breath of his committee of neighbors who are just about to select him for greetings from the President.

What is this thing about the lost loves of **Eugene L. Crumbaugh?** The Fuze and Booster area is all broken up about it—girls, please! the man has duties.

"**Doc**" **H. E. Barrett** is known to give his lunch "bag" a last look-see for any stray pups or one of the family cats.

This "ducky" weather seems to take effect on newcomer **David E. Jones.** As his temperature goes down his big smile fades.

Chemical Lab

The girls at Chemical Lab have all added weight due to the excellent cooking of **Harriet Nadelhoffer.** Now, some good diets would come in mighty handy.

There's a decided improvement in **Marie Plankar's** bowling due to more "shut eye" since the boy friend went back to the Army.

Gladys Cain is busy moving and packing. She should be patient as all will be settled soon.

Katherine Ochs and **Lorraine Kinsley** have moved to the High Explosives Lab in Group. 71.

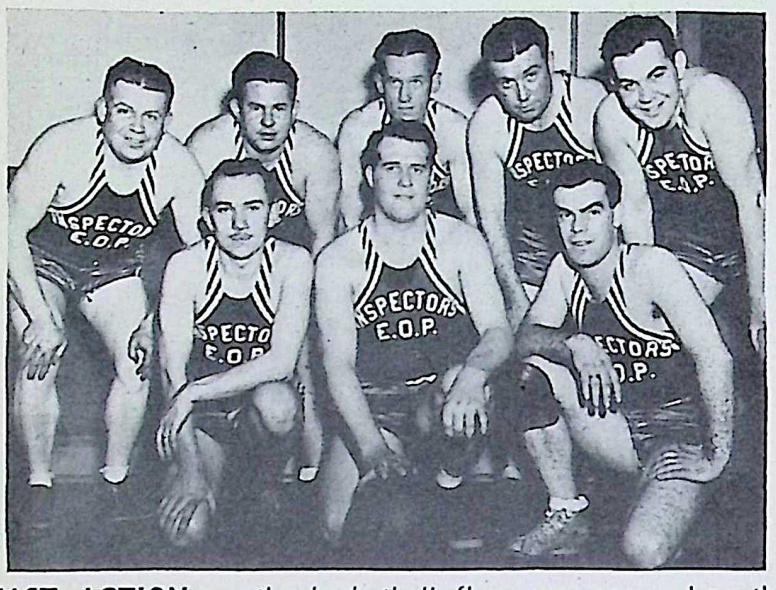
Catherine Kemp hasn't been feeling up to par lately. It might be due to a jaunt to Milwaukee.

Government inspectors in Group 4 recently enjoyed a delicious chili dinner prepared by **Mr. and Mrs. John Habes.**

Arah Lovel enjoyed a visit from her daughter who is studying nursing at Evanston, Ill.

Many wonder if **Eddie Kluza** has heard the proverb "a stitch in time saves nine." Seems he bent down to look into a cabinet one day and hearing a loud tearing noise, investigated the cause and hurriedly donned his topcoat. However, he later appeared on the (sans coat) due to the line inspector's dexterity with needle and thread.

Frances Olroyd spent an enjoyable week-end in Milwaukee with her husband, February 21.



FAST ACTION on the basketball floor was seen when the Inspectors met opponents. Members of the "see all" crew shown here left to right are: Front row—Robert Marlette, Robert Wilhelmi and Douglas Oram; back row—Robert Carroll, Frank Pitt, Marvin Beeley, Robert Brennan and Warren Hair.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

"You can't spell Victory with an absent 't,'" says **Howard O. Cadwell.**

There has been an addition to the **James Morey** family, an eight-pound son.

From explosive operator to farmer is true of **Bill Busing,** who resigned to till the soil.

A man who likes his job is **Luther Keirsey.** Mr. Keirsey says he will never leave the high pan floor.

Together at work and play are **Harold Tease** and **Lawrence Baudino.** The pair were seen entering the theatre together after a day's labor.

An orchid goes to **Oscar Otterson,** who never was late or missed a day's work in 1942.

When asked the name of his lady passenger, **Louis Vitzthum** says only "the gal from Texas."

William "General" Custer is the newest addition to the clerical department here.

Leonard Williams is very interested in the electricians—lady helper sounds more logical.

Donald Lukich is slated for the Army.

The nickname of **George Woodburn** is "Bumblebee."

Back to work, after a minor operation, is **James Glade.**

According to **Ed Korevec, Forrest Clatterbuck** is a whizz at checkers.

Paul Burke is well pleased when addressed as "Mr. Burke."

Patiently awaiting his "C" book is **Sam O'Large.**

Friends of **John Meyer** have nicknamed him "The Painter."

Recently **William Biggs** went to Chicago on a business trip.

Norman Johnston claims that he is an Irishman.

Four stitches were required to stop the bleeding of **Al Pope's** finger.

John Smith is wondering who ran into his car.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

The number of "executives" puffing on big, black cigars increased during the last two weeks since **Ralph Rutland,** carpenter, and **Walter Emmerson,** guard, both of Joliet, each announced the arrival of new daughters.

Charles DiPeso, Sr., Chicago Heights, will agree that his initiation as timekeeper at Group 63 was a wet one with all the snow and rain, much more so because of the muddy forced landing he took one day in Guard Emmerson's raincoat.

The big moment for **Wendell "Wilkie" Overacker,** Kankakee, arrived March 15, when he was accepted for Army service. Wendell left for Camp Grant March 22.

It is good to report a happy ending to the serial entitled "The Adventures of **Ed Suffern** and a Haircut." A few days ago Ed appeared on the job all slicked up like the proverbial sheik, but not with a crew cut.

Howard Pointer, Bill Handlon and **Joe Rady** are looking for a return engagement in an Australian tag wrestling match since the day they staged a real exhibition when Howard pinned both Bill and Joe. Matches are held every Tuesday night in Joliet.

Bernie Cavanaugh, explosive truck driver at Group 63, can't be blamed for being "up in the air" when he flew down to Camp Foster at Victoria, Tex., to attend the graduation of his son, **Harold,** from the training school of the Army Air Corps.

Sure signs of spring in Group 63: **J. Claude Heap** shedding his $65 sheepskin overcoat . . . **George Mackey** wearing *orange* March 17 . . . Mud getting nice and deep in the area . . . A flock of geese flying north . . . Discussing the planting of a Victory garden in back of the office.

A hidden talent of **John J. Kezerle** was uncovered when "Shorty" really started clicking on the adding machine.

Material checker **Don Long** is back on the job after being on the sick list.

Group 66-A

The Inspection Department has a new member in its fold in the person of **Johnny Cross,** formerly of Group 3. **Jimmy Martin** left for the Army.

Every group may have one, but 66-A is believed to have the best. The wrecking crew, the Dead End Kids, is referred to. They are led by co-captains **Tony Kolenc** and **Charley "The Brains" Picco**—the crew consists of 6 foot 5 inch **Slim Walsh, Mutsy Ambrosich, Greek Kochoupas, Johnny Goggins, Don Zobel** and **Muscles Tovrea.**

Fred Wesselhoff soon will bear a new nickname, "Pug."

Octave Cartier, clerk, slightly resembled a notorious gangster when he sported a derby recently.

Ralph McCormick, guard, is paying tribute to Guard **Flash Gordon** by hanging that title on his new coon hound.

Ben Sloan, of *Firepower* fame, is a new timekeeper here.

Group 6

It is rumored that **Lorraine Barger** is learning the "sign" language because frequent attacks of laryngitis caused her to lose her voice.

Gertrude Collins is now a patient at St. Joseph's hospital, where she is recuperating from an extended illness. Her many friends miss her and all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Table tennis players, both men and women, are requested to get in touch with their opponents for the tournaments, if you don't know them call the Recreation Department, Line 4109.

Dr. Andrew Bustin of the Hospital has played into the semi-finals of the Table Tennis Tournament, and he eliminated some good men, including **E. C. Hubbard,** Administration Building, who is a fine player.

How about that Victory garden? Not only is gardening one of the finest leisure time activities, but it should be a very profitable one this summer. Apply at the Recreation Department for garden space.

The men's Bowling Sweepstakes will follow the one the girls will hold March 26 and 29. Watch your Bulletin Boards and see your Employees' Activities Committee representatives for entry blanks.

With the Keglers

Maj. George A. Grant just seems to stay hot when it comes to shooting high games. He came through this week with three neat games of 224—171—171 and a series of 571.

O. K., fellows, if you are going to bet **A. E. Frosch** on high games his ball shouldn't be hidden on Tuesday nights any more, is the plea of **Conny Carlson.**

George F. Bent, Personnel director, also came up with a good series and some good games with 184 and 194, then he slipped to 127, but even at that he made 505.

Chief M. C. Baughman is the main go on Tuesday nights. He gets three or four pins on a few throws, then squanders a nickle bet that he can make a strike. It's safe to say the Chief is ahead in cash, according to **W. A. Buck,** who isn't ahead.

Everyone was hitting March 16. **Floyd Schauland,** assistant personnel director, rolled a neat 666 series, with games of 205—212—249 and seven strikes in a row.

The Machine Shop boys are doing quite a bit of bowling, having the alleys reserved every Wednesday at 2 o'clock. They are trying to beat the high score of 265.

Girls' Activities Increase

June Morgan, Personnel Department, is a regular Ladies' Day visitor in the Recreation Building.

Eva Sweda is a new member of the Employees' Activities Committee. She will represent the Timekeeping Department — so submit your ideas of recreational activities to her.

Proof of **Dotty Mihelic's** ping-pong prowess is demonstrated in the individuality she displays. Her latest feat was a solo game played under the table. And that "ain't" good! Especially on Wednesdays.

From all appearances the Women's Bowling Sweepstakes to be held March 26 and 29 will be interesting. Plenty of good bowlers are entering and keen competition is anticipated.

A number of girls from Group 3-A were bowling March 16. It is hoped they will return soon. These girls plan to have a strong softball team from their group.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

The Time Department's first girl timekeeper to become a member of the Coast Guard occurred when **Peggy Warren** announced that she had enlisted in the SPARS. The lovable and ever smiling countenance of Miss Warren, who by the way was one of the *first* girl timekeepers, will be missed throughout the entire department. They all realize, though, that this is also a woman's war and that her acceptance in the SPARS has released one more soldier for active duty. She leaves with the most gracious wishes of the department showered upon her and all hope that she is as successful in her new vocation as she was in keeping time.

Carl Swanson has replaced **Homer Smalt** as kingfish of the proofreading department. The addition of Carl's cheerful face and good humor is welcome.

Sparkles are flashing from the eyes of comely **Ruth Stites** since her soldier boy friend visited her. Rumors are that "the bells are ringing for me and my gal."

Five more boys are wearing the olive drab of the Army. They are **Ray Rowen** and **Nick Choronzy** of Group 1, **Robert Zobel** of Group 3-A, **Robert Bright** of Group 68, and one of the quiz kids of Group 70, **Eddie Kollman.**

Marge Downs has resigned from the proofreading department.

The time office was decorated with green March 17 when **T. V. Brennan,** who is as Irish as they come, passed out shamrocks to all.

Bessie East's son, **Bill,** is now in command of a Coast Guard boat.

Making up for a stinging defeat in handball several weeks ago, **Milton Treitel** came back and soundly whitewashed **Richard Bassett** by the identical score of 21-0.

Elmer Dames has replaced **Charles DiPeso** as culinary chef of the Time Department. Elmer also enjoys washing dishes — girls, please note.

Lois Parker visits husband, **Carl,** in Missouri whenever she gets the chance. Carl formerly worked in Group 1 as a timekeeper before entering the service. Mrs. Parker is now a timekeeper in Group 7.

Lloyd Raridion, who is better known as "Squish," has been Bloomington bound quite a bit lately.

Mrs. Robert Gehrke, wife of the former timekeeper, visited the main Time Office recently. She resigned her position in Fuse and Booster and is now in Battle Creek, Mich., where her husband is stationed.

Did you know that **Eva Sweda** sang "O you great big beautiful doll" to **John O'Connell** . . . all by mistake?

Many wonder what keen rivalry exists between a certain timekeeper in Group 1 and a certain timekeeper in Group 3, also, what does the middle initial "T" stand for in **Ray Levenger's** name and why does **Ira Combs** keep insisting that Saunemin has a gold mine and a trolley car? What psychic power does **Bill Seeley** possess to know days ahead of time that he is going to be sick and why does **Nick Bartly** want to go out in the field as a timekeeper? Could it be, as he says, that he can be more useful there, or is there a mercenary motive?

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

It has been reported there are two violinists in the department, namely, **Jim Murphy** and **Fred Mastin.**

Irene Blatnik, Harry Brown and Mr. Mastin all seemed to have the same trouble in reporting for work March 15. All three were in accidents, but by 11 a. m. they were on the job and business proceeded as usual.

Mae Norem gave all a scare last week by nearly passing out, but **Ray "Mother" Banker** took her under her wing and over to the Hospital. Everyone, including Mae, was recovered by the following day.

The Group 4-9 progress clerks are now working from the home office. Several of the girls were transferred elsewhere but **Joan Schwartz, Owen Ellis, Gwen Hanabarger** and **Loretta Scott** are still on the same assignment.

Not much mention is ever made of the persons working on the midnight shift in the office. They do one swell job. Orchids are sent to **Mary Glade, Leota Williams, Argyle Dalziel** and **Ewald Becker.**

Industrial Service

Mary Sedar and Miss Blatnik were on the sick list last week, also ***Dorothy Bollig.***

Many would like to know the secret **Tommy Nugent,** equipment checker, has tried to swear certain people to secrecy about. It seems it has to do with a certain Saturday night in Rockdale.

It would be nice to know if it's the WAVES or WAACS that **Mary Bertino** is thinking of joining. But it is known why **Meoma Jett** has that lonesome look.

Group 2

A big hearty welcome was given **Cliff Fisher,** who was recently transferred here from Group 3. Cliff says he likes Group 2 very much.

Orville Rasmussen is quite a composer of poems. Amid his attempts at masterpieces—he brings forth some that are above amateur "stuff." Well, almost, at least!

Now that spring is just around the corner, it is evident that **Paul Somerville's** thoughts will turn to the athletic field. He is a declared sports fan.

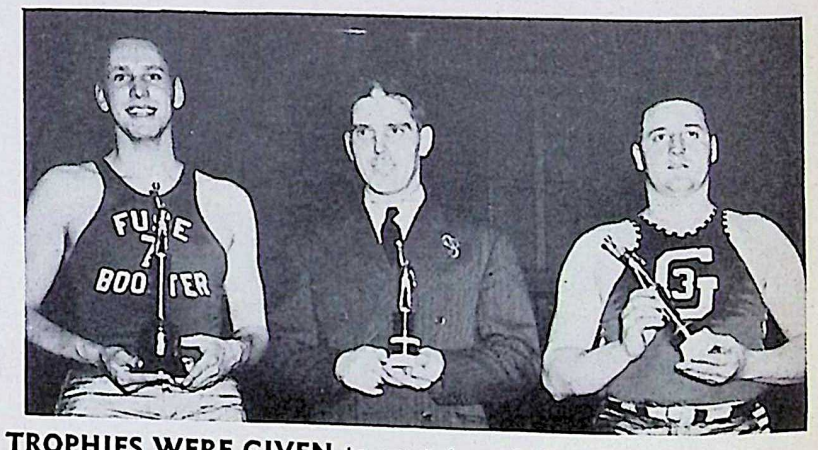
Since **Johnny Williamson** and Orville are from the same town, they go roller skating together after working hours. They believe there's nothing like a little exercise to fill out the day.

Lt. Col. White Visits EOP, Sees Brother

Lt. Col. Charles G. White, executive officer to the base commander at Selfridge Field, Michigan, honored EOP February 26 by an inistration Area, Groups 1 and 3-A, spection trip through the Administration Area, Groups 1 and 3-A as well as other points of interest.

His brother, **Walter H. White,** assistant electrical superintendent, made his trip a pleasant one by pointing out the development of the plant from what it was two years ago, to its present day status as a most modern and up-to-date ammunition loading plant.

Another brother is **Fred J. White,** who, until March 6, was a maintenance electrician in Group 2, and is now in the Air Corps at Camp Grant.



TROPHIES WERE GIVEN to captains of the three leading teams by the representatives of the Recreation Department, namely, the Chemical Lab, the Guards and Group 3.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

Group 1 would like to pay its respects to **Jack Barry**, former correspondent for this group on the staff of *The Bomb-Shell*, expeditor, and friend, who died March 4 in Joliet. The gang misses Jack with his joviality and friendliness to all. All knew him and loved him for the "swell guy" that he was. Co-workers in Group 1 who acted as pallbearers at the funeral services were **N. Johnson. E. Bowman, F. Malkosky, J. M. Ternes, C. L. Harris** and **George Doig**, all of whom served Uncle Sam in World War I.

Ralph Emerson, foreman of Building 13, waited all year to see his name in *The Bomb-Shell* birthday list and it wasn't there. Ralph was heartbroken, so please note, readers, that Mr. Emerson had a birthday last month. (P.S.—He didn't say which one.)

Ed Kein, line foreman, has the line still guessing about his sudden appearance not long ago in full regalia—everything but tails and top hat—but the secret has leaked out. Ed was the proud recipient January 22 of an 8 pound, 1 ounce daughter. The stork really did a fine job on that trip, even with gas rationing, 'cause little **Sue Carol Kein** is a prize package.

Building 10 kinda' misses **Sarge Boles**, former Bay 9 foreman, since he went back to farming. Many wish Sarge would come back for a visit—with some fresh eggs maybe.

Did anyone notice **Ken Chandler's** nose last week? He had a big boil right on the very end of it and he claimed it was rather painful.

Favorite sayings of favorite people:

George Gibson, assistant superintendent—"What have you got to eat today?"

Bud Cane, formerly a guard at Personnel and now a well known member of Group 1 painters, is sponsoring tennis for the group. Anyone wishing to do a little or even a lot of playing on the EOP courts should contact Bud. Just catch him the next time he's in your building—you can't miss him—he's tall, blond, and handsome (also married).

If it weren't for **Eileen Shipp**, luscious blonde in Building 16, the members of her church in Manteno would have a cold welcome on Sundays. Believe it or not, Eileen builds the fires.

Robert Schroba, Building 10, left for San Diego March 18 with fellow Marines. The gang wishes Bob good luck.

Harry Dank and **Harry Eungard**, painters, received a hearty welcome in the group after a long illness.

Many wonder why **Kay Cornman** was looking so sad in a local brass-railer the other eve. Some who saw her said a lovelorn column should be started for her benefit.

Pat Nevin was really aggravated when **Jim Jones** spoke to her the other day. She was working at top speed when Jim walked up behind her and said, "Say, Pat, would you mind hurrying a little?"

Building 13 would like to know if **Joe Neiswender** will still be wearing his heavy overcoat in the middle of June. They're a little afraid it's getting Joe down.

Chuck Corliss, Building 3, is quite puffed up now. He finally got his white coveralls.

The group had an honored visitor last week—**Harvey Conrad**, formerly of the Marines and Group 1, and now just returned from a trip across on convoy duty with the Merchant Marine.

Those who have heard her wonder if **Bernice Skriner** will ever stop bragging about her girls in Building 10. She never talks about anything else, but the girls certainly rate it.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Those who have gone into the armed forces recently are **Robert Brereton, James Edwards, Robert Palda** and **Jerry Jacobs.**

Joe Prieboy was limping along in Building 16-B three men short on account of illness, and his boss, **Lowell Hansen**, called up and yelled, "Hey, Joe, I'm short handed, send me two men right away!" "Two *men!*" stammered Joe, wild-eyed, "what in the double barreled blankety blank d'ya think this is, the Employment Office!"

Francis King, Vivian Dornberg, Jim Clark and **Lloyd Zenor** were congratulating **Thomas Riley** upon the arrival of his new daughter, his seventh youngster. "Aw," said Tommy, his homely puss turning two shades pinker than the floor wax, " 'twasn't nuthin', I jist done like I wuz told, you all know how Fitz is allus yelpin' at us for *more production!*"

Stanley Borowski misses his old pal, **George Tierney**, whose leg injury sent him to the hospital. George was doing all right at first, but lately it seems he made a turn for the nurse.

Harry Lenny feels certain that **Stanley Angus** won't find bakery pie crust so tough and tasteless if he will only take the pie out of the paper plate before eating it.

Many wondered how **Martin Billsland** could sell all those ornamental shamrocks to the Poles, Czechs, Lithuanians, Russians and Greeks here, until it was discovered he was telling them that March 17 was **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick's** birthday.

Orin Marvick, Building 10, is out gunnin' for **Harry Walters**, Building 9. Orin wears a size 40 jumper, and last week Harry gave him a size 60. He was wearing two sweaters under it and three girls from Building 12 wasted half their lunch period waiting for the balloon to go up.

Cute little **Gladys Kauffman** claims that Forelady **Della Norman** doesn't dare argue with **Everett Brooks**, because she rides home with him, and there is a big bump out on Troy Road, and if he hits it, she nearly bounces through the roof.

The girls in Building 3 are having a great laugh at the expense of **Marcela "Jeep" Vandal** and **Margaret "Tiny" Pavletich.** It seems they wear rather snug coveralls, and in pushing those two-ton bombs around, they met with a slight—er—accident. It isn't permitted to tell where they tore 'em, but they were ripped *not-withstanding.*

Harry Ketner reports that **Bill Baer** has only one weather vane on his house now. He took the other one down, claiming there wasn't enough wind for two.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that, since rationing, **Jimmy Hart** pours used coffee grounds on his moustache and drinks hot water!

Slim Simmons, better known as tall, dark and homely, used to be quite a table tennis shark. But the night of the 3-A party, he tangled horns with the Safety Department champ. Since then he has put his paddle to a much better use. His new baby uses it to cut "um toofies!"

The inquiring reporter interviewed the matron of the girls' lunch room and queried: "What is the average age of your girls out here?" "Oh," replied the matron wearily, as she emptied six ash-trays, "I'd say most of 'em are in their early nicotines!"

It was midnight! The thermometer read 16 below. A group of blue lipped men huddled about a bulletin board and laughed uproariously. A bystander read the item, a scare-head from the evening paper which said: "Government Will Freeze Workers to Their Jobs." "What's so funny?" he asked wonderingly. "Hell, mister," the chilled laughers roared, "*we work in 16-A!*"

Four young drivers were proudly showing off their newly painted Mercury trucks to **Emory Akeman**, when one of the passers-by exclaimed: "My, aren't the seats on those Mercuries big, though?" "No," murmured Emory thoughtlessly, "no bigger than necessary." (And the air was suddenly filled with more dirty looks than you'll find at a peace conference!)

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Trophies and individual basketball awards were presented to the winning EOP tournament teams the eve of St. Patrick's Day. The highlight of the evening was the game between Chemical Lab and Group 3. It was, without a doubt, the finest game of the season. It was a last minute thriller that ended 25-23 with Chemical Lab on the better end.

Credit has been given to the members of the team, but the coach was nearly overlooked. He is a mild-mannered man who goes by the name of **Charlie Harrison.** He was coach of the finest teams which ever came out of Kankakee High and is now employed out here as a safety engineer. So, while the boys of the team and **Supt. H. D. Dougherty** admire the second place tournament trophy and their gold basketball charms, sincere heartfelt thanks are given by everyone in the group for the excellent job Coach Charlie has done with the boys.

One of the best players, **Ted Struck**, is going into the Army and everyone is confident he will have that same indomitable spirit on the battlefield that he displayed on the basketball floor.

Anyone wanting pullets about three months from now should see **Bill "Farmer" Beringer** or **Paul Lambert.** If you place your order now the chickens and eggs will be held until called for. Yes, the eggs might spoil, but you'll get a refund.

A late report from the two chicken ranchers is that a super-salesman of chicken feeds, **Frank Howard**, changed their minds when the cost of feed for six months was figured.

Mike Zobel, Building 10, represents a perfect example of America's "All out for Victory" campaign. He, besides being employed in war work has four sons in the armed forces and a fifth son soon to be inducted. Mike is also a faithful purchaser of War Bonds.

The two would-be lovers, **Tony Helling** and **Jim Crane**, found to their sorrow that all the young men are not in the Army. After a hot race between the two Don Juans to win the affections of a certain young lady from Morris, in comes the dark horse, *Youth*, to win the prize, leaving Tony and Jim to place and show.

Embarrassing moment for **Lloyd Miller:** playing a slot machine and dropping a couple of nickels on the floor. Some believe that split seam in his trousers made him leave them there.

Jack Farcus must have the situation well in hand at home. He doesn't seem so sleepy on the grave-yard shift any more.

Jack Cerruti says if they ration meat and chickens, he's going into the hare raising business.

Bill Brennan, Bill Agrue and **Tom Farley**, three ramp men who keep things clean, are very glad to see Spring weather coming. They think it is about time for them to work without having cold feet and fevered brows.

It seems that **Tony Gomora** was bragging about his pool game one day so a few boys agreed to play him at the Recreation Building. Much to their surprise, Tony gave them a real and costly beating.

Stanley Kroger, Building 16's top kick, middle-aisled it the other day and in keeping with the times, now faces a war on two fronts. By way of comment, the honeymoon will be over when the dazed groom slips into that w. k. grave-yard shift. At any rate, your correspondent, in the midst of his bachelor bliss, extends condolences.

When **Steve Colfer**, swing shift super, found himself the custodian of the Head Man's rabbit dinner, he took no chances with a repetition of the unfortunate circumstances that led to the still-unsolved disappearance of its predecessor. Signed, sealed and witnessed receipts marked Bunny's passage throughout the office personnel until it finally reposed upon the Boss' dinner plate where it was received with gustatory anticipation, whetted by long denial.

PROGRESS CHECK-UP in the storage of loaded shells is made frequently. This photograph, taken in Group 64, shows, left to right: L. C. Brerton, inspector; Dom Pastore, general foreman of quality control; R. J. Cunningham, supervising general foreman; R. L. Irwin, group inspector; Frank J. Wehrli, supervisor; B. H. Born, expediter, and August P. Ash, Government inspector, who draws cartoons for The Bomb-Shell in his spare time.

Q. I'm going home on furlough and will need my car in order to visit most of my relatives. I don't have a gasoline ration book, so how'll I get one?

A. Apply for a temporary one at your local rationing board, when you get home. Take it easy though—gas is precious stuff these days.

Q. My girl writes that she's a WOW! Now I know she's good, but not that good! What else could she mean?

A. She could mean that she belongs to the Woman Ordnance Workers, Inc., soldier. This is a uniformed but non-military organization of women workers in armament plants whose purpose is to maintain health and promote friendship and cooperation among the workers. WOW!

Q. A friend of my dad writes that he was given the Victory Medal in World War 1. Why would he be given such a medal?

A. The Victory Medal was awarded to any person who served on active duty in the U. S. armed forces between April 6, 1917, and Nov. 11, 1918, or who was a member of the AEF in Siberia or European Russia, even if he entered the service subsequent to the latter date.

Q. I have a pal in the New York State Guard and would like to know if this will keep him from being drafted.

A. No. Membership in the Guard doesn't relieve any of its members from the provisions of the Selective Service Act. However, any fellow in the Guard gets darn good preliminary training for the regular Army.

Q. How are dependents of enlisted men classified for allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942?

A. Class A, wife and child (or children); Class B, parents, brother, sister, or grandchild, who are found by the Secretary of the Department concerned to be dependent upon such enlisted man for a substantial portion of their support.

EOP Executive Officer Promoted to Major

George A. Grant, executive officer at EOP, was promoted from captain to major March 18, it was announced by **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer. **Maj. Grant** has been at EOP since September, 1941, and has been executive officer since December 23, 1942.

Gerber Once Commanded 2 Plants Here

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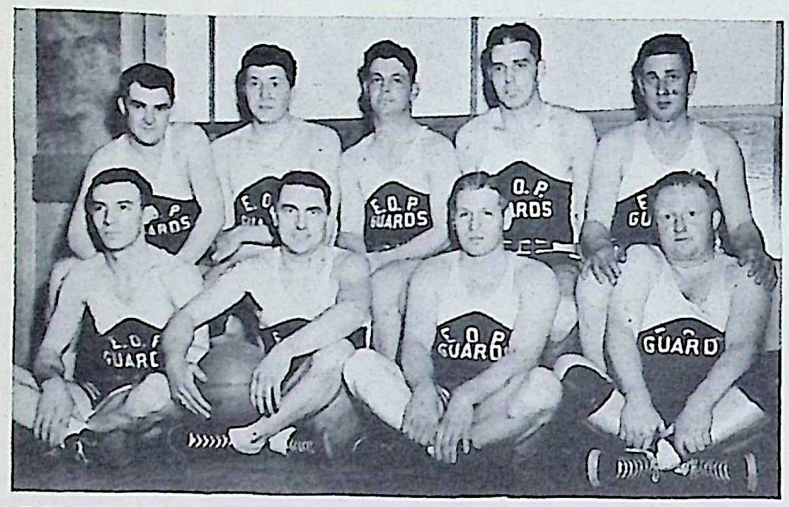
17, 1941, and continued to command both plants until March 11, 1942. For the next six months Colonel Gerber was on special duty with the Ammunition Branch, and on August 1, 1942, he was appointed the first Field Director.

Colonel Gerber was promoted to major in 1935 and to lieutenant colonel in 1939. With the application, for the first time, of the selection system in December, 1941, Colonel Gerber, while in command of the Elwood Ordnance Plant, was selected for promotion from lieutenant colonel to the rank of a full colonel.

Colonel and Mrs. Gerber reside in St. Louis. They have a son, **Lt. Theodore Gerber**, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, class of 1942, who is now in the Pacific area; and a daughter, **Charlotte**, who will be graduated from Cedar Cliff this year, and who is married to **Lt. Richard Curtis**, also a graduate of the United States Military Academy, class of 1942, and now serving in the Atlantic area. Lieutenants Gerber and Curtis were roommates at the Academy. Lieutenant Curtis is a nephew of **Brig. Gen. Edward M. Shinkle**, retired, now plant manager, Day & Zimmerman, operators of Iowa Ordnance Plant, Burlington, Ia.

VISITORS TO EOP included Maj. Gen. Russell L. Maxwell, who was greeted by Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, commanding officer, and Maj. L. K. Culbertson, Kankakee Ordnance Works, and Maj. W. G. Jones, aide to General Maxwell.



AGGRESSIVE PLAY was a feature of the Guards team during the 1943 basketball season. Members of the team shown here left to right are: Front row—John Farber, Lt. Harry Dowden, Fred Dutter and Carl Gebhardt; back row—Walter Sack, Norman Grimsley, James Lawrence, Lt. Owen McCarthy and Roy Wolf.

Chemical Lab Clinches Hold On Cage Title

Group 3 Is Second In Elimination Tilt; Guards Take Third

By E. L. Walkup

No basketball tournament ever ended with more enthusiasm than the EOP elimination tourney. Every game was strongly contested and a game was never won until the final horn was blown. No tournament ever displayed a greater spirit of sportsmanship than the one just completed March 18.

The Guards and Fire Guards fought it out for third place and a more cautious and clean game has never been played by these two teams. It was only during the last quarter the Guards were able to sink five baskets to two for the Fire Guards that put the game on ice for them. The final score was 22 to 16.

In the final game Group 3 again missed during the third quarter and **Dennis "Little Poison" Elliott** started grabbing the ball from all angles and feeding it to the boys who were in position. At the half the Group 3 boys were leading 14 to 12, but at the end of the third quarter the Chemical Lab team had 21 points to Group 3's 17. Group 3 started to come back in the fourth quarter with three goals to the Lab's two, but time was too short and the boys from the Lab won 25 to 23. A cleaner, faster game has never been played on the floor was the comment of **John Kusinski**, in charge of Athletics for the Recreation Department.

After the games **E. L. Walkup**, director of recreation, presented to the winners beautiful trophies that no doubt will grace the desks of the respective superintendents. Small gold basketballs also were presented to the individual players of the three winning teams for winning the round robin tournament that was held during the earlier part of the season.

The box scores of the final games March 17 follow:

Fire Guards (16)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Dailey	0	0	2
Dickens	0	0	0
Hart	3	5	5
Catalina	1	1	4
Dust	0	1	2
Stricklen	0	1	0
	4	8	13

Guards (22)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Dowden	0	0	2
Dutter	0	0	1
Smith	0	0	0
Allen	0	0	0
Sack	1	1	1
Farber	0	1	4
Lawrence	2	2	3
McCarthy	5	2	1
Ryan	0	0	0
	8	6	11

Chemical Lab (25)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	3	1	3
Starr	2	2	1
Bridwell	0	0	0
Sessi	1	0	0
Elliott	1	0	1
Partridge	1	1	1
Hull	2	1	2
	10	5	8

Group 3 (23)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Emanuelson	2	1	0
Smith	2	0	1
Donaldson	1	0	0
Helmick	3	0	2
Struck	1	0	3
Juricic	0	0	0
Hankes	1	2	1
	10	3	7

The box scores of the semi-final games March 16 follow:

Chemical Lab (16)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	1	4	1
Starr	1	1	4
Sessi	0	0	1
Bridwell	1	0	0
Burke	0	0	0
Hull	0	1	2
Elliott	3	0	1
Partridge	0	2	2
	6	8	11

Guards (12)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Farber	0	0	3
Gebhardt	1	0	1
Dutter	0	0	1
Grimsley	4	0	1
Sac	0	1	1
McCarthy	0	0	3
Lawrence	0	1	0
	5	2	10

Fire Guards (17)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Dailey	0	3	2
Dickens	0	0	1
Catalina	0	2	2
Stricklen	1	0	2
Dust	0	0.	1
Neilsen	1	1	0
Hart	2	3	1
	4	9	9

Group 3 (32)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Emanuelson	1	1	1
Donaldson	2	0	0
Smith	3	0	2
Harris	0	0	0
Helmick	3	1	0
Hankes	2	1	3
Juricic	0	0	2
Struck	3	1	2
Beasley	0	0	0
	14	4	10

Box scores of games played March 15 follow:

Inspectors (29)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Marlette	0	0	0
Brennan	0	0	1
Oram	1	2	2
Wilhelmi	0	0	1
Hair	7	0	3
Beeley	5	1	2
	13	3	9

Bus Drivers (31)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Glasgow	2	3	2
Thomas	6	1	4
Anderson	0	0	1
Cole	1	0	0
Van Duyne	1	0	1
Scoggin	3	1	2
	13	5	10

Group 3-A (21)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Helmick	2	0	1
Coash	2	0	1
Beatty	0	0	1
Howard	0	0	2
Gutierrez	4	1	4
Courtney	0	0	0
Erickson	2	0	3
Hester	0	0	1
	10	1	13

Group 1 (24)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Hill	1	1	0
Singer	0	1	0
Sharkey	2	2	4
Sherwood	2	0	2
Stagner	5	0	2
	10	4	8

Box scores of the first round of the elimination tourney follow:

Army (30)—3/11	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Hart	2	1	0
Swanson	5	0	3
Ashenbrenner	3	3	3
Phalen	2	0	2
Bowler	0	1	1
Grant	0	1	1
	12	6	10

Group 3 (32)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Emanuelson	4	1	2
Hankes	3	0	2
Helmick	3	0	1
Smith	1	1	1
Juricic	0	0	0
Harris	0	0	0
Struck	4	0	1
	15	2	7

Guards (24)—3/11	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Gebhardt	3	0	4
Dutter	0	0	1
Arms	3	0	0
Sac	1	0	0
Grimsley	2	0	3
Dowden	0	0	0
Farber	3	0	4
Lawrence	0	0	0
McCarthy	0	0	1
Wolff	0	0	0
	12	0	13

Fire Guards (14)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Dailey	2	0	2
Catalina	0	1	1
Hart	3	3	2
Stricklen	0	0	1
Dust	0	0	0
Dickens	0	0	3
	5	4	9

Group 62 (28)—3/10	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Suhadule	5	0	2
Heavens	0	0	0
Ramsack	3	1	3
Williams	1	1	3
Reay	2	0	0
Spezio	1	2	0
	12	4	8

Chemical Lab (30)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Mees	0	0	0
Partridge	1	1	3
Bridwell	1	1	1
Sessi	0	0	0
Hall	3	0	1
Starr	3	0	1
Elliott	6	0	1
	14	2	7

Group 61 (8)—3/10	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Plese	0	1	0
Whittle	0	0	0
Lukich	0	0	2
Engleman	0	0	0
Moody	1	0	0
Bumgarner	1	0	0
Rashid	1	0	1
Rouff	0	0	0
Motta	0	0	1
Waller	0	0	2
	3	2	6

Guards (66)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Gebhardt	6	2	1
Lawrence	3	0	1
Arms	4	0	0
Dowden	4	0	2
Grimsley	6	0	1
Wolff	1	0	0
Farber	1	0	3
Dutter	4	0	0
McCarthy	1	2	0
Sac	1	0	0
	31	4	8

Group 3-A (13)—3/9	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Law	1	0	1
Howard	0	0	0
Helmick	2	0	0
Erickson	1	0	2
Guieterrez	1	3	3
Beatty	0	0	1
	5	3	7

Fire Guards (22)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Dickens	0	0	0
Dailey	2	1	0
Hart	7	2	1
Catalina	0	1	4
Stricklen	0	0	1
	9	4	6

Group 1 (28)—3/9	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Tucker	4	0	0
Stagner	3	1	1
Hill	0	0	0
Grant	3	0	2
Edwards	1	0	1
Sherwood	0	1	2
Singer	0	0	0
Sharkey	2	0	2
	13	2	8

Army (39)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Phelan	4	2	1
Aschenbrenner	5	4	0
Swanson	3	0	1
Hart	2	1	1
Grant	1	0	0
Bowler	1	0	1
	16	7	4

Inspectors (26)—3/8	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Oram	2	0	0
Marlette	0	1	3
Troup	0	0	0
Wilhelmi	3	0	4
Beeley	2	1	3
Hair	3	5	3
	10	7	13

Group 62 (37)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Ramsack	4	3	2
Suhadule	3	0	1
Zup	0	0	2
Williams	2	3	3
Spiezio	1	3	1
Heavens	1	0	0
Ray	2	2	2
	13	11	11

Group 61 (29)—3/8	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Plese	3	0	0
Lukich	6	0	1
Engleman	0	0	1
Morrison	3	0	2
Rashid	0	0	3
Hinz	0	0	0
Motta	2	0	0
Bumgarner	0	1	0
	13	1	7

Plan Softball Leagues Here For Men, Girls

Second Season Is Expected to Draw Many More Players

Before the snow had melted the Recreation Department was kept busy answering the phone regarding the possibilities of softball for spring and summer. There were eight teams last year, but a quick check indicates that this year there will be 12 or 14 teams in the men's league, and possibly 8 girls' teams, according to **Myrna Faris**, director of girls' and women's recreation activities.

John Kusinski, director of athletics, said it looks like a strong season for softball players. Some of the teams which already have asked to be listed and some of the reasons why they are sure they will be able to win a trophy make interesting pre-season reading.

Group 70, last year's winners, according to **Paul Becker**, manager, will be right at the top again this year and his reasons are such strong players as **Lou Haake, Mario Zanninni, William Ashenbrenner, William House, Delno Gavoni** and **William Whaling.**

The Bus Drivers will have a strong aggregation with **William Babich, Leo Scaggins, Claude Cole, Lawrence Anderson, Keith Hossack, Robert Ehrsan** and **Seveno Leggero**, manager.

Group 62, last year's second place winners, will be in there from the start with **Edward Sheridan** as manager, and **Eddie Spiezo, Mose Williams, Horace Clark, Mat Reay, Emil Ramsak, John Havens, Frank Zupancic, Charles George** and **Leonard Suhadolc.**

Group 1, under the management of **John Burdette**, will have **James Tucker, Francis Sharkey, John Fegan, Fred Harris, Sam Africano, Vernon Hilt, John Hanson** and **Kelly Arseneau**, so Mr. Burdette feels confident.

Group 61, with **Harvey Steffes** as manager, can always be sure of a good strong team. Some of his players will be **Joe Motta, Robert Plese, Steven Juricic, Robert Hinz, Alfred Pope, Harold Rouff, Laurence Budino, Robert Karges, Edward Korevec, John Smith, Raymond Carlson** and **Forest Clatterbuck.**

Some of the other teams which will be in there fighting, but were not able to report their players, include Group 3, where **Supt. Henry D. Dougherty** awaited the finish of the basketball tourney before turning to softball. **Robert Hanks** is manager.

The Guards will have a strong team and so will the Fire Guards with **Sgt. Edward Stricklen** as manager. **Harold Bowler**, who held the Army quintet together for basketball, is really going after a fast playing team. **Robert Wilhelmi's Inspectors** also will have a strong aggregation. The Fuze and Booster Chemical Lab—winners of the basketball round robin, will try to repeat in softball. **Denny Elliott** probably will be the manager.

Bus Drivers (23)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Van Duyne	1	0	3
Thomas	5	3	1
Cole	0	0	0
Anderson	1	1	0
Scoggin	2	1	1
	9	5	4

Group 1 (35)—3/18	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Hill	2	1	2
Tucker	10	0	1
Sherwood	1	1	5
Sharkey	1	1	3
Singer	2	0	0
	16	3	11

Bus Drivers (19)	F.G.	F.T.	Fouls
Glasgow	1	0	2
Thomas	1	3	0
Cole	1	1	2
Anderson	0	0	0
Van Duyne	0	1	0
Scoggin	3	2	0
	6	7	4

Girls Like Softball

Much enthusiasm for softball is being shown among the girls of the plant. Teams from Groups 1, 3-A, 8, 9 and 60 already are being organized. The team from Group 1 will offer plenty of strong competition this year. The majority of last year's winning team will be back including **Mary Gurka, Frances Krenn, Mary Dresser, Lola Harnack, Betty Ford, June Kemp, Helen Jubera, Dorothy Oldrich, Jeannette Salzman, Mary Klen, Helen Maher** and **Cecelia Bebey.** Mr. Burdette will manage the girls and with such experienced players much is expected from this team.

Group 8 will have the following players on their team: **Theresa Seno, La Verne Gomora, Veronica Vilt, Lucille Englert, Betty Johnson, Eileen Woodcock, Ida Bishop, Angela Turk, Janet Bailey, Dorothy Lehman** and **Phyllis Filette.**

There has been a tremendous change in the type of conversations the last few days. Instead of speaking in terms of ice and snow Group 8 dialogue tends toward home runs, base hits, put outs and competition.

Jo Donna of the War Bond Department plans to have a winning team from Group 60. Some of the players will be **Elaine Levanduski, Dorothy Mihelic, Gloria Frazier, Dorothy Tou Velle, Irene Mulligan, Irene Batnik, Juanita Kliegel** and **Kay Cusick.**

Those groups who have not organized a team are urged to do so and notify Miss Faris in the Recreation Department, Line 4109.

All teams which plan to enter either of the leagues are requested to keep in touch with the office so that when equipment arrives they can get some for practice.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

You can't spell Victory with an absent "T," remarked **Albin Smrekar.**

Art Voss no longer walks to Manhattan. He now rides the local.

Believe it or not, **Jack "Simon Legree" Murray** referred to this department by its proper name—Salvage Department — and not "Transit Mix."

The Army no doubt got its inspiration for training the Commandos after watching **Mike Doyle** one morning when he took across the hog lot and over the fence closely pursued by an angry 500 pound porker.

Francis Rogan found it very difficult to dig his Victory garden with a snow shovel.

Rita Brogra is welcomed to the office force, the only girl up here in "Siberia."

Dominick Astorino is somewhat worried for fear that a ceiling will be placed on doughnuts and he will be unable to consume his daily dozen.

Many have heard of persons running into doors and getting scratched, but there is a new one from **Donald Doyle.** He claims he fell off a horse.

Dara Prew's Engagement Announced in Joliet

Announcement of the engagement of Dara Prew, correspondent for the Personnel Department on the staff of *The Bomb-Shell*, and **Charles McKeown**, city attorney of Joliet, was made March 16. Miss Prew formerly was society editor of the *Spectator*. She was graduated from Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College, where she played leading roles in operettas and dramatic productions. She won the Gerlach-Barklow Junior College Scholarship and Robert M. Adam award. No date for the wedding was announced.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

March 29

Van Russel, Group 1; **John Peterson**, Group 1; **Charles Runyon**, Group 3; **William Wells**, Group 4; **Arthur Baker**, Group 8; **Grover Stucker**, Group 3-A; **Emmert Eisfeld**, Finished Rounds; **Harold Koehler**, Group 3-A; **La Verne Mathis**, Group 3; **Henry Davis**, Group 1; **Harry Edwards**, Group 3; **Walter Gregor**, Group 3-A; **David Monroe**, Group 2; **Floyd Hall**, Group 2; **Bernice Parker**, Group 7; **Lillie Troxel**, Group 3-A; **Geneva Troxel**, Group 1; **Irma McPherson**, Group 9; **Helen Parks**, Group 1; **Juanita Klar**, Group 6; **Helen Whitaker**, Group 7; **Elizabeth Lambert**, Group 4; **Ida Ward**, Group 4; **James Clarke**, Utilities; **Harry Biermann**, Group 1; **Glen Lamphere**, Group 3-A; **John Bintzler**, Group 66; **Frank Hutson**, Utilities; **Arnold Johnson**, Utilities; **Evelyn Greenwood**, General Office; **Margaret Cavolt**, Plant Protection; **Alwin Theesfeld**, Guards; **Howard Woolard**, Plant Protection; **Russell Nash**, Guards; **Lynn Boman**, Fire; **Mary Bertino**, Accounting; **Sherlie Elkins**, Inspection.

March 30

Schuyler Corson, Group 1; **Donald McCoy**, Group 1; **Carl Schultz**, Group 1; **Lawrence Lazier**, Utilities; **Lee Gadberry**, Plant Protection; **Edwin Houchin**, Finished Rounds; **Alex Pellock**, Group 1; **Russell Johnson**, Group 3; **Genevieve Bjekich**, Group 5; **Lorraine Sampson**, Group 9; **Mary Rose Raymond**, Group 5; **Delmo Govoni**, Utilities; **William Connor**, Utilities; **Charles Williams**, Watchmen; **Harold Condon**, Guards; **Joseph Chavez**, Guards; **John Franklin**, Guards; **Ennis Ryan**, Guards; **Harlan Grogan**, Guards; **Edward Larocque**, Materials and Stores; **John Snyder**, High Explosives; **Lindsey Bennett**, Group 3; **Thomas Coyne**, Inspection.

March 31

Albert G. Ehringer, Ordnance; **Ted Auer**, Group 1; **Harry Hoffman**, Utilities; **Dominick Jaicomo**, Group 1; **Nicholas Briscoe**, High Explosives; **Russell Johnson**, Group 2; **Edward Peterson**, Group 3; **Marlin Jones**, Group 3; **Wilma Gerbracht**, Group 1; **Bernice Carlin**, Group 9; **Mabel Simpson**, Group 8; **Helen Videtitch**, Group 4; **Anna Meres**, Group 4; **Carl Phillips**, Group 1; **W. H. Trefeiner**, Group 4; **John Depratt**, Utilities; **Charles Herbig**, Materials and Stores; **Samuel King**, Guards; **Arthur Vaghy**, Guards; **Neoma Jett**, Accounting; **Ralph Otto**, Inspection; **John Kinney**, Group 5; **George Bryan**, Inspection.

April 1

Willard L. Anderson, Utilities; **Marie S. Barnett**, Group 1; **Fred J. Becker, Jr.**, Guards; **Edward M. Bernstein**, Group 8; **Geneva B. Briggs**, Group 9; **Joseph Carnale**, Utilities; **James F. Clark**, Group 3-A; **Eleanor I. Cole**, Group 3-A; **Velda L. Cooley**, Group 9; **Frances L. Dempsey**, Plant Protection; **Emil A. Engelman**, Group 61; **Charles E. Farrington**, Group 7; **James P. Flynn**, Group 1; **Benedict A. Furto**, Group 3; **Lloyd L. Gall**, Inert Warehouse; **Eleanor E. Gordon**, Group 4; **James A. Gustal**, Group 1; **Victoria H. Matteson**, Plant Protection Gen.; **Emmett J. McDermott**, Utilities; **Carl E. Palmblade**, Inspection; **Pearl L. Pattengale**, Group 3; **Marie F. Pilon**, Group 6; **William L. Prindle**, Group 6; **Sophie J. Reiter**, Group 9; **John E. Rynerson**, Utilities; **Aaron Scheer**, Engineering-Design; **Walter R. Schiffman**, Utilities; **Alfred J. Schweer**, Group 2; **Evelyn B. Sheridan**, Group 6; **Henry F. Soltaw**, Group 3; **Donald C. Stahler**, Group 4; **Thomas L. Surinak**, Utilities; **Katherine C. Taune**, Utilities; **Hugo B. Terando**, Utilities; **Lucy A. Trepanier**, Group 9; **Edmond H. Vanwinkle**, Guard.

April 2

Everett P. Attaway, Guards; **Delores E. Austin**, Group 9; **Gladys M. Beldleman**, Group 1; **Ralph H. Bessey**, Group 2; **Elizabeth A. Blatt**, Group 3; **Richard M. Boylan**, Guards; **George M. Brumond**, Inspection; **Charles D. Chambers**, Guards; **Bertha L. Craig**, Utilities; **Lola W. Davenport**, Group 6; **Frank F. Elberts**, Group 4; **Mavis Emerson**, Ordnance; **Edward W. Erschen**, Group 2; **Albert L. Gadberry**, Group 2; **Delford W. Gerretse**, Inspection; **Carl W. Gebhardt**, Group 3; **Martha E. Hall**, Group 7; **James A. Humphrey**, Utilities; **Joseph F. Janovsky**, Group 61; **Frannie G. Jefferson**, Group 7; **Albert A. Jones**, Inspection; **William L. Kelly**, Inspection; **William J. Knoop**, Guards; **Royal S. Krause**, Guards; **Catherine M. Lasko**, Group 5; **Mary T. McGovern**, Gen. Office; **Anna E. Mork**, Group 9; **Marie A. Partak**, Group 6; **Carl W. Tiegan**, Guards; **Harry N. Senstrom**, Utilities; **William P. Starr**, Inspection; **Fern E. Timm**, Group 1; **Hubert A. Waltz**, Group 2.

April 3

Fred R. Adams, Guards; **Georgine T. Blaeuer**, Plant Protection; **Robert F. Bolte**, Group 3; **Lucy L. Brandenburg**, Group 7; **Manley Ice Brayton**, Group 1; **Karl H. Bush**, Utilities; **Agnes E. Carlberg**, Ordnance; **Lois I. Dix**, Ordnance; **Charles G. Evans**, Utilities; **Nelly K. Franklin**, Group 9; **Edward J. Gill**, Maintenance; **Mary A. Harsha**, Group 9; **Cornelius W. Healy, Jr.**, Utilities; **Raymond H. Hudson**, Group 8; **Frances C. Karez**, Group 3-A; **Fred Leroy**, Group 2; **Harold P. Meyer**, Fire; **Benjamin R. Moran**, Group 3; **Mayona B. Nelson**, Guard; **Dixie O'Malley**, Group 1; **Frank Ovnich**, Utilities; **Eugene Plunti**, Utilities; **Harold E. Slamp**, Group 3; **Wilfrid Spiers**, Group 3-A; **Clifford Tabar**, Inert Warehouse; **Mathew H. Wykoff**, Group 1.

April 4

Olive E. Bisping, Group 9; **Charles V. Bondreau**, Utilities; **Albert L. Carroll**, Utilities; **Walter D. Connelly**, Group 1; **Cecilie C. Dauphin**, Group 6; **Rollin W. Downey**, Group 3; **Gordon L. Elliott**, Group 1; **Julia M. Fance**, Utilities; **Margaret A. Fiets**, Group 3-A; **James Franklin**, Group 7; **Irene K. Golden**, Group 8; **William S. Harrison**, Ordnance; **William Hartman**, Inspection; **Frances K. Hartung**, Group 4; **Paul W. Hatcher**, Maintenance; **Marion Helmick**, Guards; **Lawrence V. Howland**, Group 2; **Inez M. Johnson**, Group 7; **Theodore H. Kloeckner**, Plant Prot.-Watchman; **Horace A. Kent**, Group 1; **Charles J. Luther**, Inspection; **Ollie Lambert**, Utilities; **Virginia M. Martin**, Ordnance; **Earl W. Moline**, General Office; **Orman K. Olson**, Fire; **Virgil C. Prairie**, Guards; **Joseph Prieboy**, Group 3-A; **Ray K. Provance**, Utilities; **Frank W. Ralph**, Group 1; **Leonard H. Reck**, Group 3; **Alphonse J. Rivard**, Utilities; **Forrest B. Roberts**, Group 3; **Ray T. Ruark**, Group 2; **Richard T. Scerine**, Group 1; **Hawk P. Smith**, Group 2; **Edwin J. Sullivan**, Group 1; **Martha C. Tucker**, Group 3-A; **Claude S. Watkins**, Utilities; **Paul Waskasky**, Group 1; **Ida E. Wesseln**, Group 5; **Frank Williams, Sr.**, Utilities; **Elizabeth B. Widloski**, Group 5.

April 5

Crum W. Barbour, Group 3; **Edna M. Bennett**, Group 9; **Opal M. Bouchard**, Group 9; **Earl Bowman**, Group 1; **Henry A. Brandenburg**, Group 4; **Thomas V. Brennan**, General Accounting; **Hester A. Chestham**, Group 6; **Nicholas J. Clearry**, Fire; **Paul E. Dodson**, Utilities; **Edward J. Terney**, Group 2; **George T. Gardner**, Utilities; **Johnie A. Goodin**, Group 1; **William Heylek**, Group 3-A; **Marguerite E. Kinkade**, Group 6; **Esther E. Koen**, Group 9; **Mary C. McFadden**, Gen. Office; **William Miller**, Group 1; **Eugene A. Morrow, Jr.**, Group 3-A; **Andrew J. Olha**, Utilities; **Christie Pucek**, Inspection; **James C. Riley**, Inspection; **Raymond F. Ross**, Group 2; **Rita B. Ryan**, Group 1; **Leo R. Slaboszewski**, Utilities; **Dale F. Smith**, Group 5; **Howard F. Spuehler**, Group 2; **Martin J. Storm**, Inert Warehouse; **Anthony Szymkowski**, Utilities; **Dorothy L. Lauvelle**, General Accounting; **Leo F. Wheeler**, Utilities; **LeRoy J. Wilhelmi**, Utilities; **Orel J. Woods**, Group 2.

April 6

Albert H. Atwood, Guards; **Frank X. Badinski**, Utilities; **Samuel M. Bell**, Group 9; **Virgel D. Bell**, Fire; **Stephen A. Brown**, Utilities; **Helen D. Cryer**, Group 6; **Shirley M. Dean**, Group 9; **George G. Ennen**, Group 1; **Marjorie L. Forrest**, Personnel; **Gaynell L. Giles**, Group 1; **Charles E. Kaplan**, Group 4; **Anthonia K. Kostyn**, Group 4; **Lawrence E. Lavicka**, Inert Warehouse; **John R. Minton**, Group 3; **Fred Nitz**, Group 3; **Grover C. Norman**, Group 3; **Rachel P. Norman**, Group 4; **Clyde E. Norton**, Group 1; **Lena Pelegrine**, Group 9; **Mara H. Puett**, Ordnance; **Harry V. Ricketts**, Group 3; **Myrtle S. Rody**, Group 3-A; **Romana Scuble**, Group 7; **Oscar C. Seurlack**, Group 3; **Elner J. Stahl**, Group 3; **Margaret L. Stahl**, Group 9; **Joseph J. Stohall**, Group 1; **Louis P. Sullivan**, Gen. Accounting; **James C. Tyler**, Inspection; **Florence S. Wille**, Group 5.

April 7

Alice H. Abbey, Group 1; **Corine A. Bowers**, Group 9; **Donald C. Casey**, Guards; **Leonard W. Clark**, Guards; **George A. Dew**, Group 3-A; **James F. Finnegan**, Group 61; **Joseph V. Hanon**, Group 3; **Hjalner Harstedt**, Guards; **John J. Long**, Group 1; **Donald Lukich**, Group 61; **Mildred E. McGowen**, Group 4; **Faye W. Moore**, Group 4; **Myron M. Mullvain**, Group 1; **Samuel H. Muzzarelli**, Group 1; **James L. Reid**, Group 2; **Delbert W. Rider**, Group 9; **Dominic Rigazio**, Utilities; **John Robert**, Group 3; **David F. Schleman**, Group 3; **Helen S. Seliga**, Group 9; **Margie P. Stevens**, Utilities; **James F. Smith**, Utilities; **Joseph C. Studyvin**, High Explosives; **Sylvia A. W. Wardell**, Utilities; **Russell W. Watkins**, Group 1; **Louis E. Winberg**, Utilities.

April 8

Mayme F. Baron, Group 9; **Homer E. Bennett**, Railroad; **Annibale E. Bertoia**, Maintenance; **Jesse J. Burton**, Group 6; **Milton H. Carter**, Group 1; **Beulah Carwin**, Group 3-A; **Anthony E. Carterfield**, General Accounting; **Tedd N. Chudy**, Ordnance; **Roy E. Dean**, Guards; **Ann F. Dolinshek**, Group 1; **Arnetta E. Greene**, Group 6; **Henry E. Godby**, Group 1; **Margaret C. Harrison**, Group 7; **Charles E. Hebert**, Utilities; **Willard G. Jennings**, Group 1; **Mary M. Klen**, Group 1; **Alma G. Kohn**, Group 3-A; **Hazel A. Koller**, Ordnance; **Gladys C. Lewis**, Group 7; **Camilla P. Phillips**, Group 3-A; **Clinton E. Ryno**, Group 3; **Angelo J. Sperelakis**, Group 3-A; **Emily A. Wight**, Group 6; **Roy L. Wiseman**, Plant Protection Group; **Frank S. Webber**, Group 61.

April 9

Josiah R. Blanchard, Group 3-A; **Louis J. Ceel**, Group 3; **Mayme Chayer**, Group 5; **Vera L. Doty**, Group 6; **Homer F. Davis**, War Department; **Cora B. Erickson**, Group 7; **Roy Fields**, Group 1; **Dena B. Findley**, Group 9; **Thomas Jeffrey**, Group 5; **Kathryn L. Jelinek**, Group 9; **Dorothy R. McCarthy**, Group 4; **Catherine A. McCormick**, Group 7; **George T. McTernaw**, Guards; **Alice T. McShane**, Group 9; **Raymond J. O'Keefe**, Guards; **William E. Olsen**, Group 3; **Robert A. Osburn**, Utilities; **Fred Peterson**, Inert Warehouse; **Mary J. Snapp**, Group 4; **William H. Stillwill**, Group 61; **Clarence J. Taylor**, Utilities; **Josephine M. Tymawerlez**, Group 6; **Robt. L. Waddell**, Group 3-A; **G. T. Wetterhahn, Jr.**, Inspection; **James K. Yeates**, Utilities.

April 10

Ralph A. Albani, Group 1; **Philip J. Brais**, Group 1; **William J. Busing**, Group 61; **Michael G. Chuck**, Engineering-Design; **Loran J. Coonrad**, Group 1; **Roberts J. Carbin**, Group 66; **Willis J. Donavan**, Group 61; **Ogle T. Garrett**, Plant Protection—Guard; **George Gouwens**, Railroad; **George W. Greenwood**, Maintenance; **Pauline R. Hogerman**, Group 7; **George T. Hull**, Group 4; **Earl G. Jenkins**, Group 61; **Paul L. Lambert**, Group 3; **Loretta B. McDonald**, Gen. Accounting; **Marjorie L. McGahey**, Group 5; **Hazel Robertson**, Group 1; **Howard J. Scharp**, Group 3; **Anita C. Scott**, General Office; **Jeremiah Slick**, Group 2; **Paul A. Talbott**, Ordnance; **Ronald C. Thomas**, Group 1; **John W. Wylie**, Group 3; **Frank Zabor**, Group 2.

April 11

Isaac Babington, Fire; **Mary E. Baker**, Ordnance; **Mary Blum**, Group 1; **William D. Durham**, Group 4; **William H. Durham**, Guard; **Josephine S. Gagnier**, Group 3-A; **Herman J. Guard**, Gen. Accounting; **Gustav W. Hahn**, General Operations; **Orville W. Johnson**, Group 7; **Victor H. Kindelberger**, Utilities; **Dorrance B. Laroche**, Group 2; **Robert E. Lee**, High Explosives; **Irma J. Lieberthal**, Group 3-A; **Bessie T. Lough**, Group 5; **Ann P. Munich**, Group 5; **Ann A. Maddaus**, Group 1; **Thomas F. Nugent**, Gen. Accounting; **Ervin E. Rovenhagen**, Group 3; **Ester D. Stevens**, General Accounting; **Frank A. Sherman**, Utilities; **Rudolph M. Skroko**, Utilities; **Tom Ladd**, Inspection; **Lucille Venzara**, Plant Protection-Gen.; **Harold B. Willard**, Guard.

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V— EOP Honor Roll

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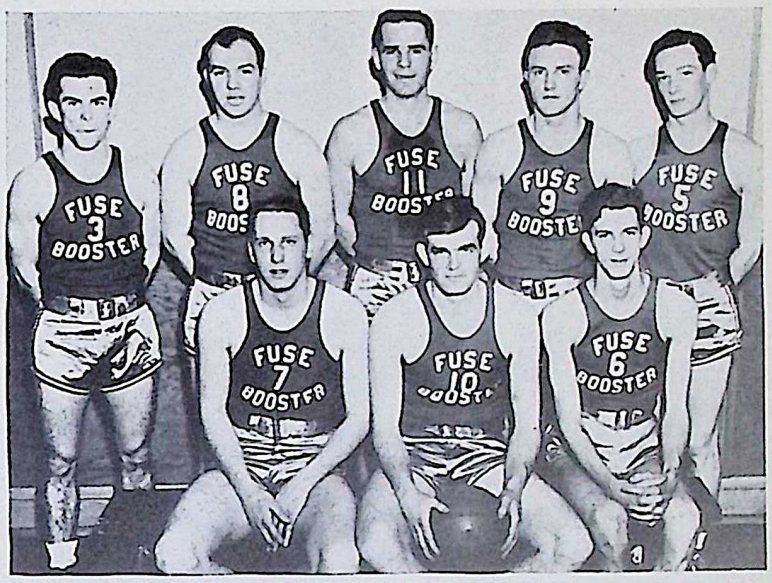
Harold Asbell
Francis Aspel
LeRoy Thomas Baker
John T. Baldon, Jr.
Joseph James Ballantine
Walter Earl Beaudoin
Roger Paul Blanchette
James M. Bobbitt
Paul Joseph Charbonneau
Ralph E. Clutts
Robert O. Cirasole
Willard David Cobble
William Alvin Conness
Cedric Colby Cole
James Sumner Coyle
Tom A. Delockery
Elmer Cleo Edmonds
Victor C. Ecker
William F. Fischer
Henry LeRoy Fortado
Carl R. Gregorich
Joseph Grundstad
Howard E. Gustafson
James Francis Hogan
Jerome J. Hummel
George Richard Lestina
K. L. Long
Donald Eugene Manthey
S. Marlette
William Donald McGowan
Robert Melson
Edward George Merriman
Jack LeRoy Mitchell
Jack David Needles
Marion P. O'Leary
James Jerome Oliver
Loyal Henry Olson
Virgil Ellis Pool
Ben Powell
Raymond F. Pratt
Everette Rieck
George E. Ruffner
William James Rupnow
Albert D. Saieg
Karl G. Sobottka
Robert Thomas Stansberry
Theodore R. Steger
George William Suca
Arthur Ambrose Swinghamer
Gilbert Eugene Taylor
Aloysius Frank Twardowski
Savino Martin Vercellotti
Francis Fletcher Wallrich
Edwin R. Walsh
Vincent Francis Walsh
John A. Watson
Charles Weeks
James Phillip Whelan
Leonard Albert Wulff
Elmo Younger



FIRST CHAMPIONS of the EOP Basketball League are these members of the Fuze and Booster Chemical Laboratory quintet. Shown here left to right, they are: Front row—Charles Bridwell, manager; Harvey Sessi and George Hull; back row—Denton Elliott, Jed Nees, William Partridge, Harold Starr and William Burke.

Do You Belong
For February, 1943
"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 1*
Group 2*
Group 3A*
Group 4**
Group 5**
Group 6*
Group 8*
Group 9*
Group 23**
Group 27**
Group 45**
Group 60**
Group 61**
Group 625**
Group 63**
Group 64**
Group 65**
Group 66**
Group 66A**,
Group 68**
Richards Farm Utilities*
Miscellaneous Utilities*

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during February.

Make 1943 Accident Free

The EOP Guide Post

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—Trailer, 17 ft. Pathfinder, 2 good stoves and porch, plus 3 tires—cheap. See **Shirly Flikin**, Box 672 or Island Trailer Camp, Wilmington.

Ride Wanted — Immediately from Plainfield to Administration Building. Office worker, hours 8:45 to 5:15. Please call **Jeanne Baskerville**, Line 3114.

For Rent—Three unfurnished rooms, steam heat, light and water furnished. See **E. B. Roff**, steamfitter, Boiler House, Group 3, or call Dwight 447R or Line 4284; 3:30 to 11:30 shift.

For Rent—Large sleeping room, next to bath. Suitable for working man. Home-like conditions. Call at 197 N. Wildwood, Kankakee.

Wanted—Ride to Chicago, south side. 7:30 to 4:00 shift. Call Line 3189.

For Sale—1940 Ford, maroon convertible coupe, 5 white wall tires, radio, heater. Leaving for navy. **Howard Davey**, Line 5145.

Wanted Riders — From Braidwood and Wilmington to plant. 7:30 to 3:00 shift. Call **Wesley Sargent**, Group 4, Power House, Line 4144.

Wanted—Ride from Joliet to Group 63 for three men. 3:30 to 11:30 shift. Line 3256.

For Rent — Single rooms, kitchen privileges. 417 E. Fourth Ave., Joliet. Call Joliet 2-1770 or **E. T. Bennington**, Room 20, Administration Bldg., Line 4283.

Roommates Wanted — Young man wants 2 or 3 men to share comfortable, reasonable room on West Side, Joliet. Call Joliet 5906. **Seward Brown**, Group 61.

Roomers Wanted — Men preferred, meals optional, with small private family. Call **Matthew Vertin**, 503 Campbell St., Joliet. Phone 2-1527.

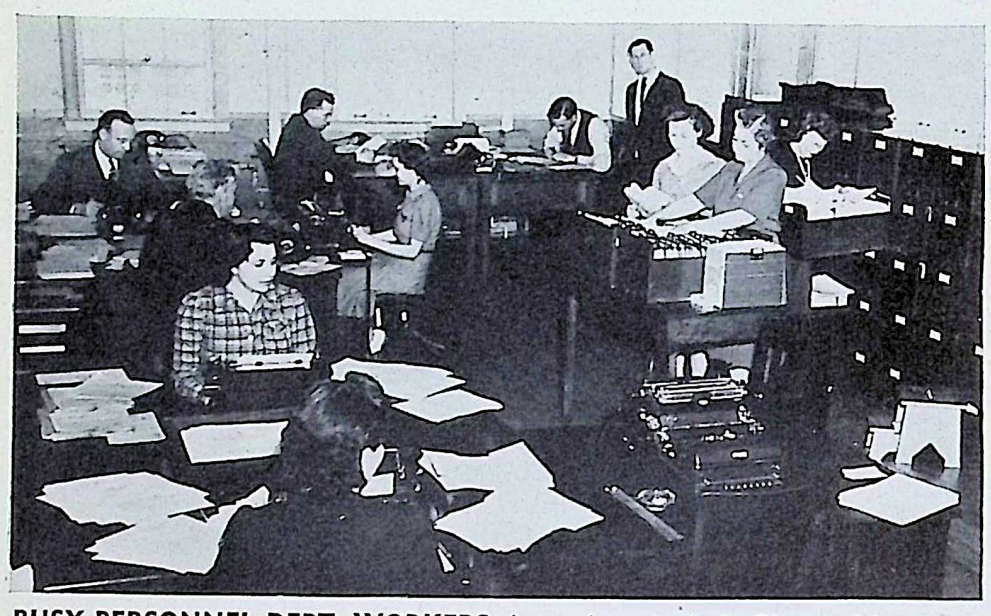
Apartment Wanted—4 or 5 room apartment or bungalow with 2 bedrooms. See **Max Wolfson**, Room 276, Administration Bldg. Leads appreciated.

Wanted—Girl to share apartment. Call or write **Mrs. Russell Reid**, 330 S. Indiana, Kankakee.

For Sale—4 guard shirts, 2 size 15½ and 2 size 16½, and belt in good condition. **Beatrice Merrick**, Building 6, Group 6.

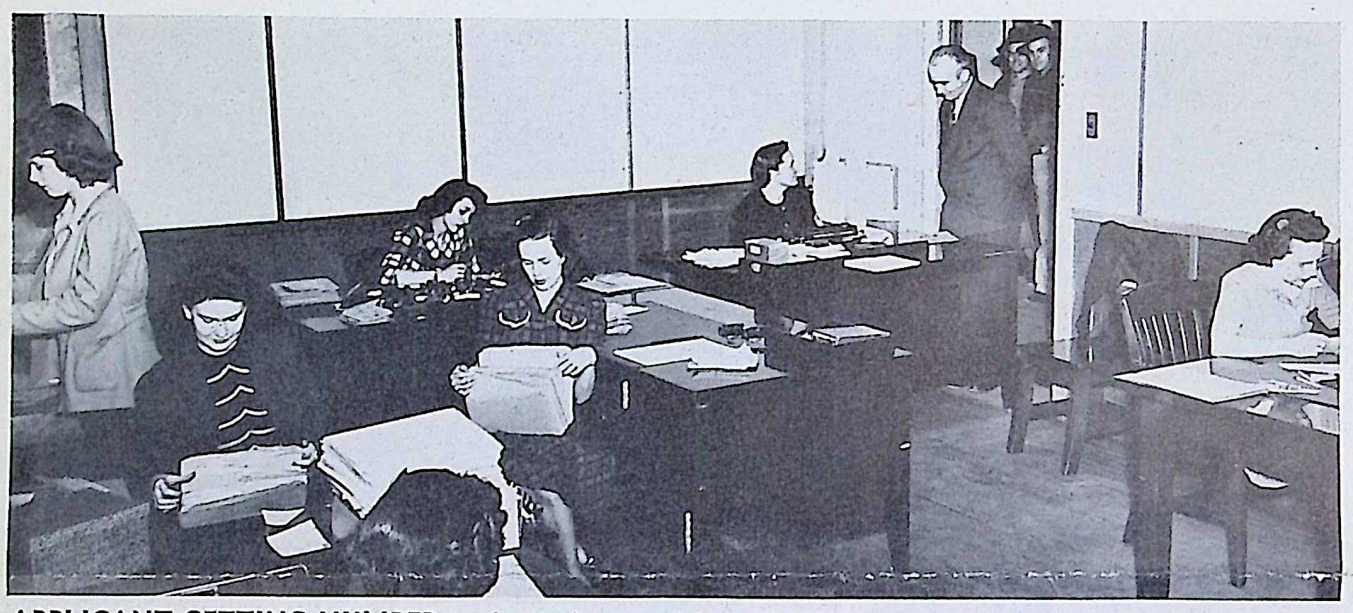
Riders Wanted — From Wilmington and intervening points to EOP. 7:30 to 3:30 shift. Call **Leonard Fisk**, Group 62-N, Line 5235.

ELWOOD ON PARADE



BUSY PERSONNEL DEPT. WORKERS shown here include Clinton Matteson, Byron Mills, Georgiana Flavin, Katherine McCauley, Oliver Pierce, Vivian M. Jones, Alfred Dearth, Dorothy M. Kaldem, Margaret Collins and Rita Cushing.

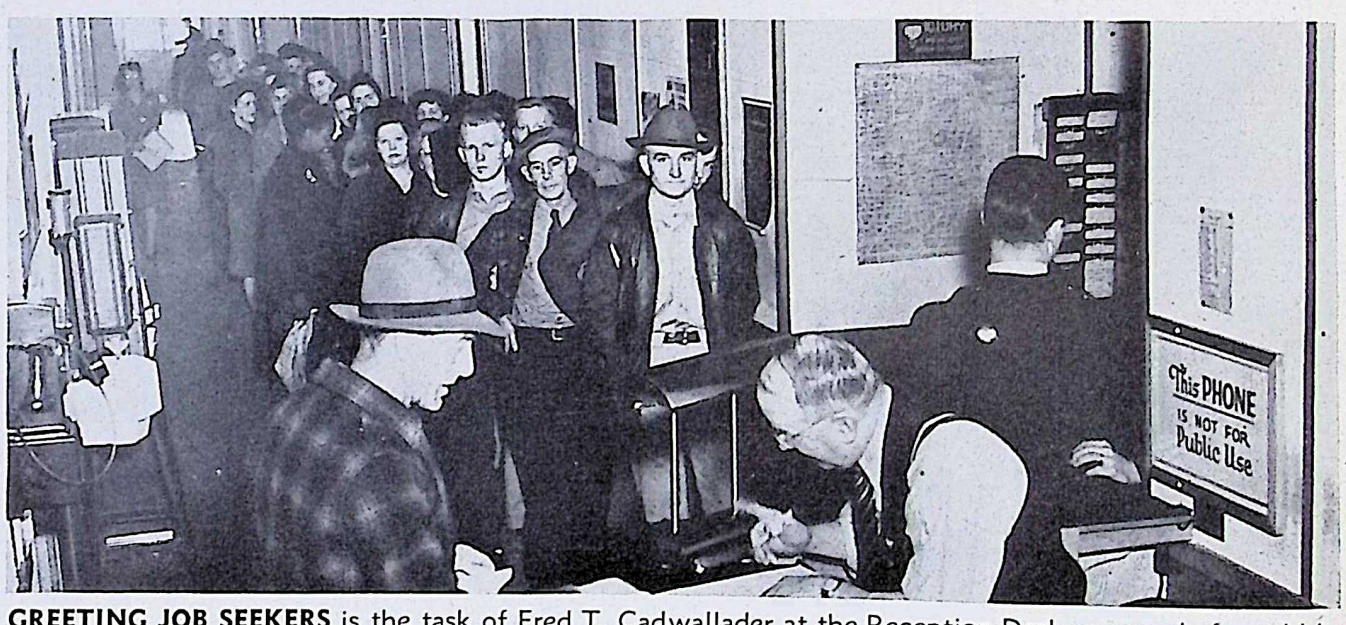
STATISTICS AND TRANSFER DIVISION of Personnel Department is composed of Marian A. Griffey, Irene Mulligan, David W. Graves and Evelyn Melby.



APPLICANT GETTING NUMBER is shown here as Merna M. Wemstrom, Patricia A. Carlos, Helen F. Pikush, Kathryn M. Smith, Marge Forrest, Florence Dunterman and Coran Adelman watch proceedings.

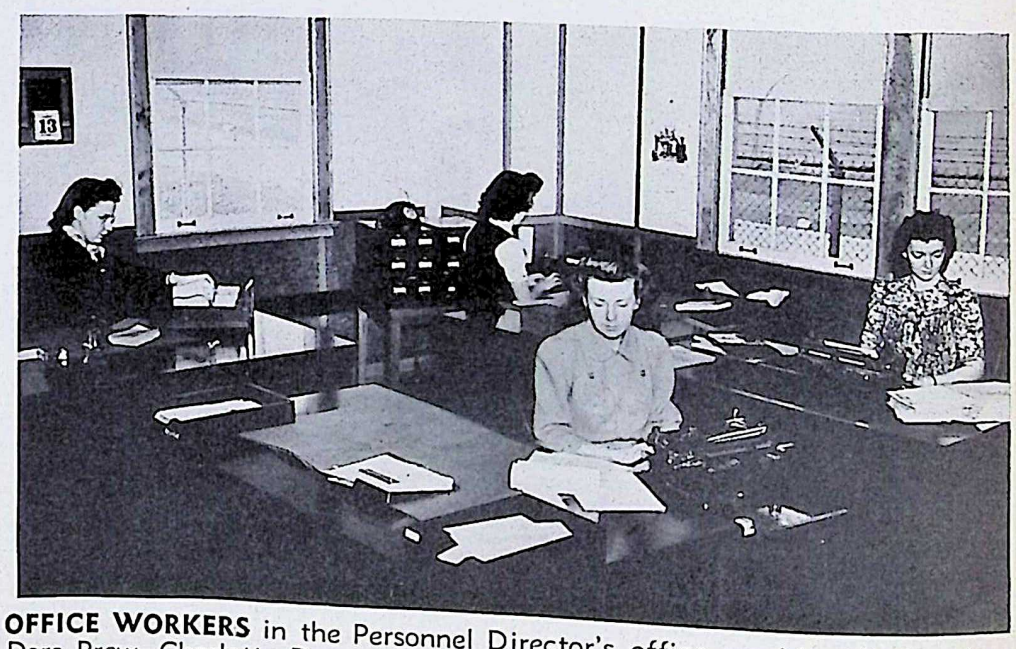
FINGERPRINT EXPERTS are Maurice Evans, Darwin Boitnoitt and Dolores Courtney.

INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS is being observed by Robert Whithey and Harry Dean.



GREETING JOB SEEKERS is the task of Fred T. Cadwallader at the Reception Desk as crowd of would-be workers await their turn.

PICTURES AND FINGERPRINTS of new workers are taken by Bernadine Keenan, Irvin Moore, Audrey Deiss, Margaret Lundquist, Darwin Griffith, Virginia Nowack and Joyce Enger.



OFFICE WORKERS in the Personnel Director's office are Marcella Burnham, Dara Prew, Charlotte Doxsee and June Morgan.

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LETS GO! U·S·A! KEEP 'EM SHOOTING!

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Construction "E" Awarded to Pine Bluff

Sanderson & Porter Have Army-Navy Flags in 2 Fields

Announcement that the men and women of Sanderson & Porter at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Ark., had been honored with the Army-Navy Production Award for high achievement in war construction was received with elation at EOP. A number who helped build EOP are with the Pine Bluff group.

Harrison Smith, resident partner here for Sanderson & Porter; **A. E. Frosch**, chief engineer, **A. M. Lockwood**, general superintendent of utilities, and **Thomas M. Burns**, general superintendent Fuse and Booster Area, plan to attend the "E" award ceremonies at Pine Bluff April 10.

Armed with a contract dated November 13, 1941, Sanderson & Porter arrived at Pine Bluff November 17. Offices were opened in the city, which is ten miles south of the reservation, with forces at one time scattered over three locations—two office floors and the local Armory.

The permanent Administration Building at the site was ready for occupancy April 1, 1942, and was fully tenanted by personnel of the Chemical Warfare Service. Temporary headquarters for Sanderson & Porter were occupied February 7, 1942.

The first contract covered incendiaries only and was followed by a Depot Extension in February and a Chemical Section in April, 1942.

Ground was broken in December, 1941, and there immediately set in a wet winter and spring, April alone contributing over 12 inches of rain. There was one January snow storm with temperatures of 6° above, all of which sounds tropical when compared with Elwood conditions. All soil within the reservation comprised a layer of clay and sand from four to eight feet deep overlying a hardpan. The wet weather converted all ground into a quagmire and one of the embarrassing situations was the miring of two Chemical Warfare generals while on an inspection tour in February, necessitating "cats" for their rescue.

However, when spring finally settled followed by a very dry summer, construction progress was remarkably good. The Incendiary area comprised six lines, each of which was completed on schedule at intervals of two weeks. The first munitions were turned out in July,

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Stay Off Grass Or Get Ticket

Spring is here and the grass is turning green. **E. O. Huey**, head of the Plant Protection Department, urges all EOP workers to stay off the grass in the Administration area. Most of the territory has just been seeded and the grass should be given a chance to grow. Violators of the request will be given a ticket (just as for a traffic violation) by the Guards.

Posters Important in Safety Promotion

IMPORTANT SAFETY LESSONS are effectively dramatized for EOP workers by the large billboards throughout the area. These messages are changed frequently and Supervising Safety Engineer Al Hesley is shown here watching (left to right) Henry Heinen, John Daniels and Glen Lamb of the Richards Farms Paint Shop complete a poster near the North Gate.

Emergency Stations Named for Shortage

Seven gasoline service stations in the vicinity of Elwood Ordnance Plant have been designated by local members of the Office of Price Administration to take care of the needs of EOP employees in the event there is a gasoline shortage similar to the one in the East last December.

These stations will be provided with gasoline for war workers and military personnel should others be closed as the result of any severe shortage. The stations are:

FitzHenry and Cate Oil Company, 76 South Chicago Street, Joliet; Jack's Service Station, Route 66A, Elwood (Approximately one mile north of the plant); Carkhuff's Service Station, Route 47 and Washington Street, Morris; The Wilmington Motor Company, Route 66 and Main Street, Wilmington; Krizan's Service Station, Fifth Avenue and Broadway Street, Bradley; Schoth's Service Station, 687 East Court Street, Kankakee, and Baron Huot Oil Company, River and West Avenue, Kankakee.

Ample notice will be given to EOP employees should a shortage develop the need to use the emergency station arise, said **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller.

Safety Records Increase at EOP

New safety records are being set each month by various departments of Elwood Ordnance Plant. Group 61 has now operated 15 consecutive months without a lost-time accident. The Fuze and Booster groups operated all of March without a lost-time accident. For the first time, all loading lines, Groups 1, 2, 3 and 3-A, had no lost-time accidents during any one month, February.

Buying Safety Shoes Is Made Easier

Recent Office of Price Administration rulings have eased the restrictions on war plant employees, including those at EOP, pertaining to the necessity for them to exchange their Number 17 ration stamp when buying safety shoes.

It is still necessary for employees to present stamps when buying safety shoes from their employers, but in the event the Number 17 stamp has been used for street shoes, a certificate can be obtained from local rationing boards and this can be substituted for the stamp. If the stamp has been used for safety shoes and street shoes are required, a certificate may be obtained from the boards.

Patterson Praises War Workers Here

Employees of EOP were told that they shared a tribute with the soldiers on the fighting front, by **Robert P. Patterson**, Under Secretary of War, in a telegram informing them that Army Day would not be celebrated with the usual military ceremonies and parades this year. Army Day was observed April 6.

"Americans everywhere are too busy fighting and working to pause even for a few moments," said Mr. Patterson's telegram, "but the occasion remains a tribute to the soldiers of America. On this Army Day you who have done your full duty on the production lines, share that tribute with American fighting men. Our soldiers are on the offensive over Europe, in North Africa and in the Pacific. With your continued support the Army will keep that offensive rolling until Victory rewards our efforts."

Blood Bank May Be Set Up Here

A portable trailer "blood bank" of the American Red Cross may be in the vicinity of EOP within a few weeks and a committee has been named to check the possibilities of using this equipment for obtaining blood donations here.

The committee is composed of **John F. Welch**, War Department; **Veronica Kelley**, Hospital, and **Anna K. Baird**, General Offices.

Safety Plan At EOP for All Employees

Accident Prevention Is Ceaseless Task Of Trained Workers

The farflung safety program in effect at Elwood Ordnance Plant reaches into every department and covers all of the activities proved most effective in the prevention of accidents. The execution of the program is in the hands of **Rollin T. Read**, safety director, of 28 trained safety engineers and assistants.

Premises in the loading and assembling lines are inspected daily and any unsafe conditions are immediately corrected so that they can't develop into hazardous situations. Close co-operation is in effect with the Plant Protection Department and its various divisions.

Prevention of traffic accidents is developed with the Guards, and elimination of fire hazards is sought in conjunction with the Fire Department and the fire inspectors.

First Aid Included

Mr. Read, who was assistant manager of the safety section of the Dupont companies for five years during and after World War I, and who served as secretary-manager of the Delaware Safety Council and as president of Public Safety Councils for the Southern States, has three general assistants. **Karl Ulrich**, a former State safety consultant engineer and labor conciliator, is assistant director. **Harl Son**, who spent several years in highway safety, supervises the safety engineers in the loading lines and **Al Hesley**, a construction safety engineer, looks after the miscellaneous areas.

A meteorology division furnishes up-to-the-minute weather forecasts for the guidance of the plant's operating department. There are two meteorologists, **G. B. Ward** and **L. S. Southcomb. I. W. Hawes**, formerly of the National Safety Council, conducts first aid classes throughout the area. **Leslie M. Ross** supervises a statistical division, which is located at the EOP Hospital.

There is a safety engineer on duty for each shift in the loading and assembling lines. In some instances there are two for the day shift. These men make daily inspections, reports and recommendations and the progress of suggestions for improvements and

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Listen to Army Hour Each Sunday

EOP employees are urged to listen to the Army Hour broadcast every Sunday afternoon, 2:30 to 3:30, over the NBC network. WMAQ in Chicago carries the program, which dramatizes the functions of the various divisions of the Army. Activities of the Ordnance Department were dramatized in the last two programs and those who heard them were thrilled by the experience.

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Absenteeism Decreasing

It is with much pride that we can report that the percentage of workers absent from their duties is decreasing and during the month of March it was the lowest experienced at EOP. This improvement is taken as an indication that employees are becoming more conscious of their obligation to the fighting men.

We hope each employee will realize the importance of his job to the war effort. Without your help and regular attendance, either some one else must do your work on the days you are absent, or this plant will fail in fulfilling its assigned tasks. We do not believe you are consciously a shirker, or that you wish your plant to fail in its mission.

No "E's" for Absentees

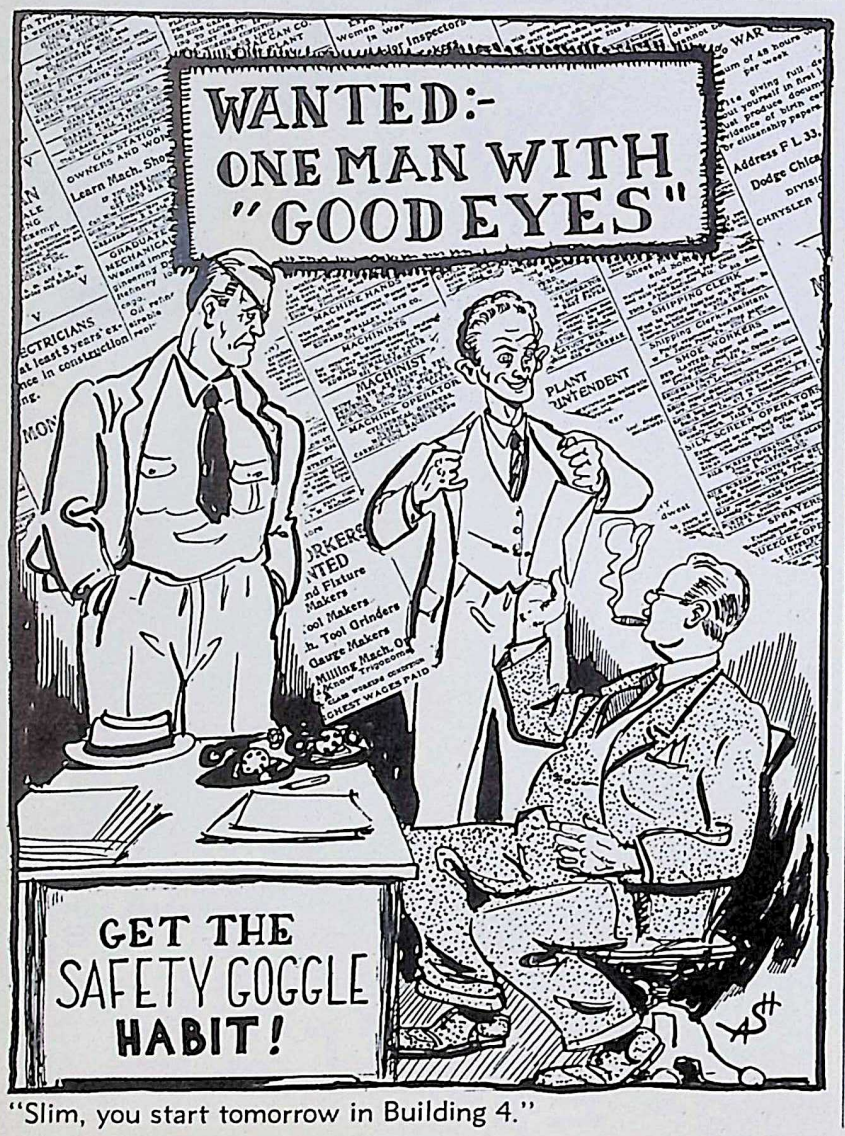
You can't win the "E" if you're an absentee! The Army-Navy Board for Production Awards gives the factor of absenteeism a high rating in considering the eligibility of war production plants for an award for excellence in production.

Companies which are nominated for the award will be requested to furnish the Board with a statement of the percentage of absenteeism in their plants for each of the preceding months, so that the Board will have data on the current situation and an indication of whether the problem of absenteeism is increasing or decreasing.

Unnecessary absenteeism is seriously curtailing production of war material. Labor organizations are cooperating with Management and the Government in a national drive to reduce absenteeism by eliminating such causes as illness, accidents, poor transportation and housing facilities, and the lack of appreciation by some workers of their importance in the war program.

Buy War Bonds Now!

The second great campaign of the United States Treasury for the sale of War Bonds starts next week. Be ready to do your share. If you are not already an owner, be sure you are one before the campaign is over. Better still, sign up now to purchase a $50 bond out of your weekly pay. Just ask your timekeeper for a slip and you can be enrolled in the EOP Ten Per Cent Club, devoting 10 per cent of your earnings each week to war savings. If you already are a buyer, buy more. Money as well as men and materials is needed to win this war.



"Slim, you start tomorrow in Building 4."

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

Thoughts from a Sentry Tower: —Who said a goldfish has no privacy—after 20 minutes up here I'm convinced any ordinary goldfish could be an accredited member of the gestapo and still escape detection—but on to the labors of this *exalted* position.

Illinois is awfully flat, isn't it? — Brunswick - Balke - Collender ought to capitalize on it and advertise it as the "Billiard Table State"—Nice car going by—no wonder he has it full of pretty gals —suppose he thinks he attracts that kind of riders, but how little he knows about the magnetism of a Super DeLuxe Stratoliner Job—(10 payments still due).

Wow! there goes W. G. Lanterman lickety split—bet he doesn't spend half his time on the right side of the road—might call him a *passing fancy*, so to speak—bet the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company would like that right rear job for their museum as tire No. 1 from their establishment.

More activity among the farmers these days—the plows coming out in the open—tractors getting their first squirt of oil since 1942. . . . Greyhound buses, Santa Fe Trailways buses—how in the world do they get the gasoline and tires to ply (no pun as far as tires are concerned) their trade.

Well, I guess I'll go out for a spell—too bad they could not build plank walks this short distance—not such a bad assignment after all—always did have a liking for poetry—pretty good world as far as I am concerned—that Sears-Roebuck outfit is a pretty square gang—I'm for them from now on.

I feel better now—eight hours times 60 minutes is 480 minutes. I never knew 480 minutes took such a long time—that Alton engineer thinks he's smart blowing that whistle so long—bet he lives ten miles from the nearest railroad so he can't hear the bleat of his contemporaries—whoops! here comes G. R. Kintzel with his seemingly new Chrysler—hope the Scorching (copyrighted) sun doesn't fade that black paint.

Look at that bunch of joy-riders, they couldn't possibly be from EOP, must be from a neighboring establishment (we have our cash rates for public mention)—how does that guy manage all that traffic and still keep the strangle hold on the damsel, we admit she likes it but the irresistibility of concrete culverts is something that throws one-armed driving into the realm of insoluble insolubles.

Well, sorry folks, got to go now —here comes my relief.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I suppose my pitiful little defense of your spectacular columnist will be completely *buried* under the perfect avalanche of protests you'll receive after that Baloney-Mann expose . . . but please, do read it at least, won't you?

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The very idea of those two *awful* men saying such *terrible* things about that darling "Scorchy"!

Why, they should be ridden on a rail—(no, they'd probably only put one foot on it and order a chaser, since they were the originators of that famous war slogan, "Sighted Schooner—Drank Same").

And each of these ungallant galoots claims to be a Self Made Man! Which only serves to accentuate the absurdity of using nothing but unskilled labor. * * * * (Why, these Lydia Pinkham fiends look so derned run down, that last week three undertakers wanted to submit estimates!)

But—such diatribes are to be expected from men who do nothing except sit around all day . . . and that's where these lads really shine.

Ah, the impudent idiocy of their challenging the prolific pen of that scintillating scribe whose fiery style has rightfully earned him the hard won *nom de plume* of "Scorchy." Why, he's uncovered more startling subjects than Gypsy Rose Lee!

Tscha! The piercing thrusts of his rapier like wit will carve them to ribbons before they can even *lift* the clumsy broadaxes they use for timid *tete-a-tete*. 'Tis like pitting a dashing D'Artagnan against a pair of oafish offal mongers!

And now, with such a warm, informal introductory, what a perfectly *grand* spot to introduce our campaign cry, *"Scorchy for President!"*

This great man is the logical Candidate for '44. He has always been marked for exalted places—why, even as a child, he held down a very high chair.

Once he ran for a big office. It was near closing time and the elevator broke. As a youth he worked hard and faithfully, trying to clean up the county. He sold soap.

When elected, he promises work for everybody—grafting perfume buds of stinkweeds along the Michigan Canal. And he personally guarantees that there will be no horsing around with the meat situation, and that he will force dandelion shoots to give out with canned peaches and cut plug.

Voters! Get behind this Magnetic Personality! Give him a push, a shove, or at least a pat on the back. If you're a blonde widow of 28, at 118 ringside and wealthy, just give him a warm look and a blank check.

Enthusiastically yours,
Euphelia Roanebeck
Campaign Manager

I have written . . . a poem!

Farewell to a Bomb

Now Pal, you'll be all loaded
Long before the end of day.
Then we'll roll you in a boxcar,
And they'll start you on your way.
When you land on Wilhelmstrasse
Blow the d..m thing all away,
As you boom, "With love and kisses,
From Fitzpatrick and 3-A!"

—**James Hart,**
Safety Engineer.

I Have Written a Poem

There are two little Helens and one little Millie,
They work right next to me, and oh, are they silly.
When one of these girls comes up with a joke,
She passes it around and we laugh till we choke.

The one little Helen, with sweater of blue,
She works harder than the other two do,
But there are times when her work is done
And she stops for a while to join in the fun.

But the Helen who wears the babushka of yellow,
She works quite hard, but she dreams of her fellow,
And as she stamps boxes she thinks of the chap
And longs to be home, sitting in his lap.

But for that Millie, there's not much I can say,
Her two main past-times are sleep and play;
And very happy I would be
If she had a little more ambition, like me.

—**Blanche Ryslink**
Group 6

The Victory Gals

We're all alike—we Victory dames—
And none of us has any claims.
We wake in time to see the sun in the sky.
Rather than get up, we'd just as soon die.

We reach our Group, alight from the bus,
Put on uniforms, and prepare without fuss.
Our hair is combed in a simple way—
Off with glamour eight hours a day.

There's Rosie who works on the Fuze line,
And Mary who numbers each mine.
They accept every hardship that comes with a smile,
Thru unity they will denounce the word *Heil!!!!!*

We do our work the best way we know;
War Bonds, of course, with all extra dough.
There's never any complaining at all.
We know that eventually Hitler will fall.

We're not doing this for only me and you,
It's for the whole Nation—the Red, White and Blue.
We're fighting now on land and on sea
To keep Uncle Sam's children happy and free.

—**Julienne Hughes** and
Eleanor Mertens
Group 5

Beautiful Spring

I'm—oh—so glad that spring is here,
The sun smiles down so bright.
The little birds are in the trees
And chirping with delight.

It's a tingling thrill to linger
Where the flowers are once more seen.
The tulip lifts her pretty head
As though she were the queen.

The tree lifts her leafy branches
Up to the clear, blue sky,
Where the skylarks and the robins
Are soaring up so high.

The Maker must be very kind,
He made each pretty thing.
We ought to love Him so much more
For giving us "Beautiful Spring."

—**Edith "Billie" Valentine**
General Offices

We're Glad We Live in the U.S.A.

We don't hear the cannon's roar,
Or see bombs drop at our front door.
We're in a country that is free;
We're Americans, you and me.

We're glad we live in the U.S.A.
And not in a country across the sea
Where they bow and beg on bended knee.
Congress can use our very last dollar
To preserve our freedom, we won't holler.

Our boys are out there fighting from day to day
And aiding in defense plans in every way
To keep Herr Hitler from our shore
And maintain peace forevermore.

He wants to get us in his clutch
Like he did the Danish and the Dutch,
But we'll guard our land and guard it well
'Ere a Hun sneaks in on us to dwell.

And when Il Duce's ceased to be
And Hitler's been dunked into the sea,
We'll have our liberty, tried and true,
'Neath our own Old Glory, the Red, White and Blue.

—**Mildred B. Treasure**
Group 6

Kin Urged to Write Often to Service Men

Soldier Says Paper Shortens Distance To North Africa

Workers at EOP who have relatives in the armed forces overseas now have a greater responsibility than ever to write to them frequently by V-mail as only those letters have the best chance of being delivered to the fighters.

Regulations prohibit the mailing of *The Bomb-Shell* and similar publications to those stationed overseas. Authorities also asked that a proposal to form a correspondence club among EOP employees to write to the men and women overseas who formerly worked here not be developed as letters from relatives only will receive priority in delivery.

These steps were taken to save valuable cargo space, sorely needed for ordnance, food and supplies. Only V-mail from relatives is transported by plane and can be duplicated in the event of loss, as the originals are kept in this country until word that the photographic copies have been received. Other letters go by ship, which is much slower, and they cannot be duplicated in the event of loss.

Congratulations to his former associates here on their winning of the Army-Navy "E" Award were sent by **Pvt. Fred M. Padley** from somewhere in North Africa. His letter, dated March 5, said five or six issues of *The Bomb-Shell* were delivered to him "when the mail finally came through." Those probably will be the last he will receive as they were sent prior to the regulation against mailing publications overseas.

Gets Overseas Haircut

"I thought I enjoyed your paper while I was in the States," said Pvt. Padley, "but now that I am on foreign soil—well it seems to mean just that much more. It seems to shorten the distance of the miles and miles of land and water that separate us."

In a letter to his mother, **Mrs. Maude Adams** of Cerro Gordo, Ill., **Pvt. Francis L. Adams** said he had received his "overseas haircut" and would be on his way across by the time the letter was received. Commenting on the picture of **Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr.**, on Page One of the January 29 issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, Pvt. Adams said he had served under him at Aberdeen Proving Ground and considered him one of the best officers with whom he had come in contact. General Harris presented the "E" flag to EOP employees February 12.

Tom J. Riley of Group 3-A received a V-mail letter from **Lt. Col. D. J. Manning**, somewhere overseas, in which he said he sees "the EOP stamp every day" and "it gets bigger and better."

Corp. Harold E. Johnson, a former timekeeper here, who has been transferred to an Army Administration School at the University of Mississippi, said he was home on a furlough recently, but had no idea former employees would be permitted to visit the plant. "Please say hello to all timekeepers in service and those still at the plant working for **John O'Connell**," he added.

Girl Is Transferred

Additional congratulations on the "E" award were sent by **Pvt. Ernest Kinzer**, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; **Pvt. F. A. Tibble**, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and **Pvt. Harold L. Sites**, Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Lucille A. Ambrose, formerly of the Comptroller's Office, now with the SPARS, wrote that she had been transferred from New York to Stillwater, Okla., for special training at Oklahoma A & M University. **Marco Polo** had nothing on Lucille when describing travels and experiences, as those who have heard from her will testify.

Staff Sgt. Maynard B. Standley, a former employee who visited here recently while on furlough, is now an aerial gunner with the Army Air Force at Salina, Kan. In a recent letter to his mother, **Mrs. Estella B. Standley**, of Kankakee, he said his crew had received their plane and predicted he would be overseas soon.

Corp. Raymond H. Myers, formerly of Group 5, is now stationed at Los Angeles and wrote interestingly of visits to Hollywood, where he met a few movie stars, and the Los Angeles radio stations. He is attending a radio school.

Pvt. Albert D. Saieg, Camp Hulen, Texas, said he would "drop the company a line from Berlin or Tokyo as soon as we get settled there." He formerly worked in Group 1. **Pvt. William R. Hamilton**, Camp Hauze, Texas, sent greetings to his former associates in Building 6, Group 1. He reported that **Fedele Testa**, who formerly worked in Building 13, is in his company.

In Radio School

L. E. Webster, an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Alabama, wrote that he remembered with pleasure the 20 months he spent at EOP and that "while *The Bomb-Shell* isn't as nice as a dozen letters, it at least lets me know what the score is."

"The employees of EOP earned that 'E' and I hope that it will stay on the flag pole in front of the Administration Building," said **Pvt. Robert R. Engstrom**, Camp Hulen, Texas. "I want to congratulate each and everyone on the 'E' and the fine work they are doing."

Pvt. Jack Grimm wrote to **Edward J. Keenan** of Group 2, where he formerly worked, describing in detail his studies at a Signal Corps radio school at Ashland, Wis. He has finished half of his 20-week course.

In a letter to **Geraldine M. Ward**, Ordnance Safety and Security Division, **Sgt. Jay Futterer**, who formerly operated a "cat" at EOP, explained that he is chief of a search light section, stationed at Berkeley, Calif.

Letters and cards were received also from **Pvt. Mervelle Helle**, Camp Blanding, Florida, formerly of Bldg. 10, Group 3-A; **Pvt. Alfred J. Barnes**, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; **Pvt. Lawrence E. Ross**, Portsmouth, Va.; **Pvt. Amos N. Mathison**, San Francisco, Calif; **Malcolm L. Persinger**, Great Lakes Naval Training Station; **Mrs. M. Kreimeier**, Bradley, Ill., in behalf of **James S. Coyle**, Great Lakes Naval Training Station; **Donald L. Johnson**, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla.; **Lt. Douglas C. Etling**, Douglas, Ariz.; **James M. Scobell**, Braidwood, Ill., in behalf of his son, **Pvt. Edward D. Scobell**, Greenville, Penn.; **Pvt. James Ventsias**, San Diego, Calif., formerly of Group 1; **Pvt. I. A. Knight**, Fort Lewis, Washington; **Pvt. Earl G. Potter**, Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi; **Ralph E. Adams**, RT 3/C, Treasure Island, California; **Burton Peet**, S 2/C, Memphis, Tenn.; **Lt. Harold C. Morrison**, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, formerly of Group 1, Bldg. 10; **Pvt. William R. Hicks**, Jackson, Miss.; **Pvt. Hilbert H. Nelson**, Camp Pine Dale, Fresno, Calif.; **Pvt. Frank C. Butala**, Fort Custer, Michigan, and **AC Clarence Rowoldt**, Johnson City, Tenn.

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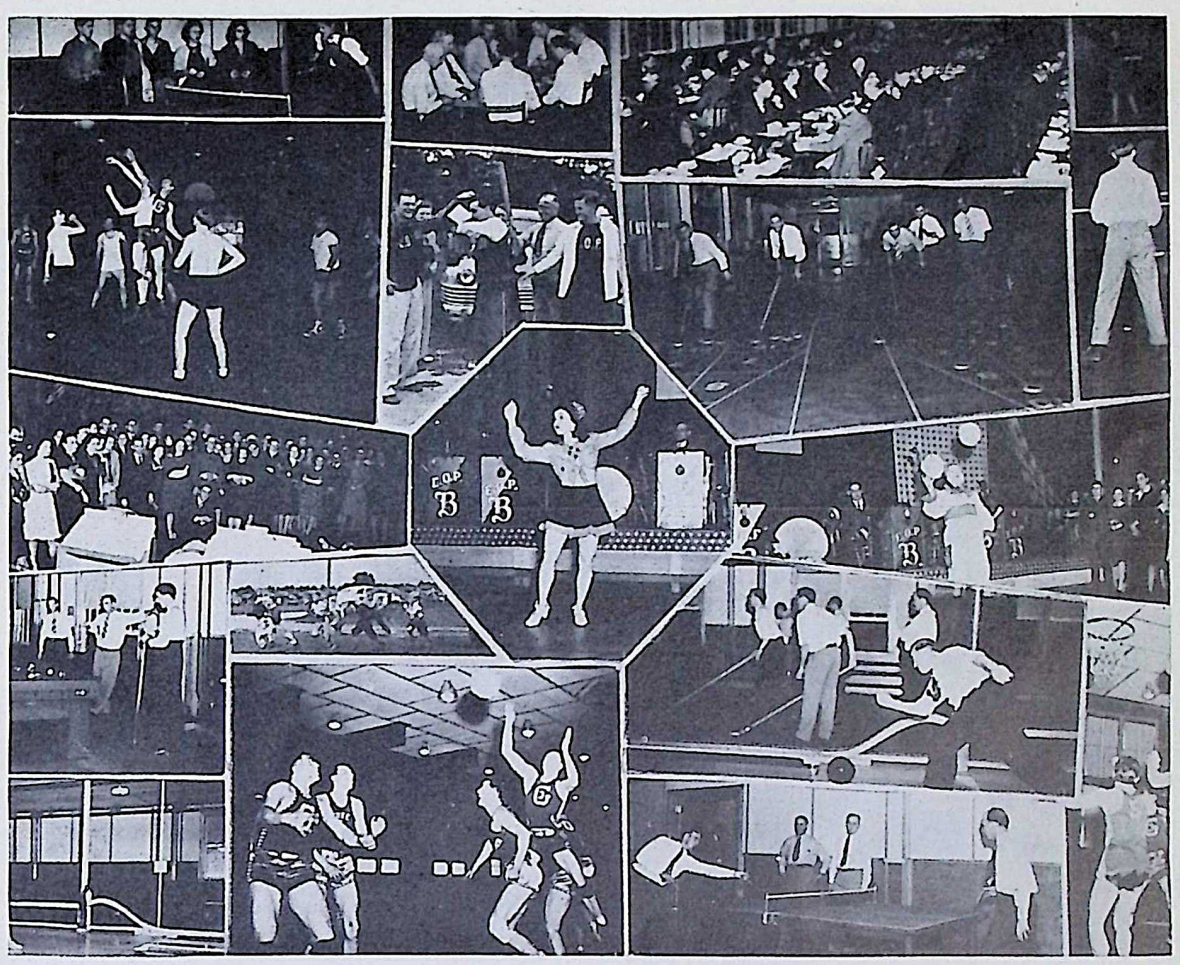
★★★ V— EOP Honor Roll

Roy Anderson
Edward John Bodine
Wesley Boyer, Jr.
Ralph Eugene Bridges
Billie Jones Chaney
Ralph Jay Coop
John F. Corcoran
Robert Dillon
Joseph Edward Elledge
Dean E. Erickson
William T. Fulton
Roy Frandsen
David Y. Green
Jay A. Hancock
Robert W. Harsha
Newton R. Hauswirth
Edward L. Higgins
Carl Dee Johnson
Robert Ward Jones
Robert Edward Kauffman
Harold Kelder
Peter Kelder
Frank Ketz
William H. Lehner
William Edward Malone
Kenneth S. McClain
John Joseph Misak
Ernest R. Mortenson
Alfred Joseph Nehas
Donald E. Nelson
Glenn Arthur Olson
Adam Osterlee
Dorothy J. Palenskee
Albert S. Pesticelli
George Laverne Puhl
Thomas J. Reddy
William A. Richards
William H. Rinebarger
Leslie Laurence Schaal
Albert Joseph Schneider
Kenneth R. Skinner
Peter Martin Susemiehl
Orville Warren
Jesse Williams
Herman Thomas Winkler



AS SPRING ARRIVES, this montage of recreational activities at EOP during the winter will bring fond memories to many. The Recreation Department is now busy with plans for the summer.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire . . . . . Dial 17
To call police . . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance (emergency only) . . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

The Fire Department played its last basketball game March 17 in the finals of the Tournament, and lost to the Guards, with whom they were tied for third place. The team had a good season, winning eight out of 11 games. All are satisfied with taking fourth place in the tournament with so many good teams competing.

The last game for the firemen was one of the most exciting of all. At the end of the first quarter the Fire Fighters were ahead 5 to 1; at half-time the score was 8 to 8. It was anybody's game until the final whistle.

The members of the Fire Department team wish to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to all members of the Recreation Department for their splendid work and untiring efforts that made this basketball season so successful.

Sgt. Everett Stricklin must have had something on his mind during the last tournament game. Could it have been "Butcher Boy"?

"There just ain't no justice," says **Frankie Scoma**, "I read everything I can lay my hands on about those Hollywood lovelies. but when I retire at night, all I dream about is Indians."

Tony Schnelton: "I can only give you two eggs this morning. They're getting scarcer as the war goes on." **Willie Day:** "How do the eggs know there is a war?" *P. S. This joke has not been approved by the OPA.*

Professor **Dayle Pratt**, that tall, blond, and four-effsome chap, says: "The Government better do something about lifting the priority on girdles, or else enlarge the kitchen door."

Larry Dailey, master farmer, cracked: "Boy, I just can't wait until they get the Victory Garden going. I'll show them boys a few tricks I learned down yonder."

Seeds! Seeds! Seeds! The station is getting to look like a seed-growers convention. . . . The Chief yells to **Stuart Moloney:** "Have you got beets, corn, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, lettuce, peas, etc., on your list?" With perfect timing **Cliff Weiss** enters the office; the Chief sees him and immediately yells again to Moloney: "Don't forget the cabbage heads." And so starts the annual race between *weeds* and *vegetables*.

What is the reason for the sudden outburst of "birthdays" among the Inspectors? **Johnny Connelly** is aging fast, claiming at least three birthdays annually.

Regretfully it is announced that **Jimmy Dillree** is leaving the Inspection Department. Everyone here liked Jim, and all wish him luck in his new venture.

The columnists of *The Bomb-Shell* are all one big happy family; but, alas, every family has a black sheep and the last issue disclosed one of those unnecessary citizens. When bread thrown upon the water returns—covered with mildew; when the milk of human kindness curdles into whey (which no one eats any more); and when the upturned cheek is stabbed in the back; then is the time to assert one's self and rip asunder the veil of black magic that tries to poison the untarnished minds of readers by casting aspersions upon the honored name of a fellow correspondent.

Reference is made to that sly, crafty drooler of dastardly drivel who masquerades under the name of "Scorchy" and has the brazen gall to refer to a fellow correspondent as "Liverwurst," "Boloney," etc. It seems strange that one who dodges sending news to press under his own name is so eager to pun with the honored name of Moloney, a name which comes directly from the kings of Ireland and which is known throughout this country as a synonym for "lace curtain" Irish (see the Chicago Telephone Directory). Perhaps "Scorchy" has no other name. People in that category are defined in Webster's dictionary and one doesn't have to go very far from the front of the book to find the name.

Besides, why isn't "Scorchy's" picture at the head of his column? Agreeing to the fact that the picture fronting the Fire Department news is a genuine replica of a comic valentine, at least. **L. D. Ross** snapped it without too much fear of shattering any camera lenses. "Scorchy's" does not appear. He probably looks like Hitler with a hangover, or will when those sterling gentlemen whom he knocked catch up with him. More could be written in answer to this Pearl Harbor style of literature (hah!) had not an acute attack of ptomaine poisoning been suffered after reading the first few lines of the asinine article.

GIRL TIMEKEEPERS seldom stay in one spot long—their duties require traveling—but here they are assembled for photographic purposes. Pictured left to right are Alma Saltzman, Marcella Corbett, Emily Kexel, Louise Ardolino, Bernice Hagen, Sylvia Dyanski, Edith Cuno, Mary Davin, Gladys Scofield, Eva Sweda, Virginia Conrad, Vera Timms, Helen Buck, Gerry Parthum, Peggy Warren, Jennie Murdie, Elizabeth Daniels, Helen Keely, Ethel Lawrence, Stella Saddoris, Val DeGrush, Catherine Martin, Agnes Rivard, Angeline Gunnerson and Gerry Graham.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Credit is due to a number of men who reported for work Sunday, March 28, and did a masterful job. They are **George Harrop** and his squad of **William Hocking, Earl Ely, Joseph Lucca, Leonard Nelson, Frank Clausen, Delbert Zebell, Fred Waltz** and **Gene Pruitt; Milton Korach** and his squad of **Otis Lee, William Jones, Ray Spivey, John Harris, Gordon Woodson, Houston Powell** and **George Crenshaw; Charles McDonald** and his squad of **William Schoudis, William McCollum, John Leindecker, Frank Baber, William Stor, Angelo Ferrari** and **Francis Bryant; Edward Spezio** and his squad of **Louis Werner, Alex Ciarlette, Horace Clarke, Leonard Martin, Ray Sawatzki** and **Mack Willis.** These men inconvenienced themselves to work that Sunday when most were enjoying ourselves. They loaded cars with components. This feat is just an example of the regular good work the men at Inert Storage are doing. They know what it means to be soldiers on the production front.

There is some dispute at South Inert as to the relative hardness of the back of a truck, the side of a warehouse, or **Stanley Wiencek's** head. In an unplanned demonstration the building remained as was, the truck left under its own power and Stanley, perfectly conscious, is back at work after three days of re-hardening.

The donor of a flowering plant at Group 27 is un-named. The boys say it looks like a baby sunflower except the blossoms are blue.

A collection was taken up in the office at North Inert for "Wilhe," the cat, and the official zoo keeper, **Charles Wardell,** bought six cans of cat food for the friendly mascot. He now says that three cans are missing and he strongly suspects that Willie Denver has made meat loaf with the missing food to serve his Sunday guests at his river estate.

The Victory Garden plots are not dished out through this office—North Inert. Some of the boys have called in for information as to how many seeds they would need to have a harvest to feed a family of four for the winter. There are no cabbage plants under your correspondent's desk although there are times when he wishes he did have a nice fresh radish or a ripe tomato (to eat). A garden of any kind would require seeds, rake, hoe, water and fertile soil. It hasn't been determined whether you would need a truck with a truck garden—maybe a coaster wagon or a bushel basket on a roller skate would be sufficient to carry the harvest, if there is anything left when the harvest season comes. Some of the clerical staff have suggested that typewriter cleaner used here would kill potato bugs . . . could be.

Morgan Moberly of Group 27 has an enviable record. He has worked for more than a year at EOP and has never missed a day. He is the father of four EOP sons—**Bob,** who worked at Inert and recently joined the Air Corps; **Bill** and **Manus** are now working at Inert and **Chester** is an EOP guard. If you ever drive south on Route 66 from Wilmington you will see Moberlyville across from Cleopatra Gardens.

John Wald, of North, has joined the few on the sick list and is putting up a battle to get back on the job. It seems a little flu flew in John's window and John fled to bed. All the boys at North hope he will fly back soon.

On the Side

Like any devotee of **Isaac Walton** your correspondent was gratified to see in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* that "Scorchy" had risen to the insect lure and in the lunge for the bait quite a prize specimen was discerned—kind of looked like he had a *"Baileyache."* Not only did the barb bring out some of the sharper sides of the "Scorchy" Scribbler, but it has promoted the Inert Column from the South East corner of page 9, Vol. I—No. 21, to the center column of page 3, Vol. I—No. 22. Thanks a lot—every knock a boost.

As to his roundhouse swings at this correspondent a few of his apparently more deadly ones should be examined. He boldly says he is a Mann-eating-fool—as long as he admits his basic character, the particular type is unimportant—besides he should have realized that he may be up against a fire eater. He also says his weight class was not ascertained, or what was in his gloves. It is realized that he was in the heavyweight class (that old one about the bigger they are, etc., could be brought out, but it isn't necessary) and that the only thing in his gloves besides digits is scorched wind. A little well placed pin prick could let out that hot air. "Scorchy," this is feud for fun.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING

Correspondent

To all those thoughtful people who made it a point to mention that they liked this column in the last issue go the sincere thanks of this correspondent. They were greatly appreciated.

Group 1 electricians are really going into politics in a big way. At present, they're supporting **John Mackender** for Justice of the Peace in Symerton. It seems that John will, in return, take care of any matrimonial problems free of charge.

The former **Marie "Freckles" O'Reilly** of Building 4 is now **Mrs. Raymond Wennberg.** Ray is stationed in a Naval Training Unit at Memphis, Tenn.

When **Harry Peterson** came into Building 3, March 28, he was one big ray of sunshine. "Pete" was one of the happiest men in the group. His son had just called to say that he was safe and sound in California after doing 17 months duty on Kodiak Island, Alaska.

Jimmy Barrowman, electrician, received a cablegram that has kept him beaming all week. His son is safe in the South Pacific.

Bob Blaine is now—believe it or not—a grandpa! The little one is **Robert Bruce** (after grandpa) **MacDonald.** Bob would appreciate it greatly if someone will tell him he doesn't look a *bit* like a grandfather.

The girls in Building 10 have been eager to ask **Walt "Swede" Wiley** where he has his hair done, because peroxide is getting scarce these days—but perhaps Walt won't have to worry. He says he's a natural blond.

Cpl. James E. Flannery came back for an afternoon's visit in his old haunts—primarily the boilerhouse in Group 1. The Corporal raced the stork from Tyson, Tenn., and won by a nose. He and **Mrs. Flannery** are very proud of the first prize, a seven and a quarter pound son.

The engineers at the powerhouse will be glad to show the new paint job to any distinguished visitors. What a little paint will do to "doll-up" four big hot boilers!

It has been requested that brands of cough syrup be changed. **Mid Slack,** chief of inspectors in Group 1, thinks it's peach brandy so will probably have nothing less than pneumonia all summer.

Eddie Sloss, inspector, wishes that no one ask him any questions for a few weeks. He's all out of teeth at present and refuses to open his mouth. Priorities really hit everyone nowadays.

L. M. Osterbauer, Building 4, should be an example for everyone to follow. He's been working in the group since it began and has missed only one day's work since he started. That's a record worth mentioning.

Edward J. Vaughan, Jr., arrived last week, much to the delight of **Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Vaughan.** Ed, Sr., is one of the chief Government inspectors in Group 1. The group stork has now joined the union and receives double time for Saturday and Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Daniel O. Ruettiger, former employee of Group 1, Bldg. 5-A, received a citation from the Army March 18 for taking part in five or more bomber raids. He enlisted January 26, 1942, in the Air Corps. Dan wrote his dad, **Eugene Ruettiger,** Bldg. 10, that he has unloaded lots of EOP shells and they made him a little homesick, but he was certainly proud of the work the folks at home are doing. The folks are pretty proud of Dan, too.

Bldg. 4 is glad to see **Dick Valentine** with the patch off his eye. They were afraid he was missing at least half of everything that went on.

The group's sympathies go to **Morris Crocker,** whose father died March 24.

Bldg. 14 has ordered a soft chair for **Armand Vicini,** inspector. It seems he needs one badly. He must have attended the building party. Practically everyone who did has need of a soft chair or a bed. **Betty Ford** made a three-point landing in the middle of the skating rink and hurt (of all things) her finger.

"Swede" Harrison, Bldg. 10; **Eddie Farrell,** expediter; **William McLean,** expediter; **Tom Shay,** expediter; **George Galvin,** expediter; **Raymond Hayen,** Bldg. 10; **Eddie Pack,** Bldg. 4; **Harry L. Leith,** Bldg. 16, and **Dick Farley,** inspector, are Group 1's latest contributions to the armed forces. The folks are sorry to see them go and wish them the best of luck.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK

Correspondent

The employees working with warehouse store keeper **Malcolm Stenstrom** on the night shift presented him with a briar pipe and a jar of tobacco March 25. Malcolm bid all good-bye and left the following day to join the Army. He promised to write and report where he is stationed, as he always did enjoy reading *The Bomb-Shell.*

Ray Nicholson, who checks in material at the Electric Shop in Group 70, has been considering going on a diet because he lost his appetite somewhere along the road, but had picked up an elephant's instead; so just as he was on his way to see his doctor about the diet, along came point rationing and if Ray can get the "point" and follow point rationing he can forget all about the diet.

Edward Giles is busy every Sunday around his summer home on the Kankakee River, plowing a garden and erecting a chicken house. As chickens are unable to swim, Ed would do better if he would get himself a flock of ducks, but of course he knows his own chickens and what they can do.

Thanks are sent to the Safety Department for the new top on the Warehouse table on which material checkers write receiving reports. This old table has been in constant use since the first day they started to write receiving reports on material received to construct EOP and the old top was so well worn that the checkers were getting slivers in their fingers. Although there are new desks and chairs which can be used when writing reports, the checkers seem to prefer standing at the old table with the long legs.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON

Correspondent

GROUP 63

By Larry J. Dunda

Chicago draft board examinations are calling five Group 63 men within the next week. They are **Edward Solley,** Lockport; **Robert F. Barry,** Joliet; **Eldon F. Overright,** Kankakee; **Ray Gartke** and **George Barr,** Wilmington.

The beaming face shown by **Leo J. "Farmer" Steffes,** of Morris, is easily explained by the fact that the arrival of an eight pound son was announced by the passing around of cigars.

Many wonder if **Tony Zuppa** can help out the boys with their meat rations from his store. The fellows seem to think he can since his dapper picture appeared on the front page of the local paper last week as he was lined up for his share of pork chops.

Wendell J. "Wilkie" Overacker, Jr., reported that he is now stationed at Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis. **Bill Hall** is way out at Camp Roberts, California. **Dee Johnson,** former timekeeper for Group 63, now in the Army Medical Corps, is stationed at Camp Barkeley, Tex. Last communication from **John P. "Moozie" Piazza** was postmarked Richmond, Va.

The two "beloved" cousins of Group 63, **Eddie Suffern** and **Tony Togliatti,** really promoted a birthday party for "Cousin Ed." Thanks go to **Mrs. Togliatti** for supplying a superb angel food cake and topping of ice cream. The very fine and "important" eggs were contributed by **Ray Offerman.**

Group 65

Tom "Cowboy" Harrop became the proud owner of a cow. His troubles have just begun, however, because the cow refuses to give any milk. The men at Group 65 recommend priming to start the milk flowing, so as to improve Tom's shrinking rations.

Anyone desiring information on how to save tires and gas are advised to contact **Lemmel Ferguson.** It seems that those Nash cars have so much power that one can't keep them "out of the air."

Group 68

By Elmer Zost

Recently announced by the distribution of cigars was the arrival of an eight and one-half pound son to **Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Langdon.**

After this **E. L. McCray,** Group 66 supervisor, and **Edward Berens,** night foreman, will think twice before accepting a challenge in bowling from **Andy Perino** and **James Halpin**—they really received a beating.

Something should be done about this—the **Tatro** twins, namely, **Bernald** and **Bernard,** are presenting a problem because they are identical even to a mole on the cheek. Suggestions will be appreciated.

A farewell dinner was held March 30 in the EOP Mess Hall in honor of **St. Clair Smith,** who left for his home in Stamford, Conn.

167 Plots Are Prepared for Use Here

Gardens Will Be Plowed, Fertilized, Ready for Planting

Just as they were 25 years ago, gardens are on the front page and in the headlines as an important part of the Nation's war effort. Gardens are again responding to their country's call to enlist in the great army whose battle cry is "Food for Victory."

The importance of food is being emphasized now, greater than ever before, as this is a global war. The food needs of the Army and those of our allies are greater than they were ever anticipated. Today interest is not so much in enough food but the right foods. The modern science of nutrition has been revealing facts and conditions about human health and the kinds and amounts of foods required.

EOP employees are now being given the opportunity to join this vast army of gardeners by signing up for garden space with the Recreation Department. One hundred sixty-seven plots of ground 40 feet by 50 feet will be plowed, fertilized and made ready for planting. Water is being piped to the area, and a tool shed built.

If you are not an experienced gardener, you will find that many of those already signed up for space have been farmers that know and are willing to assist you with your garden, men like **Dale E. Fisher** of Group 1, who has been director of community gardens, will be glad to give you information that will assist you.

The Recreation Department has much data on gardening, what and what not to grow. With the information that is available a novice should be able to keep his table well supplied during the summer months and have enough surplus to put much of his harvest away for next winter's use. Of course it is not as easy as that. The novice must realize that a productive garden means work. Not only should he have planned a garden, he must purchase seed—good seed—and plants. They must be spaced correctly or thinned out so they will have ample space to develop; they must be supplied with enough water so the ground will retain moisture; they must be cultivated frequently not only to keep down the growth of weeds, but to keep the ground loose so that air can get to the roots. Insect pests and plant diseases, the enemies of the garden, must be watched and taken care of, but the work is pleasant and interesting, it is out of doors and healthful, and as your garden matures you will find yourself well paid for the small effort you had to put into the project.

If you have not yet signed up for a Victory garden you can do so by seeing **E. L. Walkup** at the Recreation Department.

Japs Fear EOP Products, Huber Says

Bombardier Reports Success of Bombs To Their Loaders

EOP products really go over with a big bang, according to **Sgt. Richard Huber**, Army Air Corps bombardier and turret gunner, who visited Group 3 March 30.

The boys at Guadalcanal know that when they drop Elwood bombs that there are no duds. Sgt. Huber said that the Japs fear Elwood.

After the Sergeant's thrilling visit to Group 3, accompanied by **Father Adrian** of Catholic High and **Dick Lowery**, a former Elwood employee, he delivered a ten-minute talk to workers assembled to hear how he felt about the work they were doing. His enthusiasm carried the crowd. His stories of the dive-bombing mosquitoes at Guadalcanal, the splendid meals eaten by the American boys and his vivid reproductions of the sounds of various bombs and shells were well received.

In the evening, Sgt. Huber spoke at a dinner given in honor of **St. Clair Smith**. The sergeant displayed a piece of plastic glass through which he was peering on one of his Guadalcanal raids when it was smashed by Japanese slugs. He also read a citation given his outfit by the President and displayed some maps taken from a Japanese soldier which showed in minute detail the coral reef area of the region about Guadalcanal.

Sgt. Huber left April 1 for duty after a 20-day furlough, his next station being Salt Lake City where he hopes to enter an Officer Candidate School.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

Liberty Robertson is a little dubious about receiving contributions from friends anymore since she wore out so much shoe leather after accepting some gum recently.

Crystal Hansen and **Doris Calloway** are now situated in Chicago attending the Women's Aeronautical Instruments Training School. When they complete their fifteen weeks of training, they will be eligible for a commission in either the WAACS or the WAVES.

Catherine Cinkovich and her parents received word March 8 that her brother, **Eddie**, has been missing in action since February 17. He was stationed in Africa. He has been in the service since November, 1941. Another brother, **Andrew**, is working in Group 6.

John Kinney is the proud recipient of a handsome wrist watch. "A gift from Mother and Dad"—so he says.

Many wonder what **Marshall "Fitz" Fitzgerald** will do when they ration jokes.

Hazel "Tiny" Hartman will be glad when she can pick tomatoes from her Victory garden.

Peggy Lewis, forelady in Group 4, has resigned to enjoy the California sunshine.

If you have any problems to solve, see **John "Curley" Seehafer**, maintenance machinist. He has an idea for an answer for everything.

Red Kneller just bought another used car. He says his troubles are over.

The "Three Little Sisters" of the Delay Building, **Mert Fordyce, Marge Hermes** and **Eleanor Fay**, have a tough time keeping their pencils sharpened.

Clarence Bartlett is looking for another small rider. He is running the "midget express" now.

John "Pushcart" Kinney's business has grown. It comes from a reliable source that he has cornered the used tin market.

Mabel Kehoe visited her brother, who was home on furlough last week.

Deloris Davidson seems very happy these days, due to the frequent visits of her sailor boyfriend.

Congratulations go to **Aaron Greifer**, Chemical Lab., on his recent marriage. Aaron is back to work after a quick honeymoon trip to New York.

Ronnie Carlson and **Harvey Sessi** were recently seen shopping for hair pins.

A rose by any other name could never equal the tender blush of **Rose Machak**, popular powder girl in Bldg. 5.

John "Pa" Woods went shopping for a baby carriage in Chicago and had to walk the entire town after forgetting where he parked his car. He finally had to come home in the baby buggy!

The engagement and approaching marriage of **Betty Eckhardt** of Primer Loading is a topic of much interest.

Dorothy Eglin, after thoroughly learning primer loading, intends to become familiar with black powder pelleting.

"Honey" Kelley, Pauline Vismara and **"Cindy" Parthun** believe that actions speak louder than words—at least they have been very quiet lately.

Maxine Enger, forelady in Primer Loading, has been invited to join the exclusive Samaritan Club of Chicago. Membership is restricted to those who have distinguished themselves along social lines.

Theresa Svitek and **Eddie Kluza**, Government inspector, announced their engagement.

The girls in Shipping Room 14 surprised their forelady, **Lauretta Delaney**, on her birthday with a handkerchief shower and a beautiful bouquet.

The Shipping Room misses the familiar face of **Leila Whall**, who has joined the WAACS.

Earl Dufrain is missed by the Shipping Room. He was transferred to Group 45.

It has been heard via the grapevine that **Myrtle Yates** is planning a trip down the aisle to the tune of Lohengrin.

Everyone is pleased to see **Kathleen Poutre** back to work after being absent for a week.

Did you know that **Marie Viscum** is an accomplished vocalist and **Frances Niewenski** is an excellent imitator of Gracie Allen?

Sue Bagay is a graduate welder and will soon get her certificate as a master machinist. At present she is foreman of her class in night school.

William "Wild Bill" Watt is the financial genius of Group 4. Not only does he cash in on his chickens and rabbits but he also has a lucky streak that pays off.

Ann Meres and **Margaret Surinak** are the jitterbugs of Group 4. Things that help make the day more worthwhile are: **Lois Schultz's** laugh; **Mary Foster's** blush and **Marie Hodina's** soft voice.

Group 5

Gerry Morris spent a delightful week-end in Springfield with her parents.

Eileen Garrish's recent bereavement has the group's sincerest sympathy.

Inspector **La Verne Dite** has the undisputed title of champion gum cracker of the group.

Mary Davis seems to be broken-hearted since her husband left for duty, but **Florence Schnebly** is all smiles since her husband was home on a leave from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Margaret Laverty, Lillian Gunderson, Jean Gunderson, Anne Chorak and **Frances Craig** of Group 4 and **Lottie Maloney** of Group 45 were recently transferred to Group 5.

Miss Laverty's ever-present smile has been even cheerier than usual lately due to a visit from a certain fella in uniform.

BOMB LOADERS HEAR BOMBARDIER when Sgt. Richard Huber, Army Air Corps, speaks to Group 3 employees during his recent visit.

Group 6
By Mary Richards

Everyone in 6-4 misses **Bessie Kennedy**, who left to study aircraft assembly at Detroit.

All are glad to see **Eleanor Fleener** back at 6-4 after being ill for some time.

Someone should explain why **Evie Krohn** gets so mad when called "Patches."

All the girls in 6-4 welcome **Mary Jane Barrowman** as forelady. She was formerly in 7-4.

Everyone in Group 6 will be missing **Eddie Schultz**, who left for the armed services. He is now stationed at Fort Sheridan.

Catherine Colls is back after being ill for several weeks.

J. G. Crites, assistant superintendent, left Group 6 to go back to his home in Ohio. All were sorry to see him go and he will be missed by his many friends. All wish him the best of luck.

Group 8

Marjorie Kirincich and **Alice Krzich** came to work all dolled up and said they're going to Hollywood. They're ready for autograph seekers.

Mary Gale, 8-8, would like to buy a Ford V-8 and any style is O.K.

Bill Birtwistle plans to spend his vacation touring the Rocky Mountains on his two "wheeler."

Norma Castle has resigned her position at Group 8 as an inspector and has entered Nurses Training School.

Parks Paxton, Government inspector at Group 8, left for Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Milton Stein, foreman 8-8, reported sick March 18 and 19. Could St. Patrick's Day have had any influence?

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Joe Boucher, Ed Warmbier and **Joe Johnson** keep busy on their days off building brooder houses. It all started after the trio tried to buy steaks for a Sunday dinner.

All signs point to a long drought this summer; **Taylor Lake** has already dried up.

Fred Fredrickson has his concrete mixer all cleaned and polished, ready for another year's work.

Elmer DuPress lost three points from his ration book, by uttering just one word, "how."

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

The chirpy voices of the operators these days indicate that Spring is here.

Everyone is sorry to hear that **Herbert Reeves**, guard at the Telephone Building, will no longer be stationed here. He has been assigned to another post.

A field inspection of the plant has been completed by **Supt. W. A. Buck.**

A welcome is extended to **Frank Kripner**, formerly of the Pipe Shop, now an installer's helper with the Telephone Department.

Velma Whitmore has sold her only means of transportation, her car! She should remember the No. 17 coupon buys only *one* pair.

Electric Shop
By Ben Webster

Best wishes for a speedy recovery from all the boys at the Electric Shop are sent to **John Follett**, who has been hospitalized in Chicago for two months.

Ernie. Vicelli of the Electrical Department left for the Army March 18, but his destination was not given. Ernie was one of the first electricians on the job when EOP was just a prairie.

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

Six additional recruits left for the Army from the Motor Pool this week. They are **Jack Knarr, Alfred Block, Chester Voss, Leo Wheeler, Edward Sile** and **William Hetting.**

What could have been more natural than for **Harry Walgast** to go back to farm work, where he is greatly needed?

New faces currently seen at the Motor Pool are **Clyde Tucker, Shirley Van Gampler** and **Vivian Ward.**

It is wondered just how long **John Fisher** will maintain his bachelor status with the shortage of men.

With all the crocheting and needle point work that's being done around the Motor Pool during spare moments, many are waiting to see if the boys will begin sewing bundles for Britain.

Jean Swanson is heard talking of joining the Marines.

New assistant dispatchers are **Marie Armstrong** and **Alice Wardell.**

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Conscientious **Roy Benson** was most concerned over the misspelling of a simple little word like c-a-t.

Bill Sexton has developed a beautiful southern drawl—almost overnight.

"It's So Peaceful in the Country" might well be **Ruther Sanderson's** theme song.

When chocolate pie is passed around, **Mary Wynne** is sure to be found.

Edward Geeding, former employee in the Stock Room, left to join the Navy.

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

William M. Ryan sends thanks to the employees for their thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy during his recent bereavement.

Bill Helland, demon welder, is back from Alaska and is working with the iron workers.

Charles Speaker is back again after a vacation of several months spent with Uncle Sam in New Mexico.

Shorty Weidenback, with the Military Police at Pampa, Tex., was a visitor at the shop last week to see some of his old friends.

Sympathy is extended to **Ray Trimby**, whose father died recently.

Laundry Notes
By Lucille Morrissette

Proud possessor of a Japanese flag is **Freelove Curry.** It was sent to her by **Pvt. Elwood Erickson** of Graettinger, Ia., who is stationed at Guadalcanal.

Violet St. Aubin, former Laundry correspondent, has been transferred to the High Explosive Lab.

Rose Mary Elwood, Margaret Hopkins, Lela Fry, Emma Herndon, Merle Workman, Alphonse Smeets and **Mike Harrard** are welcomed to the Laundry.

Harley Benge has been transferred to the Service Garage, where he is working as a mechanic. **Joe Smeets** is very happy with his transfer as a truck driver's helper.

Francis Walsh, supervisor of the Laundry, celebrated his birthday March 26. During the lunch period he was very much surprised when the girls presented him with a large and beautifully decorated birthday cake.

Line Department Lines
By Ray Curtis

"Ringer" Red Reeves is just about the best horseshoe pitcher in the plant. He admits it. Anyone who thinks different should get in touch with the "Ringer's" manager, **A. T. Smith.** A match for money, marbles or chalk can be arranged.

Haskell Johnson, who left about a year ago, is back again. Hack has been stationed in Alaska. **Mickey Donley** is also back in the fold.

Web Willows took off for the Army. At a farewell party given by this department in his honor, all joined in the sentiments expressed by **"Boss" Jim Boyd** as he presented Web with a Gruen wrist watch.

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

The oxford gray slack suits soon to be worn by the girl chauffeurs are their new spring uniforms. **Katherine Tonne** is given credit in choosing them.

Charles Harris is the smiling dispatcher this week.

INTO THE JUG went those who attended the "hard times" dance of Group 61 if the "policemen," Harvey Steffes and Charles Hinz, considered they were too dressed up for the affair. Clyde Stahly is shown on his knees, pleading to be released, while Carl Sala (extreme right) looks on with interest.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

Three of the progress clerks of Group 3-A celebrated the happy coincidence of birthdays within the last five days of March; **France O'Keefe**, March 26; **Mary Bertino**, March 29, and **Neoma Jett**, March 31.

After four months of working in Group 3-A, **Edna Strohm's** diligent search for a ride has ended.

All the clerks in Group 2 love to hear **Orville Rasmussen's** grand entrance with the famous words, "I Have Written a Poem." If the poem happens to be a fairly good one, **Paul Somerville** will be bound to put in his compliments—but on the other hand—if there are any corrections to be made, almost everyone has a suggestion.

It was believed that **Johnny Williamson** went roller skating with Orville so that they could pick each other up from the floor—but this has changed—now when one falls—the girls are one step ahead. Man power shortage, you know!!!

Ida Dombrawiak, Group 1, is very faithful in writing to her husband overseas. She writes two letters every day.

Grace Brereton ran **John Connors**, both of Group 1, a little competition at the St. Patrick's supper at Minooka Sunday evening, March 21.

Equipment Checkers

With the coming of Spring **Tom Nugent** donned his overcoat, after not wearing one all winter. **Frank Weston** claims he is somewhat responsible for this mystery.

Pete Conroy has been mixing up a few cigars with his pipe since the last complaint—but they were given to him.

John Cann, while not a candidate for re-election, is still quite interested in who is to succeed him.

Leslie Wilson visits Bloomington quite frequently. **Jacob Debri** has been keeping dates, too—with his dentist.

Multilith Room

Have you noticed how excited **"Chris" Dare** is lately? Reason is her heart throb is coming home on a furlough for Easter!!

Dottie Mihelic got her "Dear Gussie" off to a good start last week when he left for the Army!!

"Chilluns"—Have you all heard the latest?? Hot off the press is this great orchestra consisting of the gals from "41." It's really stupendous! Rehearsals are at 5—Anyone wanting to join — See **Marge Zarely**!!! (Booking Agent and 'cello player.)

There's been a terrific scrap drive going on in "41"—Seems as though the gals have started to leave work with a collection of junk and paper in both coat pockets and purses—Maybe it's the gremlins!

Gerry Wier sure meets a handsome fella every nite after work—Gosh—And he's blond, chubby and short! But after all all can't have the tall, dark and handsome ones.

Traffic Audit

Sympathy is extended to **Fred Legris**, whose mother died last week.

Pvt. Larry Crawford pleasantly surprised everyone by visiting the office March 18. He also announced his impending marriage.

Pvt. Bud Zamboracz reports that he is now stationed in New Jersey.

Inventory Clerks

Willie Duperrieu has been assigned to the Utilities Department for the past week. Willie formerly worked in **E. A. Evans'** office.

Argyle Dalziel has transferred from Production Planning and has joined **Don Nelson's** little gang of inventory clerks.

Industrial Service

Irene Blatnik left to join her husband who is now stationed at Great Lakes, but soon will leave for Boston.

Mary Serdar leaves April 10.

Marge Gall has transferred from Production Planning, also **Dorothy Bollig** from Traffic Audit.

Planning

Capt. J. A. Brown, brother of **Harry Brown, Jr.**, was a visitor March 28.

Freelie Reid left to take a position in her home town.

Do You Belong?
For March, 1943
"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 3**
Group 3-A**
Group 4***
Group 5***
Group 6**
Group 7*
Group 8***
Group 9**
Group 45***
Guards*
Fire Department***
Group 60***
Group 61***
Group 27***
Group 64***
Group 65***
Group 66***
Group 66-A***
Group 68***
Inspection**
Richards Farm Util.***
Miscellaneous Util.***

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during February.

Make 1943 Accident Free

Q. What is the hand signal for "cease firing?"

A. The hand is raised in front of the forehead, palm to the front and is swung up and down several times in front of the face.

Nation Hears Voice of EOP On Army Hour

Listeners Told of Bomb Loading by Maj. Haber, Others

The voice of EOP was heard throughout the Nation Sunday, March 14, when this plant participated in the Army Hour, broadcast from coast to coast, over the NBC network. The program outlined some of the functions of Services of Supply and, among other things, told the story of block-busters from the time the empty cases are made until the bombs are dropped from planes.

A pouring bay in Group 3-A was the scene of the broadcast from EOP with **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, commanding officer, as commentator. The program from here followed a brief description of the manufacture of TNT at Kankakee Ordnance Works.

The continuity of the local program follows:

Maj. Haber: This is Major Haber, speaking from the pouring bay of one of the bomb loading lines of the Elwood Ordnance Plant. This plant is one of the largest shell and bomb loading plants in the world and it has been in operation for almost two years—the first plant of its kind to start operations under the Nation's war program. The sound you may be able to hear in the background is a rack of empty bombs being hauled into this concrete walled and floored bay on an explosion-proof, trackless truck. Perhaps you'd like to meet the driver of this huge vehicle. Driver . . .

Gagnier: Yes, Major.

Maj. Haber: Yes, that's right . . . the driver is **Josephine Gagnier**, one of the many women ordnance workers we have here. Josephine, will you tell us something about your work?

Gagnier: Well, sir, these empty bombs have just come from the cleaning room. Now they're all ready to be loaded with the explosive. **Marjie Morris** over here is in charge of the women in the unit who guide the bombs into position under the draw-off spout to receive the explosive.

Maj. Haber: Margie, how do you like working with high explosives every day? Don't you often long for the quiet and peace of your kitchen?

Morris: Sir, have you ever tried to take hot biscuits out of a hotter oven—or scratched your hand opening a can of beans? No, sir, I'd rather be right here. It's safer here, surrounded by TNT, than it is in anybody's kitchen. And, besides, I have a personal interest in this war—my brother was killed in combat on Guadalcanal—and, well, I like to feel that I'm taking his place and in some small way helping to finish the job he started.

Maj. Haber: And Margie's sentiments are the same as many of our women workers here. Now the empty bomb is in place. On a portable platform next to it stands **George Lockwood** with his hand on a chain lever, ready to turn the empty bomb into a deadly block buster. George, tell us what you're going to do now.

Lockwood: Well, sir, the pouring spout, which is now directly over the bomb, leads from a mixing kettle in a room overhead. In that kettle is a mixture of melted TNT and nitrate of ammonia called Amatol. I pull this chain and the bomb is filled with the mixture. Then it moves on into a cooling bay where it is kept for from four to five hours to allow heat and gas to escape. At the end of this period, the molten explosive will have become solidified and the bomb will be ready for assembly and closing the top. Just a minute now and you'll hear the pouring operation.

Sound: Lockwood pulls chain, Amatol rushes from spout into bomb—pneumatic lift truck removes first bomb and places second in position. Voices of cleanup crew in background.

Maj. Haber: Up there with George Lockwood is a whole crew of men and women who act as a cleanup crew. They immediately remove any drippings of Amatol and any sign of foreign matter. This is all a part of the safety program—also all the motors, switches and lighting in this bay are explosion-proof.

Sound: Truck hauling bombs away.

Maj. Haber: There goes another load of bombs. After leaving the cooling bay they will be packed into railroad cars and started on their way to the depot. Soon they will be on their way to battlefronts and air bases throughout the world. This is just one loading line of one plant in this country. Day and night these civilian soldiers work tirelessly to keep our boys supplied with the best fighting equipment man can manufacture. Practically every worker here has one or more members of his family in military service—and it is for those husbands, fathers, sons and brothers away from home that these men and women are devoting their every effort to "keep 'em rolling."

We return you to the Army Hour in New York.

Razors Are Sought For U. S. Sailors

Requests for safety razors for 32,000 sailors who have lost their's in ship sinkings since the start of the war are being sought by the Navy Mothers Clubs of America. **Mary Barrowman**, adjutant of the Joliet Club, 507 Meeker Avenue, Joliet, asks that EOP workers who have razors to contribute to communicate with her or to leave the razors at USO headquarters with a request they be sent to her. Lack of steel prevents replacement by manufacturers.

Q. A friend of mine in the Army Air Forces referred to a plane as a "duck." Can you tell me what he meant?

A. A "duck" is slang for an amphibian airplane, capable of landing on water or ground.

Q. I was going to send a package to my brother who's overseas, but my topkick told me there was a new Regulation against this. What's the dope?

A. The topkick's right. You may only send packages overseas that have been requested by the soldier, and then his letter must be approved by his commanding officer. This is in compliance with a new Regulation, announced by Secretary of War Stimson Jan. 7 and which became effective Jan. 15. It was necessary because of the flood of packages that were taking up vital transport space.

Q. I've spent some time in the Canadian Army. Will this count toward my retirement in the U. S. Army?

A. Nope.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

By the looks of the weather now it probably is safe for **Helen Cusick** to take her golf clubs from the attic. She plays a pretty good game when she hits the ball.

Bill Hartman, Group 4, is singing lullabys to **Art Jensen** every night before he goes to bed. Bill should beware of the game "possum."

Jack Dempsy left for the Army March 31 and he will be missed by all, but especially by one "Mickey." Also **Bill Lipsey** left March 31 and the boys of Group 4 and 5 miss his services.

Mary Jane Snapp of Group 4, has had a new twinkle in her eyes lately. Reason—A certain young marine from Momence by the name of **Bill Schopf** has popped the question and little Janey accepted. They are both leaving for California April 14 and the great event will take place there very soon. Bill has just come back from the Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal.

If anyone finds a blue garter, please return it to **Julia Flori**, who lost one quite a while ago and she is still having trouble with her hose.

If anyone runs out of things to eat he should get in touch with **Jim Tyler** and **Bob Welch**, who have both started a Victory Garden. They must have been afraid they might have to eat strained baby food. Jim is fond of raspberry Jam in the small jars.

Helen Cusick has recovered and is back to work after suffering injury in a fall.

Jim Nolan, Group 7, has a scar on his left cheek. It looks like it might be a fingernail scratch.

Found—One horse out behind the Time Office. It might be **Grace Johnson's** for she hasn't been wearing her jodphurs lately.

Genevieve Karpel, Group 7, likes the idea of having seven girls in the family, except it is rather embarrasing when she starts naming them and can't get past six. After a few minutes' hesitation she finally adds, "Oh, I always forget, that's me."

Bob Rolence drove fifty miles to Marseilles last week. He said he went to look over the town. For anyone to drive that far these days, there must be something cooking.

All **Mildred Veach** does at Group 7 is to make detonators. Many wonder if asked to do anything else down there she would remember how.

Harold Fowler, Group 1, wishes a week had six days. Every Wednesday someone from the group hears this same question from Harold, "Can I borrow $5 'till tomorrow?"

Lillian Nesst, Group 7, is taking steam baths. Trimness does count, even after marriage.

Roger Anderson may become a magician if he ever leaves EOP.

INFORMAL ATTIRE featured the "hard times" dance given by Group 61 at the Recreation Building, Saturday night, March 20. Shown here are some of the dancers.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

The boys at Group 3 have been doing some spring housecleaning under the expert direction of **Sgt. Edward Oetter. Neil Hicks** questioned the legality of the action, because Sgt. Oetter had no union card, and now he and **Charles Swick** and **Robert Crane** are washing the walls of the Guard shanties in the Group.

Baker is a common name, so common in fact that the two Bakers on the guard force often get the other's telephone calls. For anyone who may want to contact a Baker on headquarter's phone please designate either **"Dispatcher David Baker"** or **"Lt. Clarence Baker."** It irks both of them to be taken for the other — sort of a Manteno-Chicago Heights feud.

If **Lt. Frank "Major" Harrelson's** wife could have seen him at 4:30 a. m., carefully sewing a button on his uniform coat, she would probably have him take care of the family mending. However, the needle became unthreaded, and after a few of the major's choice (&##***"?) comments, she would have changed her mind.

Dispatcher **Paul Stacel** is soon to become, of all things, a farmer. He is going to take advantage of EOP's offer of garden spots. You probably will see a new radish, or some modulated tomatoes, or even an antenna potato developed by the erstwhile radio expert.

Dispatcher **(Edward) Ritchie** wishes to thank the guards who contributed to the purchase of his state license, a new plate glass in his living room, the expense of having a washing machine motor repaired, and a vulcanizing job on a tire. It really was mighty fine of them and he hopes these good deeds continue.

One of the boys who recently left the guard force to return to farming is **Ross Briley**, who was stationed at Group 2, on **Capt. Thomas Murphy's** shift, for more than a year. His smiling ways will be missed by **Sgt. Leo Keigher** and his gang of good-fellows.

The $64 question in Group 3-A is, "Who was heard telling the cuties in Bldg. 3—'Just call me Jag, girls.' And one replied: 'That's good enough for me.' "

The last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* disclosed the first name of Guard **Royal Krause.** He was formerly known to the boys as "Krausy"—now it is "Royal."

George "Chris" Christiansen is booming **Orville Benton** for congressman for Du Page County. In a recent speech to the boys Orvie showed he has what it takes.

Guy Woolems claims that **Frank "Speed" Kuntz** is a poor truck driver, and he has a bump on his head to prove it.

Lt. Clarence Baker and **Lt. William McClellan** staged a hard fought bowling match with picked squads from their shifts and even though Lt. Baker furnished his own equipment he came out loser. (He forgot his rocking chair.)

James Liles and **Delbert Harvey** don't care about working Gate 1 at Group 1 anymore since their wives use this particular gate to enter the Group and the *good* officers find that it is very simple for their better halves to check on their activities.

What is *the private stock* that **George McTernan** has been mentioning of late?

It is rumored that **"Colonel" Jefferson Welch** and **"Rookie" George Bulliner** have been making themselves useful as well as ornamental at Group 1.

What with rationing and *all*, the boys at Group 1 are wondering what some of **Ralph Emrichs** private chowder would taste like.

The number one man amongst the glamour boys is now **"Sweet Pickles" James Gerkins,** 'tis said.

Lt. Owen McCarthy, manager of the Guards softball team, is very interested in contacting all MP's who could—can—or still think they can throw a ball.—The last game of the basketball season brought forth a couple of our inactives—Perhaps the boys won't wait this long for the coming baseball season.

Lt. Frank Harrelson reports that his three-year-old son transferred his coal pile to the neighbor's pile, using his little red wagon. In this connection it is rumored that **Disp. Casimir Klafta,** who has no children, has purchased a little red wagon and is asking for the 4-12 Shift.

With the Women

The women guards were defeated when they bowled the Investigation Department March 24. However, they have challenged them to another game and all hope they will be able to do better next time.

Florence Bradecich is leaving because of ill health. Florence made many friends in the various departments of the plant and everyone will miss her.

Kay Koncor spent last week end visiting her family in Streator. She still claims to be the only woman guard to have ridden in a jeep.

Several Dwight girls have been on a very special diet awaiting a certain Friday night. **Bea Sondergaard** has promised them a wonderful fish dinner.

Pauline Klinger is welcomed as a new member.

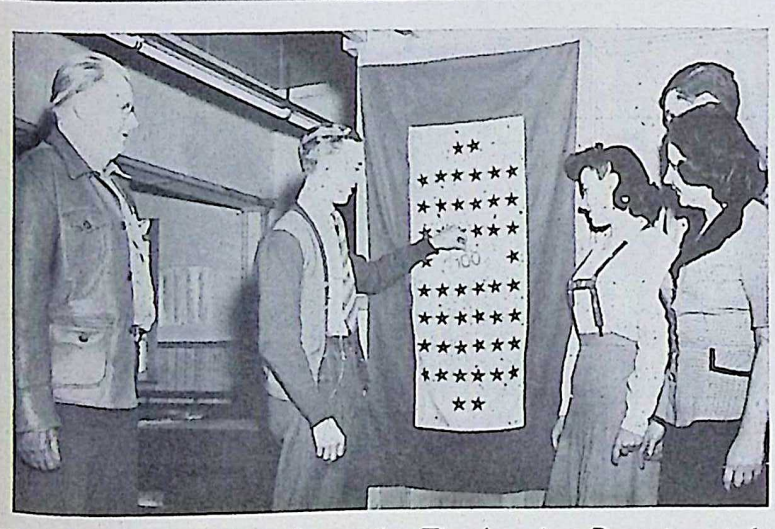
Mae Glade underwent a tonsilectomy recently. She is doing fine and will soon be back on the job. **Nora Mae Secor** has resigned.

Opal Wright spent several days in Silver Cross Hospital. All are happy to have her back at work.

Have you noticed the gleam in **Polly Morrow's** eyes recently? She has been receiving plenty of mail from friend hubby who is overseas.

Bell Named Captain

Lt. George N. Bell, formerly stationed here, has been promoted to captain, according to the *Wolf Creek Banner.* He left EOP in January, 1942, to become Army inspector of ordnance at Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant, Milan, Tenn.



ONE HUNDREDTH to leave the Timekeeping Department for the armed forces, Lloyd Raridon is pictured here placing his star on the department's honor flag. Shown left to right are Carl Swanberg, Mr. Raridon, Geraldine Graham, Ed Swanson and Eva Sweda.

Causes-Cures Of Accidents Told Workers

Details to Be Given In Each Issue as Safety Measure

Detailed reports of accidents, as to how they happened and what might have been done to prevent them, will be a regular feature of *The Bomb-Shell* beginning with this issue. The reports are copies of those sent to the superintendents of the groups affected. They are written by **R. T. Read,** safety director, and sent out as quickly as possible after the accidents.

Lost-time accidents which occurred recently are as follows:

John Harzheim, a sub-foreman in Bldg. 4, Group 3, suffered the amputation of the end of his right index finger April 1 when he caught it in the rocker of a tilt tub as he was completing the pouring of scrap amatol. This injury is classified as a permanent partial disability and carries a time-charge of 150 days.

Mechanically, the equipment involved in this accident is as safe as it can be. Similar mishaps can be avoided only by the exercise of greater caution on the part of the operator. This will come only through constant stress on safety rules and practices.

Worked at Igloo

As **Robert Eyman,** a laborer, Group 63, was carrying material into an igloo at Group 63 March 27, he tripped over a board that extended into the aisle, fell, and broke his right ankle. Probable lost time, two weeks.

Accidents of this type can be avoided if the boards on which boxes are stacked are cut to the proper length. They should be flush with the edge of the outside box, leaving the aisle free.

Stanley Wiencek, a foreman at South Inert, was the victim of a painful and what might have been a very serious accident March 24. He thrust his head out of a doorway in Bldg. 10 to call to someone just at the moment the air brakes were released on a semi-trailer truck that had just been unloaded. The truck rolled back far enough to catch Wiencek's head between the end of the truck and the building wall. Injuries included a scalp laceration and a strain of the neck muscles. It was a narrow escape from a skull fracture.

This may appear to be a freakish accident, due to sheer "bad luck" in timing. In reality, it resulted from a violation of the safety rule which warns against putting your body or any part of it between a mobile object and a fixed one where there is insufficient clearance.

Safe practices become "second nature" only by being constantly stressed in a program of safety education.

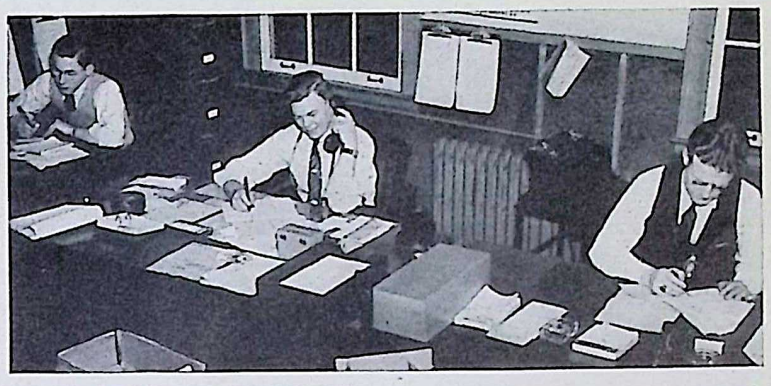
Loses End of Thumb

Rollin Bennett's failure to take proper hold of a door which he was closing in Bldg. 7, Group 1, caused him, March 16, the loss of the end of his right thumb. The accident also cost the group a time-charge of 150 days.

High wind was a contributing factor; but the very fact that the day was windy should have indicated the necessity for greater caution.

Stressing the hazards in simple, everyday actions, and instruction in the proper way to perform those actions, is one phase of a complete safety education program.

Huston Powell lost six days from his work at North Inert due to an injury to his right leg, the result of being struck by a 250 pound bomb which rolled from the rack in a box car and struck him, March 12.



KEEPING OFFICE SUPPLIES and receiving incoming material are the assignments of the stock room in the Administration Building. Shown here, left to right, are Raymond Marquardt, Earl Moline and E. T. Bennington.

This is at least the second lost-time accident from this cause. One man, **William Hayes,** is still in the Hospital with a broken leg due to a similar mishap. It proves the urgent necessity of a careful examination of all bomb racking before unloading begins and at every stage as it progresses. Workmen in this operation must be fully instructed on protecting themselves and their fellow workmen.

William Cotner, a Group 2 carpenter, was cutting a 4x4 with a skilsaw March 12. The saw jammed in the wet wood and jumped out of control. Result: a long and deep laceration in the operator's right thigh that will probably keep him in bed for *three weeks.*

The violation of several safety practices combined to produce that accident. First, Cotner should not have been cutting wet wood with a power tool. Second, any piece that he was working on should have been securely clamped on the work bench. This piece was not. Third, a small skilsaw was not the appropriate tool to be using on a 4x4.

Since none of these factors was beyond reasonable control, it is fair to say that *this accident could have been avoided!*

Jerry Besco, a carpenter working out of Group 70, suffered a broken wrist March 11 when a ladder on which he was climbing into a box-car at Group 68 slipped causing him to fall.

The fact that the ladder was set on an icy surface should have indicated the need for ladder shoes or spikes. If these were not available, the ladder should have been supported by another workman.

Walter Long, an iron worker at Group 70, sprained his back March 9 when his foot slipped in the snow as he was helping lift an air tank onto a truck.

This accident would not have happened if the workman had provided sure footing for himself before he began to lift. He could have done this by clearing away the snow or procuring a board or other dry object on which to stand.

Of course these precautions take time, but *not four to six days,* and that is what the man is losing from work as a result of the injury, not to mention the pain and discomfort involved.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Congratulations are extended to **Lt. Eugene J. Moretti,** former timekeeper during construction, who was graduated March 27 from the Navigation class of the Air Force Advanced Flying School at Mather Field, California.

Royce Quayle, timekeeper at Group 2, and **Lloyd Raridon,** second quiz kid to leave from Group 70 in less than a month, have been inducted into the service.

Through the mail. **Kay Frandsen,** one of the earlier timekeepers, writes from Africa saying that things aren't bad out there, a roof over his head, three meals a day and all the champagne and wine that he wants. Amusing note is he would trade all of the champagne for a malted milk. **Clyde Mulligan** received a card from **Donald Sharp** who was with the Seabees in Connecticut, but is now in California. **Vearl Heinis** is expected home soon on furlough before leaving for overseas duty.

Several new faces can be seen in the department. **Virginia Harscher** and **Rena Grenda** have taken over riding the field, a job never before handled by women. **Martha Piper, Sylvia Dyanshi** and **Mary Biernat** are newest timekeepers. Mary transferred from the Government timekeeping staff.

Paul Zamkovitz has written a theme to inspire him whenever his patriotism begins to wane. If it encourages him so, perhaps his thoughts should be made public.

Miss Spring has made her yearly debut, proof of the fact can be seen by **John O'Connell** shedding his characteristic sheep skin coat for a light top coat, **Emily Kexel** venturing forth in a pretty spring print, and **Marcella Corbett** ushering it in with a spring tweed. **Robert Waddell,** the early worm who always gets the bird, made his entrance into Group 3-A one day with a straw hat only to have the weather change to rain and then snow. However, he is still wearing the hat.

Bernard McShane, who, due to some recent bowling matches, thinks Lady Luck is not on his side, is now complacently dreaming of what he is going to plant in his Victory garden.

"The night is still young when the clock strikes one," seems to be the motto of the Group 1 timekeepers, several of whom were seen in Coal City one early Friday morning.

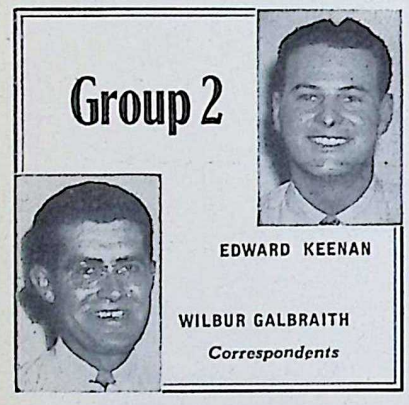
The $2 Questions

Why didn't **Zona Bond** report she could dance? What is the male interest in Bldg. 13, Group 1, to **Shirley Van Duyne?** What timekeeper told an innocent young waitress in Wilmington he has been with EOP for 17 years? Why the sudden interest of **Frank Skole** in the chauffeurettes? Where does **Nick Eartly** hang out now that he is working nights? Who is the red head from Coal City that is **Bill Dwyer's** latest armfull?

When will **Bob Balma** and **John Hohisel** get out of their respective doghouses? Wonder what the general reaction will be to the new women field riders? Why is **Bill Seeley** so positive that Saunemin does not have a gold mine and trolley car that he is willing to bet good money on it? How does **Chuck Swanberg** stand his quiz kids? Don't you wish that **Angeline Gunnerson** could forget about **Harry Knarr?** When will the bells ring for several engaged timekeepers?

What happened to **Marcella Corbett,** who, after eating a chicken dinner, became sick for several days? Can you imagine **Milton Treitel** clipping **Chuck Vismara** of the Truck Drivers and getting away with it? Why is **Eva Sweda** walking on air lately? Isn't it amazing the effect Army fellows have on romantic young girls? Is **Elmer Dames** taking up nurses' aid or is he? Wouldn't it be nice if the one hundred former timekeepers now in service could come home on furlough and a big party be given honoring them? Wonder when the next timekeepers' party is going to be?

THREE PRETTY DAUGHTERS make life happier for John S. Leitzell, Groundskeeping Division, Utilities Department, and Mrs. Leitzell. They are Dorothy, Diane and Donna.



Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

Applications continue to come in for Victory garden plots. All applicants upon notification should do their planting as early as possible in order to avoid confusion.

Francis Feeney thinks Route 66-A should have five lanes, so he could have one all of his own. He says all cars are at a standstill when he is coming to work on the day shift.

Otto "Bull of the Woods" Koch and **Harold "Master Plumber" Sonday** are carrying chips on their shoulders these days. Everyone hopes they will patch up their differences.

Since the State basketball tournament at Urbana, **Vern Walsmith** doesn't know as much about basketball as the boys thought he did. Vern was telling the gang that Paris didn't have a chance. He even backed up his conviction with some greenbacks.

Farris Bales is thinking of buying a race horse as soon as he can get a real bargain. Since horse meat is becoming the main meat, Bales remarked, "If the horse can't run I'll eat it."

A new man was received last week by the name of **Rassie Jackson** and it was noted with interest the co-owner on his War Bond pledge card was **Mrs. Baffie Jackson.** Quite a combination, some of the boys think.

Someone placed a sign over the Storeroom reading, **"Fred Mogle & Wilbur Galbraith,** General Merchandise, Store No. 9. Incidentally, these two fellows are now called Lum and Abner after a favorite radio program heard over a nation-wide hook-up.

Congratulations are sent to **Clyde Beeson** and **Leonard Frieling.** Both are now proud fathers. Clyde has a son and Leonard a daughter.

Edward Triebull sold his farm the other day and is now lamenting the fact that he should have kept it as horse meat has come into its own. Ed, they say, had a herd of some mighty fine horse flesh.

Word has been received that Pipefitter **Ambrose Grandpre** is a very sick man and his doctor has ordered him to remain in bed until he shows more improvement. All wish him a speedy recovery.

They say **John Bogetto** has a special dinner date every day he has off.

Bill Kane assures reports the Chicago White Sox are a cinch to win the American League pennant this year. Bill is a dyed-in-the-wool Sox fan and has been for many years.

Pipefitter **William "Bill" O'Connor,** 65 years old, thinks there is a possibility he might be called in the near future and is looking over some tractor equipment.

A burning question these days is, "why does **Mel Roach,** timekeeper, like the 3:30 shift?" Mel has been working this shift for a month or so.

Now that **Maurice "Moe" Goodspeed's** wife is working at Group 1, Moe is the chief cook and bottle washer around the house. They say it keeps him humping these days.

Albert "Archie" La Borence predicts the bums from Brooklyn, more appropriately named the Brooklyn Dodgers, will win the National League pennant this year. Arch says he has the green lettuce to back up his choice.

Best wishes go to Timekeeper **Royce Quale** who is scheduled to join the armed services next week.

To **Joseph Connors,** building foreman, all wish success and best wishes in the future. Joe plans to enter Uncle Sam's growing Army and should be a most capable man. His brilliant record at this Group will long be remembered.

All enjoyed a brief visit from a former "Murphy's boy," **Ensign Richard Oldani,** Naval Air Corps. Dick is scheduled to become an instructor at the Naval Air Training Station at Pensacola, Fla.

Your correspondents again were threatened and it looks as though someone may mean business. This time as before the threat came from **Gridley "Paperhanger" Wheeler.** He said that his wife would wrap an umbrella around their necks if she ever saw them on the street. Private Detective Roach checked on this story and found an entirely different set-up. As a matter of fact his wife gave Detective Roach an interesting story about Grid, which is being held for another issue.

Now that the weather is breaking and the ground drying out a little, **Frank Marlette** may be seen riding from building to building; that is if he can get the bike away from **John Kelahan.**

Gene Carter was seen driving the "Green Hornet" a little faster than usual one morning. Could be that Gene didn't have a good night's sleep, but his story is a little different. He said his wife forgot to set the alarm, and when he did wake up and see the time he took off from the house like Illinois Tomm in the fifth race on a dry track.

Maybe **Jimmy Falbo** can tell why **George Williams** is always trying to have Jimmy's name connected with some little incident and printed in *The Bomb-Shell.* George reports that Jimmy hoped at one time to be a movie actor, but gave it up for a war job, and now that his name does not appear in leading movie papers through the country it is only fair that he get a little splash in *The Bomb-Shell.*

Charles Mann's little white fence in front of the office at Group 62-N is very nice, and it would be a shame if "Scorchy" would kick the pickets off it. It is suggested that Charles have **Bill Denver** patrol the fence at night to watch for such an invader. **Dick Ashworth** and **Chuck Gorham** can look after it while they are on duty.

There is a wild rumor that someone is in their second childhood . . . **Ray Murray** or **Don Carlson.** Someone has seen both of these brave lads reading "The Adventures of Superman." If **Bob McCleary** had been involved no one would have thought anything about it because he looks like a little boy.

Hank Prosser is doing his best to save on gloves, and it isn't because he is worried about them being rationed. No sir, Hank is a natural born fisherman and does not pass up an opportunity. This time Hank had to fish with a pair of pliers and in a small pool of water near Change House 8. His catch was not a big one, but just an old glove. All will be hearing soon. "You should have seen the one that got away."

Group 61

JOE MOTTA

Correspondent

Comptroller John J. Cole is firmly convinced that when Group 61 advertises a "hard times" dance they mean just that. The unruly "Check Signer" was forced to take his tie off or else ! ! !

The daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marshall** has been named **Patricia Gale.**

After several months of Army life, **Jess Shelby** is again making nitrate. Mr. Shelby was honorably discharged due to the age limit.

W. C. Miller has named Group 61's nitrate "Yank's Delight."

Fellow workers are wondering where **Carl Sala** learned the new dance steps. The talented timekeeper does the difficult feat of going backwards combined with a few circles.

A likely story — **Ralph Walter** claims that he was given a ticket for driving too slow.

The first occupants of the jail at Group 61's dance were **Marien Westcott** and **Henry Barber.** Miss Westcott seems to have taken a sudden interest in the group—especially machinists.

Associates were sorry to hear about the death of **Mrs. Marvin Rasmussen,** wife of a co-worker.

Ray Carlson insists that he was interested in a radio program on his car radio when being picked up for speeding.

Drilling seems to be **J. Crossen's** main delight. It is not unusual to see him do an "about face."

In her column recently, **Lorrayne Ostrem** seemed worried about your correspondent losing his newspaper articles. It is appreciated, however Miss Ostrem need not feel too badly, as long as her items improved 100 per cent in that particular issue.

According to **H. O. Cadwell,** every last person in his new neighborhood is *Swell.*

When having a physical examination the doctor asked **Willard "Zeke" McDowell** if he had frequent fainting spells. The "doc" evidently had someone else in mind—"Zeke" never fainted in his life.

Not unusual, **Robert Brais** had his first physical—it was nice working with him.

The only task that **Charles Usewich** doesn't like is unloading paper bags. Mr. Usewich claims that just the thought of the job makes him ill.

Upon his return from Group 1, **John Kelly** said "it was nice while it lasted."

For a hobby, **William Bretzman** goes fishing. Recently he reeled in two large bullheads.

Harry Willis has something to be proud of in sons, **Maj. Elmer Willis** and **Lt. George Willis,** who visited him recently.

Credit for the idea of Group 61's "hard times" dance and party goes to **Harvey Steffes.**

Ed Hasse had a good time at the "hard times" dance while he lasted, but Ed didn't stay long enough.

The irrepressible **Wayne Howard** is at it again. Mr. Howard is now using cup grease to protect his hide.

From now on **Fred Kase** will have a safety sticker on his truck —$7 and costs convinced him.

Lawrence Johnson is particular with whom he sits on the bus.

John Hosler and **Barney Beoletto** recently visited relatives in their respective home towns. Sporting a Mercury is **Edward McLaughlin.**

Taylor is quite a prominent name around the Group, **Grover Taylor, Francis Taylor** and **Moses Taylor.**

Irvin Shelby wants a "C" book. Mr. Shelby's car won't take him to work on an "A" book.

His Honor, **John Hayes,** is judge of Livingston County; **Charles Wagoner** can vouch for that.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS

Correspondent

Dr. Nathan Atvosky of Chicago is welcomed to the staff. Prior to his coming to EOP, he was a resident physician at the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital at Cleveland, O. Dr. Atovsky applied for a commission in the Army Medical Corps, but was advised by the War Manpower Commission that he was more necessary in a war plant. So here he is.

A fond farewell was bid to a member of the staff, **Genevieve Hurley.** She had dinner at the Mess Hall on her last day here with **R. R. Sidell, Elsie Baer, Wallace Koepp, Dr. G. F. Luke, Dr. L. N. Cohler** and **Dr. A. Bustin.** A fountain pen and pencil set and a corsage were presented to her by the staff, including those stationed at the different groups. **Leslie Ross** contributed a farewell poem. She has accepted a position in **Dr. R. J. Kennedy's** office in Joliet.

It looks as though **Dottie Schoop's** only ambition is to improve her bowling. It relegates her instincts, feelings, dates and every sort of entertainment to second places.

Well! A few of the physicians had quite a week-end. Dr. Luke and his wife and **Dr. Jim Madura** and his wife went out for an evening of relaxation. They budgeted themselves???

Speaking of patriotism, **Marge Hartong** and **Mary Philbin** have started their Victory Gardens. Dirt farmer **Tom Moore** has planted some moon vine seeds to dream under. Watch his wild oats sprout! Progress of Tom's garden will be continued in the next issue.

Elliott Hayes is complaining that he has had only two shaves since he has been hospitalized. He hopes that no one will imagine him as always having this hirsute adornment.

Margaret Gergovich is looking forward to retiring soon and live on the accumulated pools she has collected recently.

Dr. Bustin is being punished for his misbehavior at the "hard times" dance. He was given a modernistic haircut by the overconfident Dr. Madura, who claims he is a specialist in that field.

Emogene mysteriously disappeared for one day and two nights. Everyone worried, but little Emogene is back again and appearing dignified.

Dr. B. Giel has spring fever these days. The first stage of the fever was in purchasing a new tan suit.

Mrs. Lillian Doran visited the Hospital to check on the various activities of her daughter. Strictly off the record, she liked the Hospital very much. That's why **Evelyn** cleaned the laboratory so thoroughly, bottles, corks, and all.

Myrtle Burrus's social life is progressing by leaps and bounds. She spent one evening with a group of friends leaping about a dance floor. The next day she was so muscle-bound, she did most of her exercising on a long-legged stool.

Hm!!! Hm!!! Maybe a little hot throat wash would help **Dr. H. L. Schultz'** cold.

The finale: The little mother, **Evelyn Richards,** has returned to her old *haunting* grounds. It has done wonders for her. In fact, she sets a good example for all the attached women who work with her. *(I hope she receives as much cooperation in writing the Hospital news for The Bomb-Shell in the future as I have had while she was away. I wish to thank all those who contributed news items to me. —Evelyn Doran.)*

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF

Correspondent

Spring is really here . . . the clatter of wedgies going up and down the wood floors . . . bright colored clothes . . . tulips growing like sixty around the front of the building. . . . **John J. Cole** leaving for a short combination business trip and vacation. . . . **Betty Kane's** beautiful engagement ring. . . . **A. E. Kinson** clocking in the last two weeks at 8:41 A. M. . . . April Fool's Day is past and so are the little moron jokes . . . fresh varnish on the stairs. . . . **Charlotte Hammond** wearing a white boutonniere. . . . **Wanda Hudak** using pancake powder again . . . painted stockings. . . . **Martha Herrity** and her honest-to-goodness live baby orchids. . . . **Lorraine Hilling** reminiscing on the bus. . . . **Ben Buchar's** little puppy, "Casablanca," "Cassy" for short. . . . **Joe Catton** starting his Victory garden at home. . . . **Charlie Duchene** wondering if it will rain on his birthday. . . . **Anita Scott, Margie Zarley** and **Jean Tyrrell** sporting new green play shoes.

Gene "Red" Bennington had a chance to use his first aid training when little **Violet Read** burned her knee on a radiator. Violet reports there will not be a blister.

Lucille Jasinski is back to work after a month's vacation at Camp Penderlton, Virginia. She returned with a new name . . . **Smith** . . . new ring . . . wedding circle . . . and a happy smile.

Margaret Adams is the new girl in the Mailing Room in case anyone asks you . . . seems to be a nice gal, too.

You should meet Papa **Dean Robinson.** The stork flew low over his house March 20 around 4:08 p. m. and left an eight-pound son. He is going to name the little stranger **David Michael.**

Rationing Board Take Notice! Unless **Alva Thomas** stops making **George Sangmaster** trot up and down stairs every time he is in the building, he is going to take her No. 17 stamp or see that she puts in a request for one for him. No can do?

Mary Whitley, of Joliet, is the new girl in **I. E. Jackson's** office.

A.W.O.L. in the Army means absent without leave . . . in the Administration Building A.W.O.L. means "a wolf on the loose."

The boys in the Engineering Department consider **W. E. Peterson** to be the very picture of Winston Churchill. . . . *pipe and all.*

Bob Bailey almost had an April Fool present . . . but the little bundle from Heaven fooled Papa and arrived **March 31.** The proud parents named her **Laura Lee.**

Mrs. Frances Gourley left **William Lanterman's** office March 27th. She plans to be just a little housewife.

Word has been received that **Harry McCrae** is in quarantine at Aberdeen Proving Ground where he is taking officer's training. No details at this time.

Emily Voegtle and **Eleanor Dufrain** left the Purchasing Department April 3.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS

GERALDINE M. WARD

Correspondents

This column is full of surprises this time . . . and bears good news . . . first, **Comptroller John J. Cole** was trekking down the street deep in the heart of Texas . . . when up from no where came a familiar sight . . . **"Bill" Durrenberger**, formerly of EOP, as Lt. William Durrenberger . . . and now the lad has those two silver bars . . . and answers to Captain William . . . How about that? . . . don't say the EOP gang doesn't make good. . . . Mr. Cole said he asked for everyone including each and everyone . . . He is stationed at the Red River Ordnance Depot, Texarkana, Tex. . . . he'd like to hear from his friends.

Wonder how long it would take to become as placid as **Florence Casson** . . . she has the most wonderful composure at all times . . . and most guys and gals could sure use some of that right now.

Suppose you have heard that little Monicker the Shonniker is no longer here . . . that is **Tommy Haigh's** favorite name for **Monica Limacher**, his secretary . . . or used to be . . . she has gone into the cold, cold, world to seek other fields of endeavor and the office misses her, but wishes her good luck in the new adventures.

Bess Moore, personnel leader, is the new president of the Employees Activities of the War Department . . . she'll be a good one too . . . the other officers are . . . **Richard Nemanich**, vice president . . . **Anne Kakara**, secretary, and pert little **Mara Puett**, the keeper of the dough re mi. . . . The officers have the co-operation and backing of all the employees . . . and they are looking forward to big happenings in the near future.

Jeanne Baskerville has a new zoot suit . . . at least she wore the topcoat on her trip down the lines the other day . . . seems as though they wouldn't let her wear her fur coat . . . so she prevailed upon **Wilbur Galbraith** for his pretty blue coat. . . . She sure looked cute and caused quite a stir on the lines . . . but of course she would be outdone by Mr. Haigh. . . . He walked into one of the bays where there were numerous girls working and as he had three gals in tow . . . they gave out with the good old "Wolf" call and the superman tried to pass it off as a joke, but it was noted that his ears were quite red . . . could be that it is such a short time until he will become a benedict that he blushes easily.

Bea Berge of Personnel has returned from Minnesota, where she had a swell visit with her soldier brother.

Now that Spring is here anything can happen . . . it sure feels good after that terrific winter . . . and that goes for all. Haven't seen **Mary Whitley** lately . . . wonder where she has been hiding????? . . . **Claire Shols** is looking kinda lonesome these days . . . her right guy is sick . . . yep . . . **Ray Marquardt** by name. . . . It is rumored that **W. C. Washington**, inspector in the Fuze and Booster Area, is creating quite a stir these days . . . (Honk, Honk.)

By the way, notices that former Army officers at EOP . . . **Darrell Hornbeck** and **B. H. Pelton** are now captains were received.

Now that **Dara Prew**, the Personnel reporter, is wearing that gorgeous sparkler on her left hand and her fiance, **Charles "Chuck" McKeown**, is leaving to join the Army as an officer candidate . . . 'spect she will join the widow club.

The Gremlin report of the week is that **Ken Bull** of the Safety and Security Section is looking at those "hoops" in the jewelry stores . . . could be he is really serious this time.

It was with reluctance that the workers at EOP bid farewell to **Lt. Sol J. Jacobs**, assistant to the chief, Safety and Security Division, who was assigned to new duties at the Green River Ordnance Plant, Dixon, Ill., effective March 29. Prior to being assigned as assistant in the Safety and Security Division, Lt. Jacobs was divisional inspector in the Fuze and Booster Area. He then left for special training at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and upon his return was appointed as assistant to the chief of operations and engineering in August, 1942. He was transferred to the Safety and Security Division December 1, 1942. Best wishes go with Lt. Jacobs for success and happiness in his new surroundings.

Capt. J. A. Hardy, chief, Operations and Transportation, spent March 22 in the Field Director's Office, St. Louis, Mo., making arrangements for meeting to discuss fuzes at EOP April 5 and 6.

Lt. C. R. Crandell, adjutant, is going to be sure of his favorite dessert, ice cream. The freezer ordered from a well known mail order house was delivered to the plant recently and Mail and Record Messenger **Claire Shols** had considerable difficulty getting through the Adjutant's door with the huge package. Lt. Crandell issued Claire an invitation to an "ice cream social" some time this summer.

Lt. R. E. Pinnick, chief, Safety and Security Division, is acquiring the knack of teletyping. He has a very competent teacher and is learning rapidly.

Carl R. Jeppson, Safety and Security Division, was elected junior vice commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cantigny Post 367, Joliet. **Mrs. Jeppson**, who formerly worked in Group 7, was elected junior vice commander of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Frederick G. Robinson, Safety and Security Division, never misses the oyster cocktails served weekly at **Fire Chief R. W. Mortenson's** office.

Philip Hahn and **John Odchodnicky**, Fiscal Audit, are proud fathers of new daughters. **Marsha Rochelle Hahn**, who tipped the scales at six pounds, 11 ounces, arrived March 20, while **Nancy Ann Odchodnicky** made her debut March 17. The boys had a bet that their babies would be sons; however, "Old Man Stork" didn't cooperate and presented them with daughters. Neither won their bet, so now it will be "Dutch treat."

A glamor girl in the person of **Hazel Koller**, Ordnance Payroll Department, is wearing a new coiffure.

From the Timekeepers

Verne Parry resigned recently to go back to the farm . . . yessiree, he's going to raise them there essential vegetables and such . . . and all the gang have his address down in the black book . . . just in case the red coupons or the blue ones don't hold out.

Many wonder why **Johnny Green** and **John Kolb** let their blood pressure rise so high the day they went up to the hospital for their physicals.

Mary Kay Lohman has recovered from the ordeal of chasing her derby down the hills and dales of the reservation . . . yep, it done blew off and she fell down while retrieving it.

There is great enthusiasm over the Victory Garden space which is being so generously offered to EOP employees who wish to take the opportunity of growing their own vegetables. There is going to be some strong competition for that coveted first prize in the contest for the best garden in the Area. It is rumored that some of the girls have already purchased sprays and disinfectant to care for those vexatious potato bugs. Woe to the one who is apprehended throwing potato bugs gathered from their patch to that of their neighbors. The girls haven't fully decided to don slacks or shorts in working their gardens. However, the major portion are of the opinion that slacks would be the better of the two, as they provide protection against the hot rays of Old Sol.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Harold Koehler, Fred Rigoni, Otto Stahl and **Eugene Schultz** left for the armed forces.

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick is back on the job after recovering from the flu. However, Mr. Fitzpatrick is becoming a poultry fancier and is now worrying about nests for the baby chicks he ordered for May 1.

Alfred Bailey, Harry Lenney and Safety Inspector **C. R. Jeppson** are so short that in order to reach the Change House lighters they have to smoke king size cigarettes.

Pvt. Edward Peterson, a former clerk in the superintendent's office, was a visitor last week. He is stationed at El Paso, Texas, and reports that the Army Air Corps is alright.

Colby Erickson had to leave the Hard Time's Party in a hurry when he lost a large patch. Inate modesty forbids telling just where the patch was—but a military communique might have read: "It exposed a strategic area covering our main base."

It was heard that **Ernest Block** had to drop out of the argument between **Clarence Hartford, Gene Marrow** and himself because his arms got tired.

Naomi Apgar's boy friend came back from camp last week, and taught her the old Army versions of "Close Order" and "Present Arms."

Cela Churchill's perfect hairdress at all times is the envy of all her friends.

Since meat rationing is in effect, it's been heard that **Orbie Lauderdale** is planning a trip back to Peoria to try and recover the squirrel gun which he traded for his first pair of shoes when he left the southern hills for this part of the country.

If the foreladies ever have a debate on "snapshots," **Mary Rigoni** won't take the negative.

Jayne Freeze and **Ethel Davenport** claim that, as a child, good natured **Wilma Rohde** was so skinny that once she fell through a flute and never hit a note.

Charles "Arkey" White and **Opal Richardson** are reported planning to buy smoked glasses and pencils for someone in Bldg. 2.

Harry "Rags" Traynor opened his lunch bucket on April 1 to discover a luscious repast of wood blocks and asbestos strips. He says food rationing has gone too far.

Douglas Oram's dream of a "fishing partner" came true March 13 when small **Douglas Mansfield Oram**, arrived.

Mary Bettino has three ambitions, to learn to bowl, skate and dance. Instructors may apply at the desk in Bldg. 3.

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT
Correspondent

If you'd like to know how to obtain an advance copy of *The Bomb-Shell*, ask **Helen Boula** and perhaps she'll let you in on a little secret.

Ask **Delores "Penny" Dagon** and **Johnny Phelan** what their fondest dreams are about. It has something to do with castles, two-carat diamonds and adventurous trips.

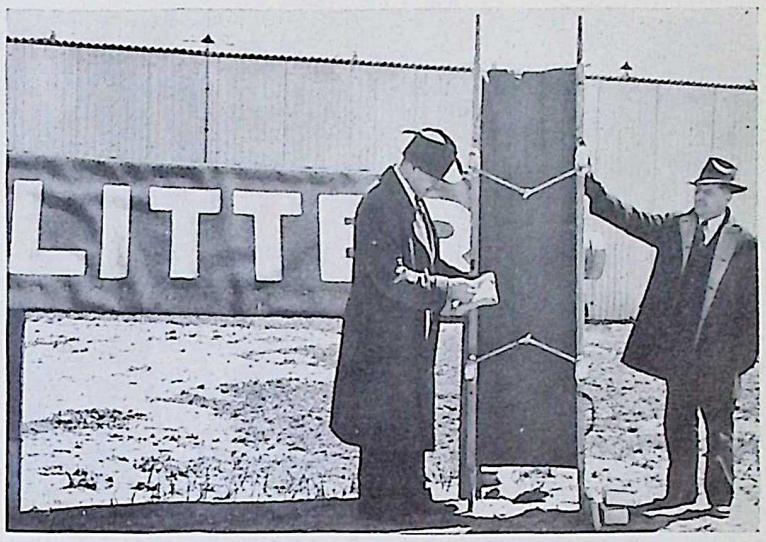
Just cast your eye on the sparkler on **Betty Ross'** third finger left hand. Wow! it'll knock your eyes out, folks. Did you know **Lois Martin** prefers red cars—and redheads?

Tony Posluszny of Group 2 may plan to be a gentleman farmer. Guards recently found three pairs of leather gloves in his locker.

Have you noticed **William Van Houten's** eye for beauty? He sure can pick 'em.

Bernice Shroba broke out with a rash just recently—could be that the "love bug" bit her.

The famous last words in Group 2 are "when in a mesh, call Captain Resch."



FREQUENT EXAMINATION of litters is a function of the Safety Department and Jack Frost (left) and Chet Coldwater are pictured here at the task in the Fuse and Booster Area.

Group 1

It was remarked that **Benny Milkowski's** little Ford was "riding like a Packard." He was seen driving six lady inspectors to work one Sunday.

Introducing the "Man about Group 1"; **Emil Bruni.** He'll never keep that title if he continues making engagements and appearing hours later all "wide eyed and innocent" looking.

Someone should inform **Ed Vaughan** that G-women do not smoke cigars, but then it isn't every day a new son takes over.

Catherine Fitzmaurice recently appeared at work with a very disgruntled expression on her face. Through reliable sources it was soon learned that she had fallen down a flight of stairs rushing to work!

It has been reported that **Al Ehringer** catches up on his sleep while riding to work in the morning. Could be that someone is prying into his dreams these nights.

It seems **Merle Denny's** heart is somewhere down in Florida. She recently received a pair of silver wings from a young lieutenant.

Group 3

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steiskal are the proud parents of a seven pound son. Bob is going to start grooming him for 5-A as soon as possible. He is also paying $5 for the best name sent in to Group 3 Government Inspection Office, so hurry with your suggestion.

The hardest thing in the world to do is to get Wyman Scott to admit he's married. Confidentially, he is 100 per cent and all his friends wish him the best of luck on this new adventure. The real give away is the dainty little sandwiches he carries in his lunch, compared with the hash he previously carried.

Friday, April 9, will see **Joe Abraham** on his way to join the Army. All his co-workers will pay tribute to Joe by removing their hats and facing the northeast for 45 seconds.

Emil Odchodnicky is anxious to obtain stockholders in a business venture which should prove very profitable at this time. Anyone with some loose change and a fondness for frogs (legs) get in touch with him.

Now that the whispering campaign to elect **Kermitt Long** as a representative of the loading lines for recreation and dance programs is over, how about a little action? An after-Easter spring dance and festival of some sort would be welcomed by all.

Group 3-A

The girls on **Roy Hallihan's** shift have a beginners bowling team. Members are **Mildred Ashley, Ethel Cooley, Ethel McCann, Margaret McGowan, Ann Radakovich, Beatrice Rodgers** and **Victoria Scuteri.** They have played two games with other girls and won both times.

Congratulations are sent to **Ethel Bryant** and **Minnette Arter** on their recent promotion to assistant shift inspectors.

Basil Steinhoff, recently transferred to Group 2, is missed by all who wish him luck.

Evan Lewis has been scouting around for a good flashlight. Perhaps he wants to go hunting for "night crawlers" for his fishing trips.

After a recent bowling game, **Ethel Cooley** had to see a tailor to keep out of the draft.

Group 4

Many wonder why **Kathryn Vlasic** had such a surprised look on her face when opening a can of relays recently.

Catherine Kemp is spending her lonely hours working jig-saw puzzles now that her boy friend is in the Army.

Group 9

Sympathy is extended to **Sophie Mixner**, whose son died March 26.

Group 9 welcomed four new inspectors recently. They are **Helen Vlach, Helen Conroy, Effie Park** and **Celia Gillan.**

During any lunch period you can find **Mary Benac** and **Dorothy Magolan** crying in each other's lunch pails about their favorite men who have joined the Army.

If anyone is interested in debate club members, you'll find **Frances Kraus** and **Delores "Zombie" Hawotte** are two of the best. They're especially good on farm problems.

Marcella "Moat" Morton remains a favorite with all the personnel of Group 9.

Rose Gigliette is still dating a certain ensign. Rumor has it that a plane ran out of gas and landed in her back yard depositing two ensigns.

E. J. Nemanich has 30 small stars attached to the wall of his garage. He voluntarily donated thirty of his registered homing pigeons for service in the U. S. Signal Corps.

Group 8

Congratulations are sent to **Margaret Kertes** and **Frances Mohr** who were recently promoted to line inspector and assistant line inspector, respectively.

Down the little grape vine comes the rumor that wedding bells will soon be ringing for **Betty Stalzer.**

Betty Elias is the proud possessor of a gold Ordnance pin (Ball of Flame) sent to her by a dear friend in Santa Anita, Calif.

Group 8 regrets the loss of **Park Paxton** who recently joined the Army. His friends wish him luck.

Group 61

Line inspector **Al Weinstock** is being led by hand around town by a pair of blue eyes and black hair. He appears to be in an aesthetic daze.

The Government Inspection office was honored by the presence of a very attractive nurse, **Edna Rimmer**, recently. She was the first woman to remain in Group 61 for a period of time.

William Harrison served as a lieutenant in the British Army during the last war. His son is now in the U. S. Army.

You'd never think there was such a thing as food rationing if you could see **Guy Gimbel's** lunches. Being on speaking terms with a certain waitress doesn't hurt either.

Marion Carter's daughter was the main attraction at a baby shower April 4.

CELEBRATING their 37th wedding anniversary April 4, Mr. and Mrs. Hawk P. Smith received many congratulations. Mr. Smith, who is employed at Group 2, also observed his birthday anniversary the same day. They have eight children and 23 grandchildren.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Vince Cantarella of Payroll has taken up bowling and the other day created quite a sensation around the alleys when he picked up a "double pinochle" split. **Tom Wayman**, who was bowling with him at the time, said Vince took it as if he was used to making difficult spares.

EOP employees surely expect to eat this summer. Seems that they are taking advantage of the Victory garden offer, and they're not all men either (many of the men have said they will have to have the help of their wives to keep their plots clear of weeds). Among the girls signed up are **Geraldine Ward** of the War Department and **Edith Lewis** and **Jackie Binzen** of Timekeeping and Mailing Room.

For three or four days before the girls sweepstakes, the men had a tough time trying to get an alley to bowl. The girls insisted on having priority. That large group from Group 3-A, headed by **Lorraine Liesse**, is using the alleys weekly now. One group of girls start bowling at noon and leave in time for their shift to start and they are followed by the first shift girls, headed by **Mary Ragoni**, an hour or so later. The Recreation Department supplied entertainers for the Joliet Chamber of Commerce War Bond Drive. Not only did they entertain a large audience, but the program was aired over WCLS.

Do you sing, dance, or otherwise entertain? If you do, please let the Recreation Office know, as there are many calls coming in for such services.

Spring training is on. For another season of softball and baseball, all candidates for positions on the EOP teams should get in touch with the Recreation office. Candidates for the Softball team should contact **John Kusinski** and **Ed Murphy** for baseball. These teams will not travel as last year, due to rubber and gasoline rationing and the fact that all Army and Navy teams will not be permitted to travel except within a certain radius of their headquarters.

Now that the spring weather is here the first call for horseshoe pitchers is issued. New courts are being built next to the tennis courts in Group 60.

Archery enthusiasts can look forward to a busy season as a range is being built in the Recreation Area in Group 60. If enough enthusiasm and good marksmen can be found an Archery Club will be organized and outsiders invited in for competition.

EOP tennis enthusiasts have been watching the painters with interest as they paint the lines on the new tennis courts in Group 60. While these courts were built last year, they have never been played on. Fencing and other drawbacks kept them from being completed. Play will start as soon as the weather permits.

Tennis courts will not be scheduled, although a set of rules governing the use of the courts will be posted so that everyone can observe them.

Tennis rackets and balls are personal equipment and each player must supply his own, and due to the shortage of tennis balls and the material used in making them all players are advised to purchase a few early in the season.

The game of tennis, from a very modest beginning, has risen to a leading position among sports. More people actually participate in tennis than any other outdoor game, and each year enrolls new thousands of devotees. Regular play develops coordination of eye, mind and muscle, and improves general health and stamina. No one in good physical condition is either too young or too old to play

81 Entries Make Sweepstakes Success

The first individual bowling sweepstakes for EOP women was held in the Recreation Hall, March 26 and 29, with 81 entries. **Catherine "Tomi" Tomlianovich** of the Ordnance Inspection Department was the winner, rolling 514 for high series. **Kathryn Johnson**, Purchasing Department, was second high with a 491 series.

Prize winners follow:

High Series

Name	Score	Prize
1. Catherine Tomlianovich	514	$10
2. Kathryn Johnson	491	8
3. Myrna Faris	478	6
4. Kay Cusick	476	5
5. Isabella Green	441	4
6. Shirley Grassle	439	4
7. Bernadine Keto	427	3
8. Ramona W. Sculle	403	2
9. Dorothy Schoop	403	2
10. Josephine Donna	399	2
11. Ann Lucas	393	2
12. Bee Nelson	392	1
13. Lucille Venzara	388	1
14. Sophie Mores	388	1
15. Alice Goff	387	1

High Game

1. Marian Shaw	164	3
2. Lola Harnak	161	2
3. Marge Bryant	158	1

Good Fellowship

1. Ellen June Morgan	303	1
2. Edith Lewis	269	1
3. Mrs. Catherine Tunstall	289	1
4. Mary Heintz	295	1
5. Edith Cuno	238	1
6. Helen De Lach	339	1
7. Florence Bradeuch	314	1
8. Marie Bradley	292	1
9. Lorraine Guennete	360	1
10. Mrs. Kathleen Gibson	228	1

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

If sailors don't mind water, why should **Carmen Oldani** have been so excited about her hat at Red Cross headquarters? Entertaining the crowd, Carmen was hurrying to leave the workroom with the other girls who roll bandages regularly on that night when she dropped her blue sailor hat into the sink. That wouldn't have bothered her so much, she claims, if in her attempts to recover it, she hadn't brushed against the faucet and turned the handle. One of the spectators then kindly reminded her that sailors shouldn't mind water.

Clement Lambert was one very excited interviewer March 30. He had word that he could be reexamined for the Navy and was busy bidding everyone goodbye and treating them before he left. News was received a few days later that Clem had been successful and was speeding jubilantly toward the east coast. This recall to the Navy has been one of Clem's fondest hopes and now all bid him luck on his way.

Although all the prize-winners names for the Women's Bowling Sweepstakes haven't been published, the girls from the building who participated assured everyone that the building employees need have no fears about carrying off high honors. Practically everyone who loses by a big margin has some sort of an excuse such as they couldn't find a ball they could control, they were bowling on the wrong alley or someone distracted them. But the girls must have agreed to stand together for when they returned to report they offered no explanation other than the usual stage fright. **Betty Benedict** joyfully claims one gain, a large bruise on her ankle where a ball hit it.

Blame it on the Monday morning daze if you wish, but no one wants to lose **Helen Bardi.** She had boarded the Kankakee Ordnance Works bus, paid her fare and received her change one morning before some of her friends caught her and informed her about what she had done.

Former interviewer, **Lynn McCoskey**, was back on furlough to exhibit his new gold bars and to see his old friends. Lynn left here last summer and is now an extremely dapper second lieutenant in the field artillery. However, don't overlook **Pvt. William Johnson**, one of Lynn's fellow-interviewers who was back in Joliet last week. Bill is in the Medical Corps at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, as he was studying a pre-medical course. He said his rank is the best one in the entire Army and he wouldn't change places with any of them.

June Morgan has a new "Nicky." Well, maybe it's not a boy friend, but it is a true friend to help her with transportation problems. You see "Old Nck" was having trouble in the morning being just too sleepy to wake up or becoming tired enroute with the result that June was having plenty of worries. Now that the new car has been purchased, she misses "Old Nick's" personality, but has to admit that it is for the best.

It just didn't seem right that the fire bug had to hit **Hugo Brauer's** car when he'd only been working here three days. Before anyone realized exactly what was happening one morning, there were men streaming from every nook and cranny, a fire extinguisher had been brought into use, a big fire engine was panting out in front of the building and the firemen were piling out hurriedly. Mustn't forget that **Chief Roy Mortenson** came over, too, just to check that everything possible had been done. From the volume of smoke that was released, everyone expected to hear an explosion as the conflagration was directly above the gas tank. When all the damage was ascertained there was a hole about a foot in diameter in the back seat with only a small soaked portion around it to mark the damage that a cigarette had wreaked.

Everyone in the department was happy to see **Selma Brown** return to work after an extended leave of absence. They all welcomed two new girls on the same day; namely, **Betty Diehl** and **Jean Chase.**

"April Fool's Day" or "All Fool's Day" started early this year for **Rita "Rusty" Cushing** when her brother shouted, "Better hurry and get up, it's 8 o'clock." Rushing headlong out of her bedroom she found him doubled up with laughter. It was 5:30 a. m.; he had just arrived home from work and tried to convince her that it would be the sisterly thing to do to prepare some breakfast for him before she returned to bed. Sleepy Rusty just turned around and tumbled right back into that cozy nest.

Due to the press of work and war conditions, other tricks were of a minor nature. **Guard Frank "Mickey" Green** arrived extremely early to plan some pranks for the girls who start work at 7:30 o'clock. It wasn't hard to discover why **Jeanne Hershey** couldn't hold that pencil when it was covered with vaseline, but **Alpha Englehart** had a trifle more difficult problem to deal with when her pen wouldn't write. After figuring and experimenting, she solved the problem by emptying the water out and refilling her pen with ink. Even **Joe "Shorty" Shipla** didn't escape the fertile imagination of the master mind. Picking up his lunch box, he discovered it was practically rooted to the ground. Of course, that infectious grin of Mickey's that makes it impossible for anyone to get angry couldn't be repressed. Joe turned about with, "What did you put in this box, Mickey?" A search revealed everything from stones down to scrap iron. He didn't escape entirely himself, however, for he paraded up and down the hall with a sign advertising, "Oh, what a dope I am!" It was at this point in the day that the rest of the office force came to work at 8:45 o'clock.

Only prankster **Audrey Deiss** really was abused when **Joyce Enger** obeyed her tag that commanded, "I am a fool; kick me!" Prize and only reported trick that fizzled was when *Miss Bardi* ate the cocoanut bar which had been carefully prepared with soap slivers for **Marge Onsen.** Helen consumed the whole bar without suspecting and without suffering any bad results.

Misses Only Six Out of 820 Days

Everyone has heard the plaudits given to **General Douglas MacArthur, Colin Kelly** and the five Sullivan brothers, and justly so, but one of the unsung heroes of the present war effort is an EOP employee who has gone on his way, plugging and working diligently, and he is **Lewis C. Schuck,** a timekeeper.

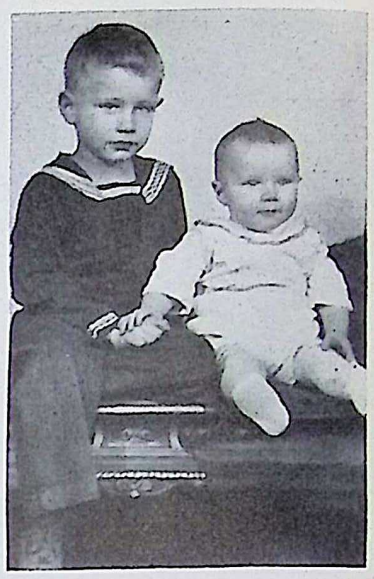
Lewis C. Schuck

Mr. Schuck came to EOP December 13, 1940, and has worked at his job constantly. His record indicates that in 820 days of employment he has been absent only 6 days. This record is commendable and should be an incentive to other employees of the plant. It shows enthusiasm for his job and the war effort, carrying on for "the man at the front." He believes in the term that "There is no day off at the front."

The days he was absent from his duties were not attributed to his being ill, but instead he had put his country ahead of his personal feelings and worked excessive hours and thus it became necessary for him to take off this time. This was compensable time allotted for this particular situation, a policy of the time.

When the final peace is written and the last man accounted for and given his citations, there should be a place on that plaque for men and women such as Mr. Schuck.

PROMOTED from captain to major, George A. Grant is executive officer at EOP, a post he has held for several months.



FOREMAN Lester Butler, Group 2, is welcomed home at Ritchey, Ill., after each shift by his two sons, Charles Thomas, 4½ years old, and Leo Gordon, 7 months, shown here.

Report Draft Status Changes to Bent

Selective Service record cards are being distributed among male EOP employees, 17 through 38 years old, by their respective superintendents at the request of the War Manpower Commission.

Employees are asked to report to **George F. Bent,** personnel director, any changes in their draft classifications which may result from the WMC investigation of the cards, which are to be returned to the superintendents as soon as filled in.

Watson Visits Here

Capt. John A. Watson visited former associates here during a recent furlough. He is now stationed at Sedalia Army Air Field, Warrensburg, Mo. While here he called on **Harrison Smith** and **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon** and others at Group 1.

Safety Plan at EOP For All Employees

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correction of unsafe practices. These engineers hold weekly meetings with the supervisors and conduct frequent meetings within the groups to which they are assigned.

Each new employee is given a booklet of safety rules and precautions. Reminders of these regulations are given by use of poster boards at strategic points, by smaller posters on the bulletin boards of the change houses and by the superintendents, foremen and safety engineers at meetings within the groups.

New safety devices are investigated as they are developed and use is made of their protective merits. Movies carrying a safety message are made available to foremen.

Photographs of various safety activities are shown on Page 12 and elsewhere in this issue and others will be carried in forthcoming issues.

Construction "E" Awarded Pine Bluff

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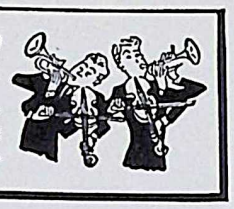
1942. Similar success was achieved in the Depot and Chemical areas, the two processes involved going into operation in November and December, 1942. An interesting feature of the construction of 220 igloos involved the boring of holes through the soft subsoil into which concrete was poured to serve as floor props. The total length of these props was in excess of ten miles.

Two minor additions in the Incendiary Area were started in November, 1942, and January, 1943. The latter began operation in March of this year.

With the "E" award to Pine Bluff, Sanderson & Porter is in the enviable position of receiving awards for great accomplishment in the production of war equipment and for high achievement in war construction.

Happy Birthday to You!



This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

April 12

Edward R. Allen, Group 9; **Margy W. Anderson**, Group 1; **Arthur Arneson**, Utilities; **Fred J. Bagnell**, Group 1; **Robert J. Balma**, Group 1; **Francis H. Blackman**, Guards; **John N. Cissell**, Group 4; **Peter Cayne**, High Explosives; **Alonzo Devore**, Utilities; **John S. Dodd**, Group 2; **Leo E. Dwyer**, Guards; **Kenneth F. Farner**, Group 3-A; **Evelyn L. Gaines**, Group 5; **Eleanor C. Gallagher**, Group 1; **Peter P. Hammerde**, Group 3-A; **Edward J. McDermott**, Guards; **Willie Murray**, Finished Rounds; **Julius R. Mattingly**, Group 1; **Frank H. Olsen**, Group 3-A; **Julie L. Polich**, Group 6; **Loren F. Porter**, Group 3-A; **Willard S. Price**, Guards; **Howard M. Salisbury**, Group 3; **Ray F. Schnell**, Group 9; **Herman F. Siebert**, Group 3; **James H. Smith**, Utilities; **Harvey J. Thompson**, Group 1; **Agnes M. Tadd**, Group 4; **Catherine M. Werner**, Ordnance; **Shirley E. Wessells**, General Accounting.

April 13

Arthur Anderson, Utilities; **George Bisgrove**, Finished Rounds; **Charles J. Duchene**, General Accounting; **Joseph A. Eckel**, Utilities; **Fred B. Ellison**, Group 4; **Phillip R. Grandpre**, Group 2; **Donald P. Harvey**, Group 61; **Alvin O. Hubert**, Group 3-A; **Geraldine M. Kaveney**, Group 9; **Earl Kilgore**, Utilities; **Meddy Legris**, Plant Protection; **Owen J. McCarthy**, Guards; **Howard J. Murphy**, Guards; **Frances R. Niewinski**, Group 5; **Welford W. Percy**, Guards; **Alice J. Pruss**, Group 8; **Laurette S. Russow**, Group 9; **James Sestak**, Inert Warehouse; **Hilda M. Steen**, Group 4; **Johan Stewart**, North Inert; **Louise F. Whaley**, Group 4.

April 14

Richard F. Albrecht, Finish Rounds; **Joe A. Alexander**, Maintenance; **Glenn Warren Allen**, Group 9; **Albert Bach**, Group 3; **Harry E. Barnes**, Inert Warehouse; **Virginia M. Bolte**, Group 5; **Edna V. Bull**, Group 7; **Leroy W. Burden**, High Explosives; **George J. Buttell, Sr.**, Auditing; **Florence D. Casson**, Ordnance; **Joseph P. Filips**, Production Planning; **Catherine M. Gabrays**, Group 1; **Wilbur W. Griffith**, Maintenance; **John A. Harter**, Inspection; **Jeanne N. Hershey**, Personnel; **Robert A. Heuser**, Inspection; **Nina N. Horrie**, Gen. Acct.; **Edward G. Kusinski**, Utilities; **Clara M. Lebeouf**, Group 7; **Virginia H. Logeland**, Group 1; **Leonard C. Markey**, Group 7; **Raymond A. Morris**, Inert Warehouse; **Eugene B. Salisbury**, Utilities; **Jane L. Schnepper**, Personnel; **Julia K. Sfurm**, Group 7; **Ludwig S. Sonee**, Group 3-A; **William Steen**, Group 8; **Joseph A. Vacca**, Group 61; **Elizabeth C. Wertz**, Group 7; **Roger F. Wheatland**, Guards.

April 15

John Barnwell, Group 3-A; **Sarah P. Belangen**, Group 9; **George K. Bevering**, Group 1; **Pearl M. K. Brady**, Group 6; **Anna M. Cooley**, Group 3-A; **Bernard M. Davis**, Group 1; **Kathryn L. Dixon**, Utilities; **Donald L. Downey**, Inspection; **Edmund Elias**, Utilities; **Elden R. Flint**, Group 3; **Leonard E. Fears**, Group 6; **William Gray**, Group 1; **Glenwood Herr**, Utilities; **Ann M. Kirkpatrick**, Group 5; **Mary V. Kulpa**, Medical; **August W. Lampe**, Group 1; **Arthur A. LeBeau**, Group 2; **Alfred E. Lisy**, Group 1; **Leonard Martin**, General Operations; **Thomas V. Mooty**, Inspection; **Clarence O. Peet**, General Acct.; **Agnes M. Rivard**, Group 6; **Kenneth F. Robertson**, Utilities; **Mathew J. Rumsavich**, Utilities; **Leroy M. Senly**, General Accounting; **Richard K. Smith**, Group 9; **John M. Struck**, Utilities; **Nicholas G. Thomas**, Group 1; **Edward R. Trussel**, Utilities; **Harlan F. Underwood**, Finished Rounds; **Mary G. Valerugo**, Group 7; **Martin L. Welch, Jr.**, Group 1; **Sol C. Werner**, Utilities; **Ruth O. Westergard**, Group 4.

April 16

Hazel G. Arnold, Group 5; **Helen M. Biernat**, Ordnance; **Phyllis M. Bull**, Group 1; **James W. Burnett**, Group 3; **Victor A. Brummett**, Group 3-A; **Porter L. Goodlow**, Inert Warehouse; **Vonnie L. Green**, Group 9; **Steve T. Gutierrez**, Group 3; **Helen B. Hadfield**, Group 1; **Frans O. Hagberg**, Group 3-A; **Leslie L. Hare**, Group 3; **William W. Hoover**, Group 6; **Charles F. Horn**, Plant Prot.-Guards; **Lillian A. Jewett**, Group 8; **Woodrow H. Koerner**, Group 3; **William J. Lukenbill**, Utilities; **Roy M. Malcom**, Utilities; **George S. Mobus**, Inspection; **Robert J. McKeon**, Gen. Accounting; **Ida Moers**, Group 4; **Norine L. Opel**, Group 6; **Alvin J. Pfeffinger**, Group 2; **Arnold W. Rink**, Group 1; **William A. Reilly**, Payroll; **Eugene P. Schultz**, Group 3-A; **Elmer C. Shane**, Utilities; **Francis J. Taylor**, High Explosives; **John Ullan**, Group 1; **Helen C. Ulach**, Ordnance; **Della C. Willcox**, Group 4; **William J. Zelko**, Ordnance.

April 17

Elsie B. Ashline, Group 9; **Kenneth J. Banks**, Plant Protection General; **Julius Blanke, Jr.**, Group 2; **James P. Bryant**, Group 5; **George S. Cramer**, Inert Warehouse; **Earl I. Duke**, Utilities; **Yvonia C. Dunki**, Group 1; **Roy G. Eckberg**, Ordnance; **Joseph L. Golden**, Group 3; **Eliza E. Goldsby**, Group 3; **Rose C. Haley**, General Acct.; **Roy O. Harness**, Group 7; **Yvonne J. Hartman**, Group 1; **Robert T. Kay**, Group 1; **Juanita V. Kliegl**, Ordnance; **Charles Mack**, Group 3-A; **John McCook**, Group 5; **Ralph A. Madding**, Inert Warehouse; **Roy Mayo**, Utilities; **Joe E. Oitker**, Group 2; **William E. Omar**, Group 3; **Helen L. Rieck**, Group 9; **June E. Rossi**, Group 9; **Albert R. Sarowatz**, Group 4; **Mary E. Singleton**, Group 5; **Paul W. Somerville**, Group 2; **Viola R. Strachan**, Group 5; **Gale E. Thomas**, Group 3-A; **George M. Tomsich**, Group 1; **Mary L. Wolff**, Group 1.

April 18

Adella P. Bellows, Group 6; **Thomas F. Bossom**, Utilities; **Orville E. Burch**, High Explosives; **Vincent W. Cantarella**, Payroll; **Frances D. Dransfieldt**, Group 4; **Harry O. Finnegan**, Utilities; **Robert A. Haley**, Fire; **Albert R. Holtom**, Group 3-A; **Lawrence J. Howard**, Group 8; **Willie B. Jackson**, Operations-General; **Charles Jessup**, Utilities; **Emily H. Kexel**, General Accounting; **Richard L. Leidig**, Group 61; **Helen Levon**, Ordnance; **John H. Lowry**, Guards; **Roy K. Miller**, Group 3-A; **Pearl G. Marshall**, Plant Protection; **Paul L. Massey**, Guards; **Marie H. Mueller**, Group 9; **Conrad F. Nanninga**, Group 6; **William B. Powell**, Group 2; **Leon J. Rivard**, Group 3-A; **Robert O. Schmitz**, Group 2; **Marshall G. Trumbull**, Group 1.

April 19

William A. Barnes, Utilities; **Clifford A. Brady**, Inert Warehouses; **Frank Brooks**, Group 3-A; **Jules Rupert Bunge**, Group 2; **Rita A. Cushing**, Personnel; **Albert L. Davison**, Utilities; **Paul M. Ellis**, Group 3; **Gilbert E. Haire**, Maintenance; **Everett P. Hart**, Guards; **Roman J. Heisig**, Group 2; **Clifford L. Hussemen**, Group 1; **Charles W. Kelley**, Utilities; **Calom A. Kemper**, Inert Warehouses; **Lorrene M. Luttrell**, Ordnance; **Jewel McAtee**, Group 3; **James W. McGahey**, R. R. Utilities; **Irvin L. Moore**, Personnel; **Paul H. Neese**, Group 3; **Mitchell A. Ostrowski**, Group 3; **Laura B. Piper**, Group 6; **Lauretta E. Shell**, Group 6; **Anne M. Sorenson**, Group 9; **Clarence E. Stirratt**, Group 3; **Lea F. Walk**, Guards; **William F. Watts**, Inert Warehouses; **Jack Zuber**.

April 20

Fred D. Adams, Guards; **Virginia L. Alpaugh**, Group 7; **Merele F. Anderson**, Utilities; **Robert L. Burnside**, Group 1; **Richard B. Castobile**, Utilities; **Maysie S. Chamberlain**, Group 7; **William P. Cody**, Ordnance; **Kathryn R. Flatt**, Group 7; **Dorothy E. Guarneri**, Group 4; **Gustav A. Holmes**, General Accounting; **Arthur Jones**, Utilities; **Mildred L. Laduke**, Group 9; **Genevieve Lodn**, Group 4; **Raymond C. McKittrick**, Guard; **John W. Mehn**, Inert Warehouses; **Elizabeth L. Noonan**, Group 5; **Ernest M. Peterson**, Utilities; **Francis W. Pohl**, Group 66; **Robert J. Pombert**, Utilities; **Frank F. Scoma**, Guards; **John R. Smith**, Group 1; **John G. Stefka**, Utilities.

April 21

Philip J. Bedore, Group 3-A; **Bernadine R. Boles**, Group 1; **Henry S. Bale**, Guards; **Lula M. Baechler**, Group 3-A; **Lawrence W. Burklow**, Utilities; **Shirtley M. Cameron**, Group 1; **Antoinette K. Cariety**, Group 1; **Josephine K. Carnegie**, Group 9; **Albert R. Delaney**, Utilities; **H. L. Christiansen**, Group 1; **Harold G. Gierich**, Utilities; **Virgil E. Haab**, High Explosives; **Nellie I. Hazzard**, Ordnance; **Retta L. Hendley**, Group 9; **Lorraine S. Langeland**, Group 4; **Helen P. Lanahan**, Group 3-A; **R. D. Livingston**, Group 3; **John M. Marietta**, Utilities; **Eleanor J. Mertens**, Group 5; **John F. Neher**, Group 7; **Donald J. Reimus**, Utilities; **Irving B. Slutsky**, Ordnance; **Eva E. Sweda**, General Accounting; **Oscar E. Williams**, Inspection; **Gordon A. Winsor**, Utilities; **Helen Wollgast**, Group 1; **George P. Zouganelis**, High Explosives.

April 22

William F. Adams, Guard; **Elizabeth A. Bahlor**, Group 4; **Betty L. Barkelew**, Plant Protection; **Vernon T. Bradley**, Utilities; **Clara A. Brennan**, Ordnance; **George W. Cadle**, Group 6; **James E. Bunn**, Group 3; **Delaris J. Davidson**, Group 5; **Ann Dedinsky**, Group 7; **Shirley J. Donovan**, Group 1; **Fulton Edmonds**, High Explosives; **Dominic Fassino**, Group 3-A; **Edward H. Fitzer**, General Accounting; **Nelle H. Fraim**, Group 5; **Clarence G. Gilles**, Group 3; **Joseph A. Grimes**, Guards; **Hugh Henderson**, General Accounting; **Arthur J. Henning**, High Explosives; **Herbert J. Hennings**, High Explosives; **John V. Kinsey**, Utilities; **Mildred M. Maldonaldo**, Group 5; **Fred R. Matteu**, R. R. Utilities; **Geneve A. Nelson**, Group 3-A; **Helen M. Nicklas**, Group 5; **Carl Olson**, Group 1; **Willard G. Reed**, Group 3; **Walter L. Shafer**, High Explosives; **Delsie M. Smith**, Group 5; **Richard D. Smith**, Group 3; **Kathryn L. Stallard**, Group 1; **Gertrude L. Sweetland**, Group 1; **Edward J. Vassar**, Watchman; **Eileen R. Woodcock**, Group 8.

April 23

Erma F. Baker, Group 3-A; **George E. Barr**, High Explosives; **Beatrice B. Bovee**, General Office; **George E. Haywood**, Utilities; **Genevieve S. Hurley**, Medical; **John Leffers**, Group 1; **Doris E. McCleary**, Group 9; **Hazel P. McKeown**, Group 3-A; **Walter Mueller**, Group 1; **Raymond J. Nicholson**, Material & Stores; **Beatrice M. Posner**, Group 6; **Lee L. Redell**, Group 1; **Donald M. Reilly**, Utilities; **Bernadette A. Ruder**, Group 7; **James W. Ruddy**, Utilities; **Francis D. Ryan**, Utilities; **Lorraine H. Spinello**, Group 1; **Ruby L. Stuck**, Group 6; **Ray I. Talbott**, Utilities; **Charles G. Usewich**, Group 61; **George Wishnowsky**, Group 1.

April 24

David W. Baker, Guards; **Gwendolyn Y. Baker**, Group 1; **Edward J. Copp**; Group 3; **Solomon Clayton**, Utilities; **Edward J. Evans**, Group 3; **Leona E. Frerich**, Group 9; **Pearl M. Halberg**, Plant Protection; **Gwendolyn Hanabarger**, Production Planning; **Harry J. Harms**, Group 3-A; **John L. Jevitz**, Production Planning; **Esther M. Kirkland**, Group 1; **Bernadine E. Klausing**, General Accounting; **Elsie M. Large**, Group 9; **Steward Law**, General Operations; **Mae H. Lindberg**, Group 3-A; **John M. McGraw**, Utilities; **Chris J. Manny**, Finished Rounds; **James A. Murphy**, Guards; **Ray E. Rogers**, Utilities; **Burl Schooley**, Group 61; **Marylene A. Shepherd**, Group 1; **William A. Sinnett**, Utilities; **Lola H. Snider**, Group 1; **Carl S. Stirlen**, Group 1; **Elsie M. Tankovoc**, Group 9; **Dorothy F. White**, Group 5; **Edward E. Wonders**, Utilities.

April 25

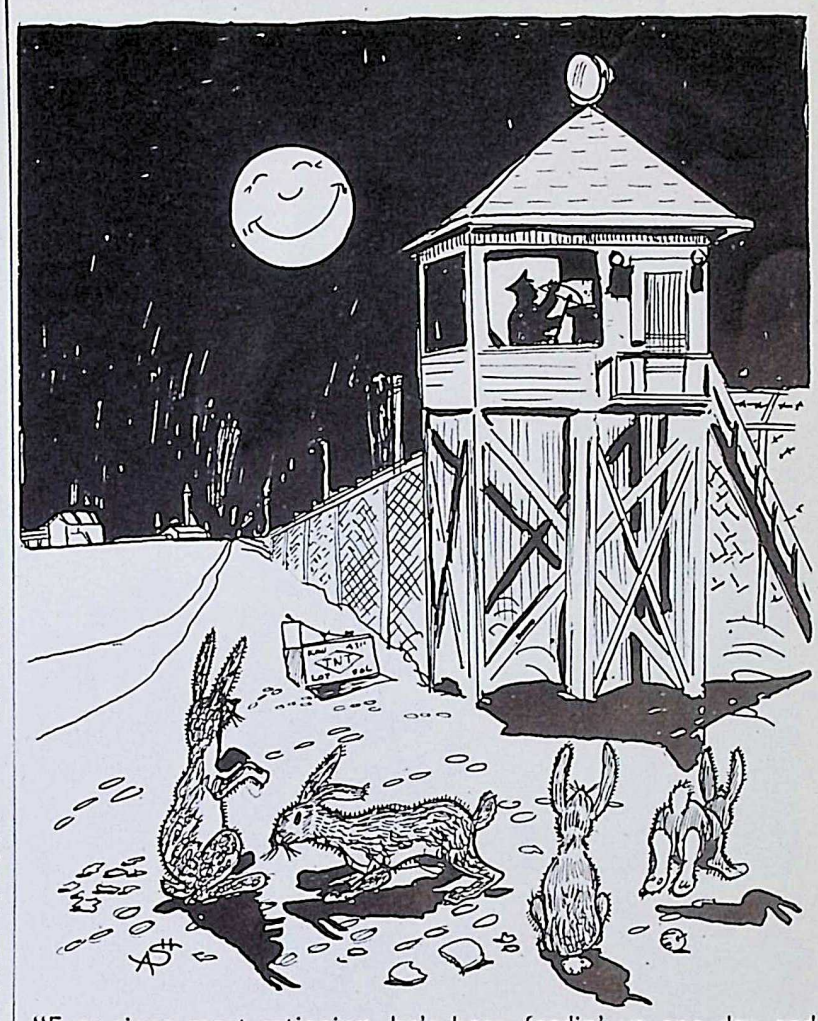
Richard M. Abell, Group 2; **Tillie F. Borghetti**, Group 8; **John Bottary**, Utilities; **Elmer E. Boudreau**, Inert Warehouses; **Harry D. Brown, Jr.**, Production Planning; **Thomas Carter**, Group 3; **Margaret B. Corrigan**, Group 1; **E. J. Chaykowski**, High Explosives; **Morris W. Crocker**, Group 1; **Carl H. Eckhardt**, Group 1; **Donald F. Emerick**, Utilities; **Kenneth Fleetwood**, Inert Warehouses; **Carl A. Gebhardt**, Plant Protection Guard; **Edmond J. Holton**, Group 1; **Robert J. Harder**, Maintenance; **Wendell V. Harrison**, Group 1; **Ruth H. Hitchcock**, General Accounting; **Lorraine E. Kinsley**, Ordnance; **Evelyn R. Krohn**, Group 7; **Lloyd L. Hangdoc**, Group 1; **Elsie S. Macaluss**, Group 6; **John O. Payne**, Watchman; **Burrell G. Sheffer**, Group 3; **Dorothy M. Stahler**, Group 4; **John L. Sullivan**, Guard; **James W. Taylor**, Inspection; **Clarence S. Thantlin**, Group 3; **Clay D. Webb**, Utilities.

CONSULTANT on public relations problems is the assignment of Capt. D. P. Tunstall, former public relations officer here, now in the office of Col. T. C. Gerber, field director of ammunition plants, St. Louis. Mrs. Tunstall and two sons will continue to reside here for several weeks.

Fellowship Meeting Set for April 22

H. S. Robb, superintendent, Salvage Yard, is chairman of the next EOP Fellowship Meeting at the Mess Hall and Recreation Building Thursday, April 22. **Bruce Elliott** is steward and reservations should be made with him, Line 2263, by noon, April 21.

Other members of the committee are **R. W. Mortenson, L. Gaffey, J. Gunchin, C. E. Farrington, George Costello, C. C. Hassell** and **E. L. Walkup.**



"Ever since meat rationing, he's been feedin' us one day and throwin' empty milk bottles at us the next!"

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Group 3 was privileged to have **Sgt. Richard Huber**, an Army Air Corps bombardier, as a guest recently. He had combat service and gave the boys on the line a very encouraging pep talk.

The grapevine says "Scottie," alias **Wyman Scott**, Government inspector, has taken a bride. It also is an established fact that she is a very good looking blonde from Kankakee. Why won't "Scottie" admit this to the boys and pass out the cigars?

Joe "The Wrangler" Hanon, carpenter helper at Bldg. 10, is improving in health. "No more bowling balls for me," says Joe. He was trying to help some good-looking girls who were bowling and in so doing he got excited and had his fingers slightly smashed between two balls.

There seems to be some question as to whether **John "Red" Boucher's** second floor bowling team can beat his third floor team. In one of their recent contests, **Bruce Fahrner, Nick Green, Jimmy Ray, Walter Roth** and **Scotty Dalziel** of the third floor defeated **Robert Dow, Ernie Meyer, Guy Hailes** and "Red" of the second floor by 17 points. **Barney Boos**, an employee on the third floor, put his life in jeopardy by betting on the second floor team along with **George Holland.** They both lost their bets and have been pretty quiet ever since. After the game **Jimmy** footed the bill for a choice steak supper.

James "Smoky" Moore had the only major injury of the month in Group 3, a hang-nail which was readily treated, but should not cause a lost time accident report.

The $64 question of the Maintenance Department is: "Why does **Wilbur Sanders** call **Herschel Laughlin**, 'Wrench Stillson, the handy man'?"

After seeing their name in a recent issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, **Jim Crane** and **Tony Helling** promptly cornered **Ed Peterson** and made some accusations that probably were correct.

All the boys working for **Gerald Clennon** in Bldg. 4 have welcomed back **George Conley** who spent a few months in the Army. George says, "The Army life is great, look what it did for my waistline."

George Knezevic, Lester Reiniche and **Louis Ceci** must have a high powered bet as to which can grow the finest mustache. The one who seems to be leading in the race is Louis who incidently may be nicknamed "Mustachio Kid."

Joseph Abraham left to answer Uncle Sam's call. He is a fellow of a very likable nature and made many friends who will no doubt remember Joe for a good number of years to come. One of the wittiest scenes ever witnessed by your correspondent was the adios and adieu exchanged by Joe and **Donald "Tiny" Mancini.** The high spot of their farewell was when Tiny offered Joe the remaining butt of the cigarette he was smoking as a going-away present.

Warren Hair, veteran inspector, left for the Army. He was a very helpful man, especially in keeping the inspection records in perfect order at all times.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Wanted—Boat with 1½ horsepower motor or 1½ horsepower outboard motor. Call **W. J. Denver**, Line 2267.

Riders Wanted—From Joliet on the 3:30 to 11:30 shift. **Joseph Maren**, Water Dept., Line 4125, or Joliet 2-4740.

Wanted—Lawnmower in good condition. Give description. **E. L. Fisher**, Group 2, Line 5232.

For Sale—4 to 6 room capacity Florence oil heater range. Used one year. Sold for $69.50. Stove pipe and heater A-1 condition. Call engineer, Line 4144.

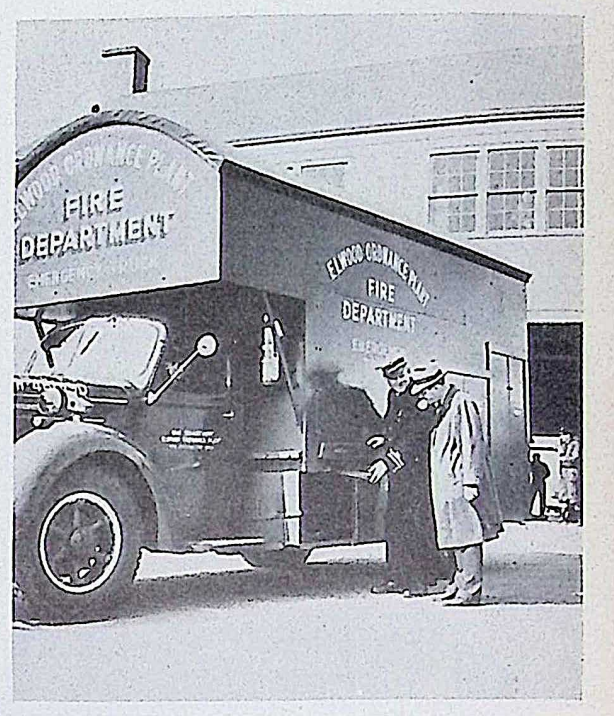
Lost—Black billfold containing A card, B tickets, Social Security card, birth certificate, Registration card and classification, $16 in cash. Return billfold and contents except cash to **Tom Wheeler**, foreman Bldg. 16-A, Group 3-A.

Reward—For return of hand-hammered silver bracelet, lost at Group 4 party at Germania Hall April 3. **Sophie Ethyl Odenwald**, clock number 69581.

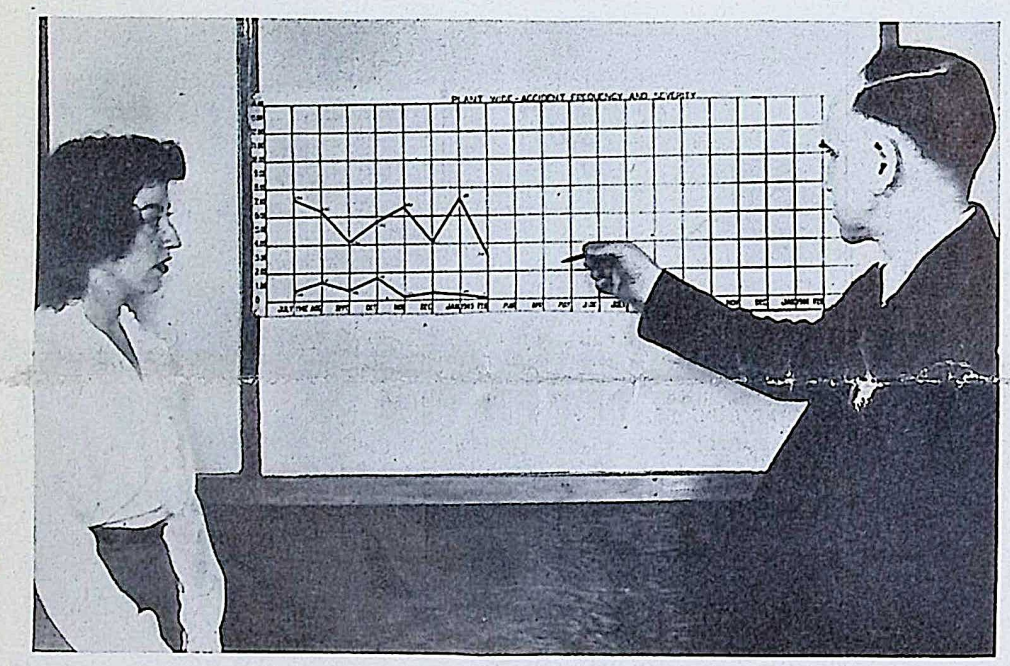
ELWOOD ON PARADE

SMALL POSTERS also stress EOP's safety program. Don Crowthers, Group 3-A safety engineer, is shown here installing one in the Mess Hall.

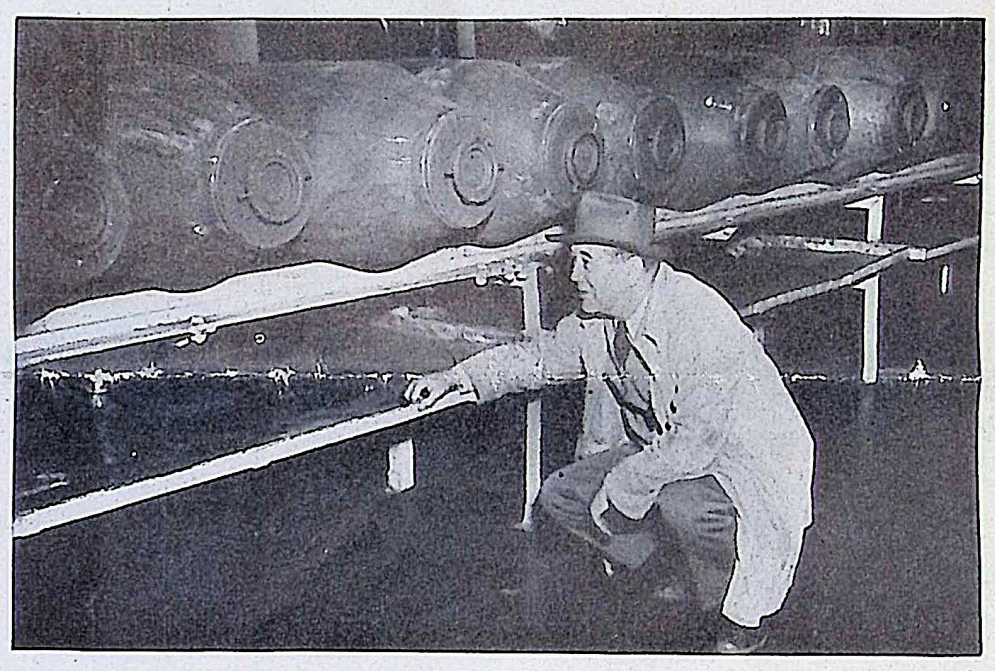
ROUND TABLE CONFERENCES are held frequently by Safety Director R. T. Read and his key assistants. Pictured here, studying goggles, are Harl Son, Karl Ulrich, Mr. Read and Al Hesley.



EMERGENCY TRUCK of the Fire Department is pictured here being inspected by Chief R. W. Mortenson and Karl Ulrich, assistant safety director.



STATISTICAL STUDIES enable the Safety Department to determine the effectiveness of its program and show the frequency and severity of specific types of accidents. These studies are made by L. M. Ross and his secretary, Mary Philbin, pictured here before one of their charts in the Hospital.



OPERATING EQUIPMENT is inspected regularly by the safety engineers assigned to the loading and assembling lines. Mechanical defects which might cause accidents are eliminated in this way. Charles Harrison is shown here inspecting one of the bomb conveyors in Group 3.

MEMBERS OF EOP SAFETY DEPARTMENT shown here left to right are: Front row: Karl Ulrich, B. R. Bowden, Charles Harrison, Loren Cain, Jimmy Hart, R. T. Read, Lynn Catlett, Don Crowthers, Al Hesley and Harl Son; back row: Jack Frost, Paul Embich, Crombie Schindle, Al Tucker, Don Grove, John Conner, Reno Jones, Irving Olson, I. W. Hawes, George Long, Louis Walsh, Oliver Phelps, Clem Eiden, Emory Akeman, Ralph Lord, Wynn Prickett and Chet Coldwater.

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Col. Schneider Now Prepares EOP Schedules

Regards Plant Here "His Baby"; Gives Much to War Effort

By Harrison Smith

Col. Charles F. Schneider is an old friend of Elwood Ordnance Plant. This may well be true, because it is "his baby." It was in early 1941, when the design of Elwood Ordnance Plant was in the embryo stage, that Colonel Schneider, then civilian assistant to **Col. Joel G. Holmes**, in charge of the ammunition loading program, under **Col. F. H. Miles, Jr.**, at that time chief of the Ammunition Division, conferred so frequently, both in Washington and Joliet, with Sanderson & Porter's engineers in the development of this modern shell and bomb loading plant.

As the plans for Elwood were developed and construction progressed, Colonel Schneider maintained his keen interest, and continued to give his helpful advice in equipping the plant and in placing it in operation. This interest has never lapsed, and as operating problems developed, he has been helpful in solving them.

Colonel Schneider, as lieutenant colonel, and later colonel, has continued to be our mainstay. His calm and considered judgment have contributed more to the war effort than will ever be known, because the colonel is a modest gentleman and he alone could tell his story.

Colonel Schneider was educated in Columbus, O. He engaged in mechanical engineering before his entry into the Ordnance Department, as a civilian technician, in June, 1918. His initial duties covered supervision of the installation of weighing equipment, measuring devices and mechanical controls. Later he was appointed chief inspector at the Woodbury, N. J., Bag Loading Plant.

Early in 1919 Colonel Schneider was transferred to the Tullytown (Penna.), Arsenal, and served there approximately a year. In 1920 he was transferred to Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J., to assist in the design and construction of the loading facilities at that point, and later placed in charge of all operations involving the loading of components, complete rounds and bag loading. In addition, he was in charge of experimental loading for approximately two years.

In the latter part of 1923, Colonel Schneider was transferred to the Eighth Corps Area, San Antonio, Tex., and remained for a period of approximately four years in connection with the maintenance and test of ammunition in the field, which afforded him an opportunity to observe how the troops used the ammunition which was furnished them.

Colonel Schneider was transferred to Washington, D. C., in the latter part of 1927 to design, construct and operate numerous Renovation Plants throughout the country, involving renovation of stocks of ammunition left over from the first world war. In addition, he assumed control of surveillance, through a Field Surveillance Organization, of all ammunition stocks on hand in the continental United States and Possessions. This work involved the compilation and writing of the safety regulations.

When the Ordnance Department was called upon to develop a program for loading ammunition, prior to our entry into World War II, Colonel Schneider was transferred to the Industrial Service Division in Washington to assist in the development of the loading program. When the United States entered the war, the program was greatly expanded and instead of the few initial plants, the number grew until now they are located in many sections of the United States. Colonel Schneider was closely associated with, and approved the design of all these plants.

When the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants, under the direction of **Col. T. C. Gerber**, was established in St Louis in August, 1942, Colonel Schneider became a member of Colonel Gerber's staff. Because of his familiarity with the equipment of all of the loading plants he prepares their loading schedules and assists in the supervision of their operation.

Colonel Schneider entered the service as a lieutenant colonel April 18, 1942. He was promoted to full colonel February 17, 1943. He and **Mrs. Schneider** reside in St. Louis. Their daughter, **Nan Schneider**, is attending the University of Wisconsin. She will receive her Master's Degree in Philosophy in June.

"Continue the good work."

Colonel Charles F. Schneider

"The Elwood Family may well be proud of their accomplishments: For the construction of a well designed Loading Facility in record time. . . . For the production of ammunition in great quantity, of high quality and on schedule.. . . The knowledge that those products have and will continue to participate in the defeat of our common enemy. Continue the good work."
—Colonel Charles F. Schneider, Office of Field Director of Ammunition Plants.

Safety Engineers Offer Blood First

Members of the Safety Department have volunteered to be the first blood donors when a portable trailer "blood bank" of the American Red Cross is brought to EOP. A committee composed of **John F. Welch**, War Department; **Veronica Kelley**, Hospital, and **Anna K. Baird**, General Offices, is working out details. The suggestion for being the first volunteers was made by **Jimmy Hart**.

EOP Workers Will Receive Vitamins Soon

Distribution to Start May 1; Milk Service to Be Discontinued

Following the practice long in effect at all other ammunition loading plants, distribution of vitamin capsules and digestive tablets to employees in those areas where explosives are handled will be started May 1, it was announced by **Dr. H. L. Schultz**, Elwood Ordnance Plant medical director.

Dr. Schultz said that this distribution is a great forward step in the continuous program to guard and improve the health of EOP workers handling toxic materials.

"With the beginning of this program, distribution of milk will be discontinued," added Dr. Schultz "The policy of supplying milk to some employees engaged in explosives operations has been in practice at this plant since July, 1941. It is a practice carried over from World War I, and was instituted when certain blockaded countries in Europe attempted to make up nutritional deficiencies by giving a daily allotment of milk to all war workers.

"Employees who maintain fundamental good health are less apt to be affected by the handling of explosives than those who drink too much milk, and fail to get a diversity of foodstuff in their diet.

"Vitamin capsules have a benefical affect upon the general well-being of war workers, but employees should not depend on them for their food needs. Balanced meals, served at the proper times, are still the basis of good health.

"However, under the various rationing programs, there may be a shortage of meats and green vegetables with a corresponding increase in consumption of starchy foods. The tablets are designed to prevent any digestive difficulties resulting from the greater use of starchy foods.

"Capsules and tablets will be distributed without charge immediately after the lunch period on each shift. I recommend strongly that all workers take them every day. It is in the interest of their well-being, and they should understand that it is a privilege to receive them. As long as this privilege is not abused the practice will be continued.

"Milk is a good food and those workers, who have used milk furnished at the plant as their sole supply in their daily diet, should take steps to include it in their balanced meals."

Office Hours Return To Summer Schedule

Hours of work in the Administration Area will return to a summer schedule Monday, May 3, it was announced by **Comptroller John J. Cole.** The present 8:45 a. m. starting time will be changed to 8:30 and the 5:15 p. m. quitting time will be changed to 5 o'clock. The present half-hour lunch period will remain unchanged. Saturday hours will be 8:30 to 12:30, instead of 8:45 to 12:45.

This change was directed so that employees may take advantage of the longer hours of daylight.

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Remember the Kid Next Door?

He used to hang around when you were polishing your car or cutting the lawn. You kidded with him like you did with all the small boys, and he liked it and handed it back to you the best he could. His dad and yourself taught him how to throw a baseball and box a little with a pair of cheap gloves you bought him. He thought you were quite a guy.

Then you quit seeing him so much, he didn't come over to the house like he used to and pore over your magazine—you saw him in the family car one day with a cute little high school girl, then you grinned and understood why he didn't have time to see much of you. Remember how you poured it into him the next time you saw him; he was still enough of a puppy to like it and did everything but wiggle the way a puppy would.

You didn't figure him very seriously in the War thing—probably didn't even know how old he was, but one day his dad told you he was called up and was reporting within a few days. You didn't take this war business very seriously either—a year in the army wouldn't do him any harm, so you dished it out a little more. But you couldn't make the kidding quite real that time. You could see that he was a little scared and bewildered, but he understood and grinned back.

Now you know, don't you? The kidding is all over. He's somewhere, some place—not a boy any longer, but a man. DANGER—sure he's in danger—the business he's in isn't a good insurance risk. He can take care of himself, if you back him up. He can't tear a tank apart with his hand, he can't knock an airplane out of the sky with a rock, he needs tanks and more tanks, airplanes and more airplanes to do the job.

So buckle down, neighbor—buy more WAR BONDS than you can afford, just like you used to buy a better car than you could afford. REMEMBER, IT'S FOR THE KID NEXT DOOR.

The foregoing was written by Harry M. Bricks, editor, *General Electric News,* and is reprinted with the hope it will inspire you to buy an additional War Bond—now.

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

In several recent issues of the Heavenly Gift to the Fourth Estate, I have light-heartedly held forth on the probabilities of rationing of things erstwhile most commonplace. Those remarks were, of course, intended to divert your attention from the real proportions of the imminent income tax—sort of sedative against the day when the check would be written to initiate what I think will probably become a long-time acquaintance with that champion gatherer of gatherers, the Collector of Internal Revenue.

There are some rumblings to the effect that the opiate wore off altogether too soon, but you must admit that a good many of our fellow-strugglers in the cause of bigger and better ammunition squeal rather loudly when the needle is administered a bit beyond the usual depth. The squeal sometimes seems to be heard on occasions when even a slight murmur would ordinarily be considered infantile. However, fellow tough guys, you figure that out.

But to get back to rationing. Time enough has elapsed for a good many of the boys to have listened to the "Mrs." on why she didn't lay before them the usual half-cow for supper, and then the usual dissertation of so many points for the half-pound of butter for next week's bread and that half-pound of cheese (more points) for the sandwiches to feed the Friday night poker group, and all that kind of gastronomical arithmetic.

I have had my ear to the ground recently. Out in the Area, and scattered without any particular pattern as to occupation (present or past), sex, position (present or hopefully prospective) or any other design, there is an atmosphere of prediction as to what we fellow-mortals will look like come Fall, after a season of this here starvation point stuff. If you will while away a few minutes at lunch time with some of these super-patriots, you will soon be on the lookout for a horde of walking skeletons pushing the empty shell or bomb listlessly on its path toward the shipping room.

According to some of the more pessimistic gluttons, it won't be long before there will be squads of clean-up men, who will roam the area picking up the starved victims whose coupons were insufficient to get them to the time-clock, after which the worry would not be quite so acute. In sum, folks, a lot of bellyaching long before the belly really starts to ache. If it were possible to run a sweepstakes on the one who lost the most weight because of inadequate food, the loudest gripers of today would be so fat they could not even waddle up to claim the consolation prize. Watch it during the Summer.

And now to the Dirty Linen:

Mann is swinging from the Mann to the Inert side of his personality. He may revive, but I doubt it.

Moloney (alias Boloney) is floored, and has had to call upon a particularly unqualified helper to translate and transmit his gasping last thoughts to your scribe. At least I recognize that the brilliant readership of this Journal will appraise his condition with searing accuracy. His amateurish assistant suggests that my cognomen can be found in the early pages of the dictionary. Mr. Moloney, let you be here notified, that in the much earlier pages of the same dictionary your best description can be found in a handy little word of three letters instead of the seven that you have relegated to me. More descriptive, and less derogatory of the rest of the family.

In Volume I, No. 23, of Ordnance's Greatest Published Document, Mr. Boloney, through his still unskilled helper, admits that his chagrin after exposure brought on a bit of ptomaine poisoning, but upon reading his article, it seems to me that he has suffered an even more severe bilious attack.

Having cleared the decks, now for some Clean Linen:

The appealing message of Euphelia Roanebeck in the aforementioned No. 23 of *The Bomb-Shell* kindles in me a fire for bigger and better presidents that far transcends my columnar appellation. More on this in the next issue.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

This is not in the nature of a complaint but rather as an appeal to your sportsmanship. Since the battle is on—because of your position you would be the logical party to act as referee. But, by the looks of your last issue, it would seem that you wear the same hat as that *self styled* learned "Scorchy." My friendly, albeit satanical, jibe at him was accorded a tail-end, jammed-up-type allowance such as is found in the less attractive paragraphs of an insurance policy. Whereas "Scorchy's" tirade was allowed the use of italics, paragraph indentions, quotation marks and other journalistic embellishments. Now I don't ask to be accorded the same space as my worthy opponent but . . . you see the point!

In all honesty I think "Scorchy" has been doing an excellent job. I particularly enjoyed his timely treatise on Victory gardens. He really dished the dirt and in the same breath spread the necessary fertilizer for good cultivation.

Charles H. Mann.

P.S. Since you chose to omit the foregoing appeal from the last issue and to use, instead, a letter from the imaginative "Scorchy's" imaginative campaign manager—namely "Euphelia Roanebeck"—and also joined their frothings into the same column, I have no choice but to declaim the rantings from both of these sources which obviously come from the same "Baileywick."—**C. H. M.**

To the Editor:

Thank you *so* much for giving my enlightening little epistle such *flattering* attention! But—*why* did you print *half* of what I said about that Dodo-bird Duo? This censoring of my very chaste chastisements annoyed me no end at first, until I realized that *of course* the Postal Authorities must exercise *some* control, else such Changhouse Impressarios as Baloney and Locker-room Lotharios like "Wotta" Mann would proceed to get entirely out of hand.

But I *do* wish you had printed that part which read: "The very *idea* of these militant mugwumps trying to put on the pup with *anybody!* Why, before they sneaked into those down-filled jobs they have (when nobody was looking), neither one of 'em had a pot to put a posey in nor a window sill to set it on. And now, rumor has it that some sadly misguided Draft Board is seeking to put these corny characters in the ARMY! Ye Gods! If our once mighty Nation is really *that* hard up, I'm gonna cash in my bonds tomorrow!"

Did you happen to read that tinsled tripe about: "Moloney is a name that came directly from the Kings of Ireland"? It must have been one of those old, wornout names they used to dig the dungeons with, and then threw out of the house when it got too dirty. Odd, isn't it, how a distinguishing family characteristic will always manifest itself?

Wasn't it cute, his reference to our noble "Scorchy's" definition being "near the front of the dictionary"? *Of course* he meant "Acclaimed" or "Admirable"; I can't, somehow, believe he meant us to go further in the book and discover "ANGELIC."

And, as to our handsome hero's amazing modesty in not using his picture, why—that's merely a patriotic sacrifice to insure an all-out war effort from the impressionable fair sex, for—were that Napoleonic brow, those piercing, poetic orbs and Byronic lips but *once* to grace a page — THOUSANDS of moon-eyed maidens would toss out their film star folios, their homework and their husbands—and sit about all day, dreamily disbursing double dribbled endearments to their adored!

Whilst we're *on* the subject of pictures—will you grab a gander at that Molonic phiz? I *almost* said "MORONIC." Wonder why I didn't? *Editor's Note: "Why don't you?"* There, my finely feathered friends, is a face that looks like it had outworn three bodies.

And Mann — that peripatetic prune-puss, his—like the immortal Helen's—is truly: "The face that launched a thousand quips!" And to think, that once he had the unmitigated gall to let that cockeyed glint gleam in his one good glim (which he fondly imagines to be a roguish twinkle) as he simpered: "My friends all tell me I have the fair complexion of a high school kid" . . . well, brother, you'd better give it *back,* you're gettin' it all wrinkled.

—Euphelia Roanebeck.

Group 3-A
F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Pearl Spence, Genevieve Vecello, Ann Hoffman and **Marian Griffin** report that it's easier for a girl to get a seat in Congress than on an Elwood bus.

Mortin Grierson limps painfully around with the startling information that **Adeline Altmeyer** *isn't* Dutch; she's a Laplander.

Gerald "Whitey" Hall is contemplating building a "rock" garden on his Victory garden plot.

Phil Bedore says when it comes to running a foot race **Milton Robertson** will challenge anyone.

Minta Curry took some time off recently to have a visit with her son, **Sergeant Arthur Curry,** who was home on furlough.

Stewart Law may take up transfer and moving as his occupation after the duration because of his success in moving a Frigidaire four blocks single-handed.

An accident to her sister called **Sophie Stalnecker** to Tennessee.

Colby Erickson, bowling with the Inspector's team from 3-A, turned in the year's highest score at Jahneke's Bowling Alleys in Joliet April 15. His total was 733, with games of 266, 234 and 233.

Last week at an elaborate and impressive ceremony, **Wayne "Red" Frederickson** was presented with a medal (made from a broken safety goggle) for staying out of Foreman **Gus Janov's** hair for eight consecutive hours!

In a letter written from Camp Butner, North Carolina, **Pvt. Gerald J. Jacobs** sent greetings and reported that he is in a machine gun platoon. Jerry was formerly a clerk in **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick's** office.

Adolph Baum and **Francis Begler** left for the armed services.

High Explosives
MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Group 68

Betty Drennan, truck driver, reports no man shortages in the state of Virginia.

Francis "Atlas" Monroe received his "greetings" from F.D.R. He reports soon to the armed forces.

Jesse Dorsey underwent an appendectomy last week. His associates wish him a speedy recovery.

William Duperrieu left April 17 for the Naval Air Corps.

Group 63

By Larry J. Dunda

Interesting letters have been received from men who formerly worked here. The first V-mail missive was received from Pvt. **Stephen Lanczak,** better known as "Russkie." He reports from "somewhere in Australia" that he is feeling fine. A strange sight to him was the right side steering wheel on the automobiles and driving them on the left side of the street.

From Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, **Wendell "Wilkie" Overacker,** former material checker, sent reports of 20-mile hikes through snowy hills and that Army life is a great life.

Carl Dee Johnson, former timekeeper, is very fond of Camp Barkeley in Texas, except the wind and sand on the plains—but that's to be expected.

Car checker **John "Bunny" Arthur** will soon demonstrate the latest in streamlined scooters with which he intends to increase the efficiency of his department in all areas.

Group 64

The "little old man," **Chris Manny,** has finally taken off the sheepskin, but refuses to dispose of the overshoes.

Harold "Heggie" Fraher left recently for the Air Corps.

Herb Drummond, timekeeper, reported for his medical exam before entrance into the Army.

Timekeeping
NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Four more fellows are now getting a chance to push in "der Fuehrer's face" since their induction into the army. They are **Robert Waddell, Bruce Southcombe, Sam Briones** and **Whitney Schultz.** Best of luck is wished to them by the department, and all know that they will take their places along side the 101 timekeepers who preceded them into the service.

Several new persons have taken positions in the Time Department. They are **Foster Maris, Henry Seborg, Arthur Davis, Agnes Hatting, Lorretta McDonald, Irene Blaha, Margaret Cosgrove** and **Martha Piper.**

A pleasant dinner party was given in honor of **T. V. "Uncle Tom" Brennan's** birthday recently in the private dining room of the Mess Hall. The hostesses were 12 charming girls of the Administration Area. The girls were **Peg Collins, Helen McGinnis, Carmen Oldani, Beatrice Bovee, Esther Heavens, Lola Early, June Morgan, Bernadine Keenan, Rita Washburn, Helen Bardi, Charlotte Doxsee** and **Mary Virginia Gallagher.**

From the sound of all the chatter about seeds and Victory gardens and such, a requisition for a produce warehouse must be recommended to hold all the fruits of labor. **Marcella Corbett, Emily Kexel** and **Maria Darin** are planning a garden close to the time office while **Milton Treitel** is weighing heavily the thought of giving up his athletic career in favor of a hoe, which should remind all that if corn is ever rationed, **Eva Sweda** will be behind the much publicized eightball.

Many, many persons wonder how **Angeline Gunnerson,** the what's on the vine girl, came through without any ill effects when her boy friend came down with the mumps.

Notes about the service. **Carl Parker** is entering Officer's Training School in Virginia. **Vearl Heinis** visited the time office recently while home on furlough. **Harry Knarr** is expected home soon.

Here is a record anyone would be proud to own. **Bert Rydman,** the talkative poster, has been absent but two days in 890. He has worked 15 consecutive months without a day off.

Johnston Sends Congratulations From Australia

Former Executive Officer Here Glad About "E" Award

Congratulations to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant on their Army-Navy Award for Production have been received from **Maj. Alan C. Johnston**, former executive officer of EOP, now somewhere in Australia.

Maj. Johnston's V-mail letter, addressed to **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, follows:

"I want to thank you for a very kind invitation to be with you for a big and, I bet, swell celebration at Elwood on February 12. I regret that I was unable to be with you in person, but as **Lt. C. R. Crandell** had informed me of the event, I was with you in spirit. I want to congratulate the men and women on having won this coveted and, I believe, justly deserved recognition of the work at Elwood. I have always thought, personally, that everybody at the plant was doing a swell job, which is just as important as that of the men and women in the armed forces. During a recent trip through many cities in Australia and many parts of New Guinea, I visited many of the ordnance establishments and observed at many of them (censored) familiar (censored). It made my heart feel good to notice this and to realize that Elwood was doing its part in the show. I believe that everybody at Elwood can be justly proud of this award which is so well deserved. Best regards to you and to all the personnel at Elwood."

Pvt. Donald Allison wrote that he had been with a bomb squadron in Africa for three months and that he hoped to "run across" some of the other EOP men stationed there.

"It seems wherever I go," said Pvt. Allison, "the letters EOP are to be found and I just want to let you know they're still doing what they were made to do. It makes me feel at home when I see the good old markings. Just keep sending them and we'll do our best to deliver them. I see where the plant was awarded the Army-Navy "E" flag for its accomplishment in war production. I imagine everyone was proud to see it."

Sgt. Elvin Skinner, also in a bomb squadron, wrote from Australia that he, too, sees the "great EOP markings."

"I am attached to the field artillery," wrote **Pvt. John J. Bonas** from the Hawaiian Islands, "so you people had better keep them rolling, especially those (censored) fuzes and primers, including the (censored) shells. From the way it looks, the hunting season will open for us before too long. I might add it is not for ducks.

"In the plant, I have two sisters, one at Group 9 and one at Group 3-A, and also a girl friend at Group 7. I was glad to see that the plant had been awarded the "E" flag. That shows that everyone is working and doing his or her share in this war. I was employed as a truck and bus driver at Fuze and Booster for 20 months and left a lot of friends there. I can't write to each and every one of them, so am saying hello to all."

Two years of service in the Army were celebrated by **Pvt. Gilbert A. Reeves**, a former construction worker here, according to his letter from North Africa. He said he had been in England and halfway around the world.

"From all reports, you are doing a swell job . . . keep it up," said Pvt. Reeves. He closed with "your's for a quick victory."

In a letter from "boot camp" in San Diego, Calif., **Pvt. Henry J. Giermala**, formerly of Group 7, described himself as "just a lonesome marine." His address will be given to anyone who wants to do something about this. **Pvt. Jim "Cisco" Ventsias**, who is in the same Marine platoon at San Diego, said his buddies who had seen action told him "that the shells Elwood produces go off when they're supposed to do so." He worked in Bldg. 13, Group 1.

Pvt. Glen Bruner wrote that he is attending airplane mechanics school at Lincoln, Neb., and sent greetings to those in Bldg. 3, Group 1. **Sgt. T. W. Birkey**, Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga., said he would be going across soon and would look for the EOP "trademark on those shells and bombs" he used to help make.

"Sure glad to get mail, which is a sacred feeling for all men in the service," said **Pvt. Richard Clanahan** in a letter from Camp Swift, Texas. **Cpl. Jehle F. Koehler** sent greetings to his former associates in Groups 66 and 66-A. He said he was servicing planes at a bombardier training school at San Angelo, Tex.

Pvt. Walter E. Burns, who worked on construction here and later in Group 3, said he was surprised to learn how many former EOP men were in his camp at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. "I am in the Infantry," he continued, "and I thought it was tough until I heard some of those tales about the marines. I took some commando training and liked it real well."

A letter filled with keen observations was received from **Pvt. Robert Melson**, Camp Stewart, Georgia, and is as follows:

"I saw some of the country since I have been in the Army. I went through some of the southern states and what a sight to see. The houses or shacks, which is the right name for them, were very terrible looking. Some of them never had any windows and those who lived in ones with windows were considered well-to-do. All the soil is very poor. In some states, it's all red clay and when it rains it's just like cement on your shoes.

"In Mississippi the shacks set out in the open fields. In Georgia they have grass around them. In Georgia there are plenty of woods and, with all this wood, there are saw mills all through the State. There are also plenty of cotton mills. The weather down here is hot during the day, so that the boys run around outside of the barracks without shirts, but the nights are cool."

Letters were received also from **Aviation Cadet Roy Carpenter**, Ellington Field, Texas; **Pvt. P. M. Susemiehl**, Keesler Field, Mississippi; **Lt. William T. Bryant**, Camp Davis, North Carolina; **Pvt. James Noblitt**, Camp Howze, Texas; **Ensign John F. Watson**, Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La.; **Pvt. Leo P. Kilanowski**, Camp Kohler, California; **Pvt. Norman Conn**, Camp McClellan, Alabama; **Mrs. Judy Sutherland**, Pontiac, Ill., who wrote in behalf of her brother, **Pvt. James M. Bean**, Camp Roberts, California; **Pvt. Marvin Offenbach**, Camp Hood, Texas; **Martin A. Knowler**, SF 2/C, Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.; **Sgt. Theodore Q. Stukel**, Fort Benning, Georgia; **Sgt. Tuttle L. Boldt**, Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida, and **Pvt. Julius H. Dovich**, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

EOP Honor Roll

Leroy Baker
Walter J. Britz
Melwood L. Dammann
Francis R. Gonce
Ray C. Hardwick
Bernard A. Kapsch
Orville Carl Kettwich
Pete Lazar
Joseph Lovera
Lynn McCoskey
Arthur Menning
Sebastian J. Motta
William J. Poole
Jerry Russ
Marion V. Ring
R. F. Shelley
Jerry Shirtino
Joseph Shepley
Donald Sutton
John Sorenson
Millard S. Weber
LaVerne R. Wiemer

Durrenberger Is Headed for Boat Ride, He Writes

Says It's Pleasure To Set Out With Support Like EOP's

"I'm heading for a boat ride," said **Capt. William J. Durrenberger**, popular officer formerly stationed here, in a letter from St. Louis addressed to *The Bomb-Shell*.

Capt. Durrenberger, who left here as a lieutenant in August, 1942, was chief, Stores and Transportation, Ordnance Department. His letter follows:

"Several nights ago, in the thriving city of Texarkana, Tex.—Ark., (on the line) I ran into our good friend, **John J. Cole**, who made me promise to drop you a line.

"At the moment, I'm on the train (hence the scribbling) leaving Red River Ordnance Depot, Texarkana, on confidential orders. In other words, I'm heading for a boat ride.

"After leaving EOP in August, 1942, I spent three and a half months in the Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground. From there I was transferred to Rock Island Arsenal in December for a three-months' course in tank maintenance. Upon leaving Rock Island March 13, I had seven days' leave and then reported to Red River Ordnance Depot, tank maintenance center of the Eighth Service Command. About one and a half weeks at RROD and my orders to take a nice trip came through.

"I've asked Mr. Cole to convey my best regards to all my friends there at EOP and I certainly would appreciate it if you would do likewise. The 21 or so months that I spent at EOP were among the most enjoyed of my Army experience. It's a pleasure to set out for the scene of action knowing that we're backed by the high caliber of supporters, such as you at EOP."

TWO SONS in the Army are the pride of Caphas A. Eads, Salvage Department. Sgt. Everett M. Eads (left) is in the Air Corps at Atlantic City, N. J. Cpl. William Clyde Eads is in the Barrage Balloon Corps at San Pedro, Calif.

EOP IS REPRESENTED in nearly every camp in the country with former employees. Those shown here left to right, are: Top row: Sgt. Paul Harmon, former guard, Del Valle Army Air Base, Austin, Tex.; W. W. Blietz, S 2/c, Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho, former guard; Pvt. Donald B. Hayes, formerly of Group 1; Staff Sgt. Maynard B. Standley, Salina, Kan.; Morton H. Olson, AOM 3/c, Naval Air Station, Hatboro, Penn., former inspector; Pvt. T. W. "Tommy" Gullion, Long Beach, Calif., former truck driver in Fuze & Booster Area; Pvt. Arthur C. Danaran, Stockton, Calif., and Pvt. Francis L. Adams, overseas.

News and Notes from EOP Safety Engineers

Clem Eiden, Group 70 safety engineer, reported that this group, with its many shops and diversified crafts, possesses a splendid safety record. He said the following shops and buildings have not had a lost-time accident since the Group was started: Electric Shop, Sheet Metal Shop, Blacksmith Shop, Material Warehouse, Pipe Shop, Laundry, Engine Repair Shop, Lumber Yard, Lumber Storage Shed and Linemen's Building.

Important factors in enabling Group 61 to establish a 15-months no-lost-time record, according to **Irving R. Olson**, Groups 61 and 27 safety engineer, include bi-weekly safety meetings of building safety foremen, assistant superintendent and safety engineer; about 11 per cent of the workers with first aid training; regular use of face shields, respirators, goggles and other protective devices, and cooperation between superintendent, foremen and safety engineers.

Once a week each safety foreman, one for each building, makes a thorough inspection of all buildings and operations. If something is overlooked by one man, it is usually found by one or more of the others. Their findings are reported to **Supt. P. L. Deylitz** for analysis and action.

At Group 1, reported **H. J. Beringer**, safety engineer for that group, **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon** has inaugurated a series of weekly meetings of supervising foremen and foreladies. Safety problems as well as others are discussed and solved. Speakers from other departments are invited to discuss problems of mutual interest. These meetings are held during the lunch period.

Board walks have been installed in the ramps from change houses to buildings in Group 1, according to **Louis Walsh**, safety engineer, and housekeeping problems in the buildings have been greatly reduced by the elimination of tracked-in mud. Mr. Walsh also reported that Group 70 electricians had changed the location of some switches on operating machinery in the group, enabling operators to stop the machines much more quickly in emergencies.

New safety couplings have been installed on lift trucks in Group 3-A, with a resulting reduction in finger injuries, and improvements have been made to conveyor and tables in Bldg. 5, according to **Don Crowthers**, safety engineer for that group.

Mr. Eiden said that safety meetings are held every two weeks, so as to include the swing shift, at 62-N, 62-S and 27. **Charles Mann**, assistant superintendent, presides and general foremen and crew foremen attend.

Installation of brakes on trucks required to go down grade with heavy loads at Group 27 permits one man to take the truck down safely, where previously two were needed, Safety Engineer Olson said. This idea was developed during the group safety meetings.

A series of safety meetings, arranged by **Supt. James J. Murphy**, was held in Group 2 from March 15 to 20 by Safety Engineers **Lorin Cain** and **B. R. Bowden**. Each afternoon, Mr. Cain met with the men of one of the buildings, and each morning Mr. Bowden met with the workers on the midnight shift.

Until recently, Mr. Cain carried cardboard cartons to service the first aid kits in Group 2. He was asked frequently if he were dispensing candy bars. No more, however. Now he carries a kit made at the Carpenter Shop by Foreman **Bill Kelsey**, painted white by **Foreman Charlie Butt** and neatly lettered, "First Aid," by **Harry Dankes**.

The Machine Shop has lost its pet cat, but her life was not given in vain. The cat was between the wall and the "V" belts of a compressor when the machine was started by **Lloyd Widup**, who was very much surprised as fur started to fly when the cat had leaped into the belts. A contemplated guard was installed immediately by order of **Supt. J. A. Cocker**.

L. M. Ross, Safety Department statistician, reported that eye injuries are from 10 to 12 per cent of all injuries requiring medical treatment at EOP. Causes varied, but most of them could have been prevented had the victims been wearing their goggles.

Careful use of supplies in first aid kits is more necessary than ever, because of growing shortages, due to less being manufactured and more being shipped overseas, cautioned **Harl E. Son**, supervising safety engineer.

Commendation is due **Paul Hall, Frank J. Wehrli, Joe Studevin, E. L. McCray, Andrew Perino** and **St. Elmo Stewart**, high explosives supervisors, for their collective record of six consecutive months without a lost-time accident, according to **John H. Connor**, safety engineer for this area.

This is a considerable achievement since the bulk of production is handled through Groups 63, 64, 65, 66, 66-A and 68, said Mr. Connor.

"I am not much for table manners," added Mr. Connor, "but when it comes to cleanliness, if you see me eating off the floor of any high explosive lunch house, you'll know that I am making good my boast that the janitors of the different groups here actually keep their places that clean.

"Spic and span floors, orderly arrangement, prompt disposal of waste and the other phases of absolute cleanliness are the order of the day for Janitors **Rudolph Schramm**, of 63, **Stanley Waswaiak** of 64, **Ed Leibold** of 65, **William VanDuyne** of 66, **Emil Becker** of 66-A and **Leo Trickler** of 68."

FIRE FIGHTERS of Station 3, North Gate, are shown here with their equipment parked in front of the station.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

John C. Schmeh spent several days in Chicago on business during the week of April 10.

Francis Mores, who has been ill, has returned to work.

All join with **Ray Banker** in hoping that her husband, who was seriously injured when a car dropped on him, will recover soon.

Bud Wright, former production planner, called on the department April 2.

Fred Mastin has taken up pipe smoking — folks, it isn't honey that perfumes the department, it is merely the type of tobacco Fred uses.

June Kuglech was sporting some pretty snappy photos, namely of herself and her husband. As usual everyone was most interested in "Hubby."

Dorothy Maxwell has again taken up the phrase, "I just missed my ride." Dorothy was giving **Loretta Ryan** competition on this a few months ago, but Loretta left and she has the field to herself.

Shirley Wessles, who celebrated her 21st birthday April 12, displayed several lovely gifts and treated the girls with whom she eats with a piece of her birthday cake.

Industrial Service

Commotion, action, and worry!! **Marge Gall** threw everyone into a flurry when she went home with the measles. Now she has returned, fully recovered.

Mary Matesi is back after being away a few days to care for her daughter who had an infected finger. The little girl is recovering nicely.

Traffic Audit

Jim Murphy has transferred from Production Planning to the Traffic Audit Division.

Helen Hausser has been really thrilled lately. Good news that her husband may get a furlough—right at the right time—so they can spend their first anniversary together.

Elva Thomas and **Simon Legris** seem always to become entangled in some kind of an argument with each other—the referee is generally that genial mayor of Frankfort, **Gorge Sangmiester.**

Inventory Clerks

Argyle Dalziel doesn't believe he will flip coins any more. "Dal" had the experience of losing two days straight and had to buy lunches for **Willie DuPuierre** and **Don Nelson.** And do those two eat, to say nothing of what it costs "Dal" just for himself. Willie and Don think the system is all right.

Orlie Scott has been away for a week because of the serious illness of his brother.

Uncle Sam called **Willie DuPerrieu** April 17.

Multilith Room

Dorothy Mihelic is now chief machinist and with her efficient assistants, **Chris Dare** and **Jerry Weir**, business will proceed as usual in the Multilith Room.

Equipment Checkers

Frank Weston can always be heard giving fatherly advice to **Tom "Pants" Nugent**, who, by the way, celebrated his birthday recently at the Trianon in Chicago.

Jake Debri was invited to his brother's for supper, and afterwards was asked to finish out the evening by working in the Victory garden.

Les Wilson would like to know which is worse, to smoke the tobacco **Pete Conroy** smokes or to chew it.

Group 2

The clerks at Group 2 are all teasing their "Chief," **Johnny Williamson**, about the telephone calls he receives from a nice somebody in Group 1 (could the initials possibly be S. V. D.?).

Paul Somerville had as his guest one night, **Orville Rasmussen**, They went to Kankakee where, as **Cliff Fisher** claims, they met a few sensible people.

Planning Department

Room 59 is really quite an enterprising office — what with Production Planning, Industrial Service and Transportation all in the one room transacting business, you can just bet your boots that old "59" really hums with activity.

Betty Welch has deserted the city of Morris and is now residing in the thriving metropolis of Wilmington.

Eveline Mikuce, formerly of Fuze and Booster, is a new typist in this office.

Y Players to Present "Ladies in Retirement"

"Ladies in Retirement," recent hit of both stage and screen, will be presented by the YMCA Players Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, May 4, 5, 6 and 7, in the Farragut School Auditorium in Joliet.

This is the final production of the current year, concluding eleven years of successful trouping by the Players.

"Ladies in Retirement" is a spine-tingling melodrama, centering around a group of eccentric old ladies. **Ida Lupino, Louise Hayward** and **Elsa Lanchester** will be remembered as the stars of the movie version.

Seasoned players and newcomers form the cast of the Players' production. They are **Lois Zarley Robson, Katherine Hollsten, Mary C. Rompel, Elizabeth Jackson, May B. Lloyd, Shirley Morse** and **Gerald Kraft.**

Dorothy Brodeske is an active member of the Players, having last been seen in *"The Warrior's Husband."* **Mrs. Harl Son**, wife of **Harl Son** of the Safety Department, is a member of the Ticket Committee. **Jimmy Hart** has played feature roles in a number of past productions.

Tickets are on sale now at the YMCA, 215 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet; at the Recreation Department here and by the individual players. Admission is 44 cents.

Do's and Dont's Of Fire Fighting Related by Chief

Mortenson Advises Call Firemen First, Then Follow Through

By Chief Roy W. Mortenson
Chief, EOP Fire Department

Every two minutes an American home catches on fire. Many such outbreaks develop into conflagrations because no one discovers them in time. A large number of fires get out of control simply because whoever discovered them didn't know what to do. You should understand a few plain facts about fires, how to report and fight them; as the country cannot afford to replace 30 homes every hour—insurance or no insurance.

The first thing to do is call the fire department. There are thousands of cases every year where two or more persons, excited and confused, attempt to extinguish a growing fire, each thinking the other has turned in an alarm. Then when the fire drives them out, someone finally turns in an alarm. All fires are the same size when they start, which means that a trained man given a crack at extinguishing a fire in the incipient stage, can hold loss to a minimum. It is a known fact among Firemen that the first five minutes are worth five hours. Always remember the fire department would much rather be there and not needed than to be needed and not there.

Even if it is out, the boys would like a look at it for safety's sake. In Youngstown, O., for example, a small fire started in a factory when sparks from a cutting torch blew into a partition. The workmen present quickly extinguished the small blaze with extinguishers and went back to work. Several hours later the fire they had put out burned through the roof and the final cost of that insignificant blaze was $400,000. Inexperienced men didn't realize the small blaze had gotten through the partition and was spreading upwards into the attic. The next time you see a fireman ripping up a place after the fire has been extinguished, just remember this one incident. There are thousands like it.

After placing the alarm naturally you will make every effort to evacuate occupants, and to control the flames with whatever first aid fire extinguishers are at hand.

First, be sure an alarm has been placed. Second, evacuate building. Third, use any first aid appliances available. Keep doors and windows shut! Few realize that the average fire spreads faster through rising heat than by eating its way from one combustible to another. The most natural mistake made upon discovering a fire is to leave the door of the burning room open and run.

In a New York skyscraper, a blaze which started in oily waste at the foot of a cable shaft did $75,000 worth of damage on a 35th floor of that building. The rising heat simply flooded up the shaft, swept through an open door and ignited the combustibles in that office, quite unknown to the solitary workman in the basement, who had hurried off to get an extinguisher to put out his little bonfire.

If a fire can spread to the extent of rising 35 stories, it can do it more quickly in your two-and-a-half story home. So if you open a door and find a room on fire, or if a fire starts in the room you are in, slam the door shut, run and call the fire department. After that what you do depends upon the equipment you have at hand, and to what extent the fire had progressed.

If the heat in the room is punishing, or if the smoke is dark black or heavy looking, then you had better get out and stay out. Hard as it is to replace your home, it is still harder to replace your life. Most persons will retreat from intense heat without any urging. They are less likely to back out of thick smoke until it is too late.

Yet, of the two, smoke can be far more dangerous. Smoke is usually the product of incomplete combustion and loaded with carbon monoxide and other deadly gases. It is a good rule never to venture into a room charged with smoke, if alone, as it may drop you in your tracks.

One theory is that a wet towel around the face will serve as an emergency gas mask. Another is that the air closest the floor is always purest. Both are wrong. The wet towel is of absolutely no value in knocking out toxic gases which really does the damage. The only benefit derived from a wet towel or blanket would be a slight protection against extreme heat, for instance, while searching for some missing member of the household. Incidentally, if the missing member should be a child, don't forget to look under the bed as that is where firemen find them seven times out of ten.

In reference to fresher air closer to the floor, it is true that most gases of combustion rise with heat to the highest levels, but in a fire there are also numerous gases of distillation most of which are heavier than air. These sink to the lowest levels. This is one reason the American Fire Service has never accepted the British Civil Defense teaching of "belly whoppering" into a room to fight a fire, as the American firemen have found that the safest air in a burning room is likely to be about three or four feet above floor level, hence they crouch or kneel when the heat beats them down rather than to lay prone.

If you have an extinguisher at hand always remember to aim a stream at the base of the flames. The most frequent mistake is to start squirting water as soon as a cloud of smoke is seen. This certainly is the wrong method, as the smoke may even be coming from another room or another floor. One good rule to follow is never open a nozzle until you see a flame. Another thing drilled into rooky firemen is the principle of dispersion, keeping the nozzle moving back and forth and up and down to get water over all the burning mass instead of one spot delivery. Although this applies more to a powerful stream on a big fire, it also applies to a burning rubbish pile in your attic or basement.

The job isn't ended with the extinguishing of visible flame. It is necessary to turn over all of the embers carefully and douse every spark or flame. In the case of the smaller trash fire a simple method is to remove burning materials to the outside where a rekindle can do no harm. It will pay well to look for the hidden spark, feel the walls in all the rooms directly above the point where the fire was. Look for paint blisters on walls and woodwork in rooms above. Any symptoms of heat in those areas means trouble and if trained help is not likely to be on hand quickly, chop a small hole in walls or floor in order to apply water better.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF
Correspondents

Frank Scoma and **Frank Nolan**, politicians incorporated, are backing the same man in a coming election. It has been a long time since they found themselves in complete agreement and harmony about anything; now that they suddenly find themselves together, they are both pleased with being in such fine company.

The Fire Department had quite a family reunion one Saturday night in one of Joliet's brightest night-spots. The visiting celebrities included **Mr. and Mrs. George Zelke, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fear, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Cline, Mr. and Mrs. James McBride, Mr. and Mrs. John McGee.** Others included **Joe Vaccaro, Walt Panian, Willie Davis, Cliff Weiss, Archie James, Tate Ehman**, and, the writer begs to be forgiven for omitting any names of those nice people whose company he so thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. **Lt. Harry Dowden**, Guards, and **Mrs. Dowden** also attended.

Martin Hanson recently had difficulty remembering exactly what he did one afternoon. This was understandable when you considered all he "went through."

Baseball starts May 4 at the Fire Department under **Charley Davis** and **Joe Catalani.** The department hopes to do even better at kittenball than they did at basketball.

Will "Captain" Essington finally got revenge (after 4 losses in a row) by beating **William Dust** at bowling.

Ike Babington finally made the grade with the Army Induction Center and in a few days will be going to barracks. All wish him the best of luck.

Thomas Brown must be allergic to badges; he forgets them so often.

Many in the Department think that the eating habits of **George Collins** have been the cause of certain food shortages.

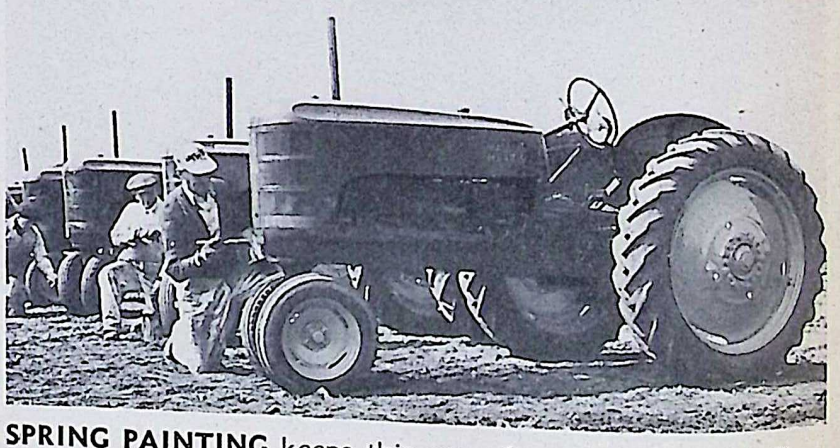
Congratulations go to **Ralph Blake** on becoming the proud papa of a son recently. (The cigars he passed out were good, too.)

John Connelly said the other day that he was going to reform; frankly, few think he can do the job and he has some doubts himself. John has vowed that in the future he will always be punctual and never late for any appointment and that he will never read newspapers at the breakfast table.

John Hembrough has quit the Department to go back to his old job, farming.

Q. What is the rank of a WAAC officer who wears two silver bars?

A. Her title is "First Officer"; corresponding to the rank of captain in the regular Army.



SPRING PAINTING keeps this crew from the EOP Paint Shop busy. Pictured here, left to right, as they give new dress to tractors are Frank Catalano, Sam Mayer, Peter Jenson and Burndt Peirson.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

And so it was a memorable occasion April 5 as the first contingent of women workers reported for work at this group. After a brief talk by **Supt. James J. Murphy** the women were sent to Bldg. 12 and spent most of the day familiarizing themselves with the various operations in this building. They are welcome and all extend best wishes for success in their new work.

The other day Foreman **Robert "Moose" Sohan** was questioning **William Cox**, building foreman, about one of his men who had just returned from the hospital to which Cox replied, *"the man sprung his back."* Everyone is wondering who the iron man is.

What's in a name asked one of the boys? **Sidney Barber** of Bldg. 16 is nicknamed "Doctor."

After hearing **Fred Casper** rave about the wonders of Pontiac, Ill., a few of the fellows believe there might be something in what he says.

Congratulations are sent to **Edward Erschen**, who is the proud father of a son. Cigars, of course, were passed out.

John "Harvey" Bentowski, maintenance man, surely keeps his hair well groomed these days. The answer lies in Bldg. 12, where the women are working.

They say **David "B. S." Richards** is in line to be president of the tall story club of Group 2.

Another report from the grapevine says **Frank Platt** of Bldg. 12 is being called "Sister Platt" by the boys. Frank hasn't confirmed this new monicker as yet.

Kenneth Neblock, now stationed at Camp Roberts, California, has written of his experiences.

If you are interested in learning to be a good trapper in one easy lesson, including a week of intense reading with a season of putting your knowledge to use, consult Inspector **John Frank.**

Do you think the new strut **Tony Posluzsni** developed is due to the new woman Government inspector? Consensus is that Tony has gone Hollywood.

Charles "Grandpa" Haines said the frost the first of the month was an onion frost. Many wonder what kind of name he has for the recent blizzard.

Recently, **Bernadine "Bing" Keenan** hurrying out of the house one morning on her way to work grabbed the paper sack nearest the back door entrance only to find when she arrived at work that the sack contained some electrical parts from a switch which had been left there by a guy named **Ed.** To say her face was red when she opened the sack in front of **Audrey Deiss** would be an understatement.

George "Minnesota" Evans has taken up farming. George was quite a fisherman in his day, but now plans all his meals from his backyard.

Heard **Thomas Todd**, known to all as just plain "Tom," has a hard time distinguishing between Change Houses. It seems Tom wandered into Change House 20-B in search for the millennium. His quest happened on the right shift, but at the wrong time. Perhaps a course in re-educating the eyes would be beneficial.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit paid to this group by **Lt. Glen Hoffman**, Naval Air Corps. Lt. Hoffman took part in many important naval engagements such as Midway, Coral Sea and others, and received the Navy Silver Cross in recognition for outstanding performance.

Eugene Hunt, assistant supt., and **William Klegman** were recent visitors to Elizabeth, Ill., and South Amboy, N. J., respectively. Illness in their families prompted their visits.

Although **Bruno Bartell** is always called **"Shorty,"** he is way up in the air these days. When he comes to work in the morning and starts his daily routine he is greeted with a pretty smile and a cheery "Good morning, Shorty," by **Ethel McCann**, Government inspector.

Everett "Spit & Chew" Bradley said he is now receiving good service from the Maintenance Department. Before the glamor girls started to work in Bldg. 12 the maintenance men would flip a coin to see who would do the work there, because it was so far away from their location and the clock alley. Now, they nearly break their neck to get there first to change a 50-watt lamp.

Your correspondent enjoyed very much the cigars passed out by **Bill Kirban**, Scale Department. Congratulations go to Bill and his wife on the arrival of a 6-pound boy.

Pat McGrath is now shaving regularly since his new buddy on the stencil machine is a girl. **Mary Wagner** is doing a wonderful job on the machine.

Ray Murray is off in a world of his own. He is living in the days when a fellow can make **six copies** of a miscellaneous material transfer without using carbon paper. The other day Ray typed out the transfer without using carbon and stamped, and signed them all blank. It wasn't long before the phone started to ring asking what the transfer covered.

It is rumored that **John Johnson** is going to plant a Victory garden. His will be different. It is to be all corn. This will be easier on the figure; he won't have to stoop to harvest.

Josephine Srncik, Bldg. 12, is helping gather bits of news for *The Bomb-Shell.* She is worried about writing a story concerning **George Richardson.**

Never were there so many inspectors who would show a person just how the work in a shipping building is done. Even **Ode Golden** is helping to break in the new girls. He is a busy man with his other work.

Archie LaBounce has a yen for the number nine. For years this number has shown itself in his life. It took him nine years to get out of high school. He wears a size nine shoe, always gets the No. nine pin to make a spare when bowling. In a recent election he polled nine votes.

Shoe rationing is a serious problem with **Bob McCleary.** Getting up early one Sunday morning to come to work he slipped into his shoes and found out later he had the left one from one pair and the right from another.

This is a story that was a little late for the last issue. When **Gridley "Paperhanger" Wheeler** was sick he made out a complete schedule for his wife to follow in giving him the pills. Somehow the schedule was misplaced and Grid got a headache worrying if he was to take a white or a blue or a pink pill at 2 o'clock or take all three at 3 o'clock.

TOUR OF INSPECTION through the Illinois State Penitentiary was taken recently by this group of employees from the Ordnance Department's Personnel, Mail & Record and Payroll Sections, all of whom were enthusiastic about their visit.

Horseplay Puts EOP Employee In Hospital

Suffers Broken Bone; Torn Coverall Cuff Cause of Injuries

By Rollin T. Read
EOP Safety Director

Charles T. Palmer, Bldg. 16, Group 3, suffered a shoulder bone fracture April 6. He collided with a fellow-workman as they were running to the clock-house. Indications are that the men were indulging in a little horseplay, contrary to safety rules and instructions.

But it was not harmless horseplay . . . Palmer was confined to the Hospital for 10 days and it probably will be three weeks before he is able to return to work.

Here is added proof that it is a foolish and risky thing to disregard safety rules.

William Siefert, Group 3, was injured the morning of April 7. He was pulling a heavily loaded hand truck when he tripped on the torn cuff of his overalls. The man at the rear of the truck, unaware of the mishap, continued to push. Siefert, in a jackknifed position, was caught between the truck and the ramp, suffering severe chest, back and leg injuries. He is now in the hospital and it probably will be a while before he is able to return to work.

This is a clear case of improper attention to dangerous wearing apparel. The man knew his cuff was torn, but he failed to anticipate the trouble it might cause. He took a chance and lost.

Injured in Stomach

Eldora Mustin, Group 1, Bldg. 14, lost time following an injury the morning of April 7. While unloading empty cartons from a box car, she attempted to catch one as it toppled from the stack. She missed, and the box struck her in the stomach, causing some contusion.

Accidents of this type can usually be avoided by the exercise of proper care in the removal of stacked material. Where the workers appear awkward or inexpeienced, proper methods should be explained and demonstrated by those in charge of the job.

Fredrick Rummey was a Hospital patient for several days, suffering from an arm infection probably caused by a splinter in his finger. He got the splinter from a rack on which he was working April 2. He removed it himself and did not report for medical treatment until pain developed several hours later.

The use of gloves on that particular job would probably have prevented the accident. Prompt medical treatment would, most likely, have averted the infection. Self treatment of even minor injuries is a risky procedure and should be discouraged.

Dance Is Planned for May 8

The Employees' Activities Committee will usher in the month of May with a dance in the Recreation Hall Saturday night, May 8, from 9 until 1. Music for dancing will be furnished by the EOP Band under the direction of **George Zelke** of the Fire Department. There will be fun for all, so be sure to bring your family and friends. Admission is 55 cents a person. Tickets may be bought from your group representative on the Employees' Activities Committee or at the door the night of the dance.

SAFETY CONFERENCES are held frequently in Group 2. In this one, held in Bldg. 16, those participating are (left to right) Supt. James J. Murphy, Loren Cain and B. R. Bowden, safety engineers; John Kelahan, assistant superintendent, and William Weir, foreman.

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT
Correspondent

Capt. A. G. Resch has been transferred to the Oak Ordnance Plant on temporary duty. It is hoped he will return in the near future.

Vieana Wheeler has been wearing that sparkler on third finger left hand since her marine came home on furlough. She is seriously thinking of that well-known walk down the aisle.

Three cheers for **Catherine "Tomi" Tomlianovich** for bringing a new "champ" title to this department when she recently won the EOP bowling tournament.

Warren Weithofer, former chief of Gage Section, has been inducted into the armed forces.

Carl Anker, former chief of the Statistical Section, and **Park Paxton**, formerly line inspector at Group 8, are both stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Irving Slutsky, line inspector at Group 3-A, tries to look dignified on one of the new bicycles the Inspectors are using for transportation around the group.

Bob Harbinson, assistant chief inspector in the Fuze and Booster Area, is using the latest form of transportation to get around to the different groups—a gasoline scooter.

Group 2 Inspection Department added a feminine touch recently when **Mae Murray, Eleanor Czajkoski, Ann Radakovich** (former show girl), **Ethel McCann** and **Beatrice Rodgers** were transferred there.

Group 1

A week-end in Milwaukee may be the reason for **Trixie Allen's** smiles these days.

If **Eddie Vaughan** would like to be a "model poppy" the least he can do is to learn how to take corners in the group on his new bike.

Since **Bernice Ksiazak** changed rides recently she has been arriving at work with "bumps on her little head."

Where were **Walter Sorley's** thoughts when he was given a ticket for "leisurely speeding" recently?

Did you know that that cute little gal, **Evelyn Martin**, is the heartthrob of many a man in the service?

Group 4

Eddie Kluza can tell you where all the prominent side-streets are in Joliet.

The Government inspectors, especially **Lucille Olson**, enjoyed themselves at a party given for **Jack Dempsey** and **John Kinney** recently.

John Habes, popular line inspector, has recently been investigating literature on "Care of the Baby." He has acquired a beautiful perambulator and asserts that practice makes perfect. As a result, he is trying out the new carriage daily. It is rumored that the blessed event will take place the latter part of April. When questioned if it will be a boy or girl, he confidently replies it will be a baby.

Group 6

Margaret Carter is recovering from a recent operation and her friends hope that she may be able to return to work soon.

Edna Sickert recently spent a week-end visiting her sister in Chicago.

Signs of Spring as seen about Group 6—**Marie Donahue** and her new aqua blouse—**Lorraine Barger** and her new raincoat—**Dorothy Haag** and her bows (and beaux)—**Virginia Wright** and her new spring shade of nail polish—**Betty Thompson** with that dreamy look—**Ruth Smith** trying to interest the girls in reducing exercises—**Elizabeth Button** stuck in the mud—**Kathryn Eberhart** driving her car after having it tucked away all winter—**Edward Ritter**, line inspector, with a short haircut—**Jerome Foster** reducing.

Gertrude Collins is again a patient at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet and her friends all hope she will soon be well.

Group 9

Cecilia Temple will gladly trade a pair of shoes for a pound of coffee. She's been dipping the same coffee bean for a week.

Margaret Olszta, with the coming of balmy weather, is looking forward to another visit with her hubby who is stationed at Virginia.

Government inspectors in Group 9 aren't worrying about a food shortage—they're all depending on **E. J. Nemanich's** Victory garden.

Dorothy Magolan and **Sophie Mixner** have been transferred to Group 5. All wish them the best of luck.

Gladys Voorhees' two favorite men are her handsome husband and her soldier son.

It is rumored that **Gert Beland** is quite a hula-hula dancer. Reports are that it is on the professional side.

Marion "Scotty" Westcott sure was in a "pickle" recently when her two soldier friends came home on furlough at the same time.

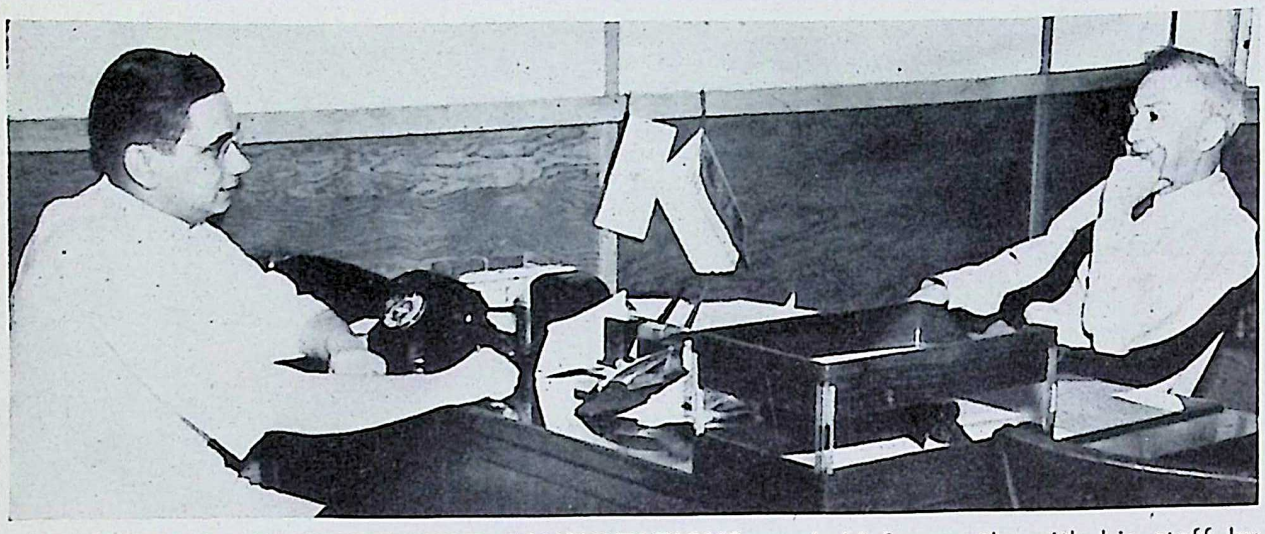
Lea Dalton is back again after her recent illness looking as chipper as ever.

Group 8

Ilene Lawler is looking forward to a visit from her son who is expected home on leave from the Naval Air Corps.

Friends of **Helen Ballack** would like to see her strolling down Chicago Street in Joliet with the boy friend (in the knicker uniform) when he comes home on furlough.

Jerry Preboy had difficulties one night recently while driving her Ford home. After stalling the car on the Washington Street hill, it is alleged, she misjudged distances at the garage and damaged a fender. Her explanations are classics.



MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTATIONS are held frequently with his staff by Dr. H. L. Schultz, EOP medical director, shown here in conference with Dr. B. G. Giel (left). Additional photographs of hospital activities are on Page 12.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS

GERALDINE M. WARD

Correspondents

Mr. and Mrs. William Leeland, parents of **William J. Leeland,** of the War Department, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. The couple was born and reared in Chicago and their marriage took place at the Holy Family Catholic Church in that city. There were five daughters and one son born of this union, one daughter, **Mrs. Mary McCarthy,** having died some years ago. All of the children, **Mrs. Frank Crowe, Mrs. Lester Lemme, Mrs. George McGuire** and William J. Leeland live in Chicago, with the exception of **Mrs. Ray Doering,** San Francisco, Calif. There are five grand-children and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Leeland are both enjoying good health and Mr. Leeland is still active in the upholstery business in Chicago. Open house will be held at the residence of the celebrants the evening of April 24th and Mrs. Doering will arrive from California in time to join the party.

Government Auditing had a get-together in honor of **Philip Hahn** and **John Odchodnicky** who recently became proud daddies. The party was made a triple event as **Roy Eckberg's** birthday also was celebrated. The new daddies were presented with play pens so they should be able to keep their young 'uns corralled come creeping days.

Danny Considine's "Little Cherubs" should now be known as the "Little Mermaids" as several of them are now enrolled in the Red Cross swimming course at the "Y" on Monday nights and, who knows, some day they may be life guards.

Betty Kovach received a card from **Jerry Russ,** formerly of Auditing. He is now sojourning in the sun at Tampa, Fla., along with **Norman Long,** also a former employee of Auditing.

Geraldine M. Ward, Safety and Security Division, received a letter from **Pvt. Jerry R. Shirtino,** former Inspection Department employee, who enlisted in the Marines and is now stationed in San Diego, Calif. Jerry would enjoy hearing from his former co-workers.

Lois Dix, of Operations, is recuperating from a major operation at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Have you ever wondered how many miles **Claire Shols** and **Dorothy Herbst** of Mail and Records walk in a day?

Frank Kadlec is enthusiastic over a 'Victory garden' on the side of a hill.

If you want to see an industrious individual, take a glance at **Gladys Groenveld** who is exceedingly busy these days with the new bookkeeping machine.

Harry Gunchin should have been a weather prophet. It seems he is well supplied with cigars—thanks to **Mara Puett.** Mara shouldn't have bet it wouldn't snow.

Helen McGinnis is all out for *Victory.* She even went so far as to contract Victory measles.

Dale Lorentzen was recently graduated in Tennessee as a third class petty officer in the Navy and he is now stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

Mary Dagon, Payroll Audit, wears a War Department EOP uniform. A group of small boys seeing her in Joliet thought she was in the Army and saluted her. In order to avoid any embarrassment, Mary returned the salute.

Bernard O. Brown's favorite dessert is cake and he eats it daily.

Time Inspectors

Best wishes go with **Bill Peebles, Tom Wharrie, Bert Folk, Lonnie Richardson** and **George Stevens** who were recently transferred to the Material Inspection Department.

John Hugo Green, who worried all last year about his lawn, now has it plowed and converted into a Victory garden. He is still worrying.

Petite **Anita Lambur** has recently transferred to the Engineering Department and will have **I. E. "Tex" Jackson** as her employer.

Betty Jane Jensen, former time inspector at Richards Farm and Group 70, underwent a major operation at Silver Gross Hospital, Joliet, and is reported to be doing nicely.

Harold J. Kapsch of Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, is now known as Corporal Kapsch.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Correspondent

This little story is written in the interest of those who some day may be confronted with the same circumstances.. **Lt. Eylar Brunskill,** Fuze and Booster Area, on a recent day off, decided to see a rubbing doctor back home to cure his backaches. The doctor placed him on a table and proceeded to give him the jiu-jitsu. Upon completion, the doctor advised him that one leg was shorter than the other and he would have to build up his heel to cure the ailment. The doctor very courteously extended his hand, and the lieutenant very gingerly padded it with three dollars, and went on his happy way, much relieved. After the long journey home, he seemed very disconsolate, and his wife queried "Didn't the Doctor help you any?" "Yes, he did," replied Brunskill, "but he forgot to tell me which leg was shorter." (The supposition at the Guardhouse was that he stuffed too many paychecks in the heel of one shoe—as a hiding place—which made one leg shorter.)

Chief M. C. Baughman may not have enough free time to cultivate a Victory garden, but when he finishes arrangements for all the farmers in the area, he should be allowed to pick an onion or two.

Sgt. Cecil Johnson is still the Guard House's most available bachelor. Very good qualifications too — a smiling countenance — a very savory conversationalist — a car with gas in it — and lots of dough. The line forms to the right.

The great day has arrived. It has been discovered there is a lieutenant on the force who no longer is in need of that insignificant little thing called a check which all employees receive each week for their labors. Pardon, please, that is **Lieut. Owen McCarthy's** face blushing—he is taking offense to the foregoing remark and says he is very much in need of the check. His explanation is that he absentmindedly tore up the check thinking it was the check-stub. It does sound logical!

Guard headquarters was warmed by the presence of a former comrade recently, in the person of **Pvt. Charles "Whitey" Wolcott.** "Whitey" has been on desert maneuvers in California and is in tip-top shape.

It sometimes appears difficult to ascertain the right sleeve from the left sleeve of a coat, but usually it is possible to right a mistake before it costs money. However, in **Capt. Walter Bayer's** case, it cost him money. So the story goes, Capt. Bayer took his uniform coat to a seamstress to have his service bars sewed on the sleeve. After explaining where and how to sew them, he returned later in the day, picked up the coat and paid the usual fee. When putting the coat on at work, much to his chagrin, he discovered the bars were on the wrong sleeve. He walked around with one arm hidden that night, and next day returned to pay the usual fee again to re-sew the bars.

"Sling - shot" Smith he was known as in those days. He is now MP-245, Dispatcher **John Smith.**

While it is the duty of a wife to keep up her appearance for the sake of her husband, it isn't necessary for her to do so at an unearthly hour in the morning. Perhaps it was to prove her devotion to him—which no one had questioned — that he wore upon his cheek the mark of her lips, in a vivid red. It was known, of course, that he left home about 5 a. m. (Please don't ask questions—this little item is to prove the alertness of one of the stooges.)

Some claim exemption on the grounds of conscientious objections. Some go farming, who have never farmed before. But Guard **Albert Atwood** notified his draft board that his wife was no longer dependent on his income.

For the honor of being one of the most learned men in the department, all in unison nominate Dispatcher **John Welch.** Welch is a constant reader of all types of literature, and readily will discuss any world topic or current event. If he is ever assigned to tower—he no doubt will use it for a pulpit.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE

Correspondent

Group 3 seems to have many proud fathers of boys in war service. **Patrick Duignan,** a pipe-fitter, has a son, **Patrick, Jr.,** who has been in the Canadian Army for three years. Pat, Jr., is 31 years old and was a deputy sheriff in Kankakee before he enlisted. Pat claims to have legal right to arrest Herr Hitler. Pat, who incidently has advanced to the post of acting sergeant major has participated in all the bombardments of the London area and proved himself to be an outstanding soldier in the Dieppe raid.

Pvt. Joe Garavalia, a former operator here, returned recently to say hello to all his old friends. Joe is now in the Marine Corps and doing fine work as always.

There seems to be a feud arising between some of the boys out here. It is a free-for-all game, but **Ed Peterson** is the subject who receives most attention this week. When Ed, the sensational garden plower, went to Morris he had a Montgomery-Ward catalogue under his arm and was leading a billy-goat. He has at last arrived to the motorized section of the above catalogue, and to his sorrow picked out a garden plow. He has sold the billy-goat since he plowed up his lawn and flower beds.

George Styck is the proud owner of a bovine beauty which works the swing shift right with him.

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From every fighting front
Comes a cry for help

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This is it . . . this is the call you must heed . . . the plea you must respond to. On every fighting front America moves ahead. In the tortuous swamps of the tropics, on the raging seas, over the air of Europe and in Africa our troops are striking hard.

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And from everywhere there comes a cry for help. "More tanks, more guns!" cry the soldiers. "More planes, more bombs," beg our flying squadrons. They're ready, eager to strike at the enemy . . . and they turn to YOU for help.

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As America takes the offensive . . . your dollars must take the offensive, too. Yes, it's going to be hard to dig deeper . . . but remember the thousands who have given their lives and the many more who are prepared to do so. Despite the fact you are enrolled in the EOP Ten Per Cent Club and buying War Bonds regularly . . . buy at least one more NOW . . . and make it as large as you can. You can get your additional bond at any bank, postoffice or at the Comptroller's Office here. DO IT NOW.

They give their lives
You lend your money

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Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Group 27 has taken on a new spirit and it is not due to Spring. The boys are combing their hair and whistling these days. The reason turned out to be Orville Bronks' staff in 27-14. Yes, indeed, the feminine touch has reached Inert Storage. You should see the little ladies handle the goods. When your reporter questioned them about a story **Helen "Kentucky" Billings** said she would write the story on her own time at home. But from the noise the other girls put up after the offer her article will have to pass through the hands of ten censors or more before it reaches *The Bomb-Shell*. Among the feminine storagers is **Alice Wilson**, widow of **James R. Wilson**, who had been an outstanding member of the Production Planning Department. If **Orville Bronk** gets a call back to the farm due to any one of eleven reasons, **Ross A. Miller** announces his candidacy for the vacated position.

This week's sketch concerns **Robert "Lefty" "Terrace" McGraw.** The name, with its adornments, indicates his unique character. He has been here since January, 1941, and since that time has had a marvelous attendance record. The only day he missed was the day of the great storm. In his own bashful way he gives all the credit to his two sisters. "Lefty" found that putting his savings into the dresser drawer turned his money into furniture so now he keeps it in his shoe. During a recent contest at Group 27 he tied for the title of "Mr. Victory," but when he heard that **Emil Ramsak** of basketball fame was going to the Army he willingly turned over his half of the title.

If you see a tall, dark, handsome man with white teeth arranging the placement of hand truck equipment at Group 27, it will be **Grover Williams**, the man who knows where to find things.

Larry Lazier was busying himself the other day with piling blocks in a neat stack. He says that his reclining position was not due to the fact that they call him "Lazy," but because the job works better that way.

The checking staff at North bid farewell to **Sidney Bennett**, who will be associated with the Douglas Aircraft Corporation in the Inspection Department of the Chicago Plant. A welcome goes to **Robert Henneberry**, who will check and check and check and check.

Motion pictures of working safely were shown by the Safety Department to the Workers Club of Inert Storage. These safety hints will be beneficial to the boys and girls and should cut down accidents.

Genial **George Shaw** is sponsoring a "Butter Dinner" in honor of **Otto Heap**—the butter king—(confidentially, if you are hungry, better bring your own cow).

Brush pushers were active in the vicinity of Inert Storage last week. The doors were painted Moloney green and the clock houses Galbraith gray. The way they were climbing up and over the buildings brought to mind the thought that maybe the Wilmington zoo keepers were on the look for some of their missing creatures. Five of them approached the Inert office ready to dob the lead—they refused to be welcomed and refused to talk lest they might be returned to their keeper. Not one of them would paint from behind the picket fence as it reminded them too much of home. At the sound of an approaching automobile they would run, but they were tracked by the paint from their dripping brush and brought back on the job. When birds would fly low overhead they would lunge into the air hoping to taste meat again. Then one day when all the painting was completed they fled toward the Richards Farm gate and disappeared through the Paint Shop. It is hoped that some day these strange actors will return and accept sincere thanks for the fine way they prettied up the buildings.

LaVerne Lyons, the twilight assistant super of North Inert, is sporting a new white summer hat. He is rushing the season. . . with the frequent unseasonable snows, it is a job to find LaVerne.

Andrew Fris of North Inert is raising a family of rabbits . . . to eat, to have and to hold.

Here they come . . . Victory Gardeners. **John Ney** leads the parade with a bag of seed potatoes and **Owen Ralston** with Indian sweet corn. They believe that petty larceny will not be committed in the garden as these vegetables produce late. John is not so worried as they will have to dig the potatoes.

Walter Briton came through with a box of candy. The sole disparity was that it was one pound instead of five and **Betty Ross** will consider it as a down payment only.

On the Inside

This time your reporter will confine his comments on **V. C. Bailey's** *Jeckyl* to "Scorchy's" *Hyde* in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

PREDICTION FOR JULY 9 is this photograph of Anna Mae Thompson, Purchasing Department, pinning a star on EOP's "E" flag, everyone at the plant hopes. If production is maintained at the rate which earned the flag, the plant's workers will be eligible for a star which means, among other things, that those employees added since January 9 will be entitled to wear an "E" pin.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF

Correspondent

You women now taking men's places . . . are the spokes of the wheels that run — you are the hands that take the place of the hands of the man at the gun. . . . When you work and toil the American way . . . till the hour of freedom is won . . . May God guide the hands that take the place . . . of the hands of the man at the gun.

It must have been startling news that **H. E. Barclay** of the Purchasing Department heard over the telephone one day because the first thing anyone knew, "Bark" was upside down in his chair with the telephone dangling in his hand. With a little rescue work, order was quickly restored and so was Barclay.

Sympathy is extended to **Dagmar Peterson**, that grand lady in the Mailing Room, during the recent bereavement in her family. Her sister, **Mrs. Florence Murphy**, Chicago, died April 7.

Bernice Schroba has been ill at her home for two weeks. Everyone will welcome Bernice's return.

If anyone has neglected congratulating **Lorraine Hilling**, Auditing, for her new hair-do, now is the time. A little bit of *poise-in-reality*.

John Platz reports that **Irene Millinger** must have slept in a barn to wake up a little hoarse (horse). Anyway, Irene is still her sweet self, despite the absence of her voice.

Ray Berg, posting clerk in Payroll, is slated to leave for the Army soon.

Talk about pride! **Vince Canterella** bowled 233! That was no April Fool stunt! He is reported to be quite a fisherman, too! . . . at least his story is.

Believe it or not . . . **Margaret FitzHugh** took some time for herself and went shopping . . . she said it was a case of shop or go barefoot.

When that gallant Irishman, **Art Flahaven**, fire guards, arose when ladies came to his table, a murmur went through the Mess Hall. The other girls started comparing his manners with those of their hearts' interest. Take a tip, men, that word *gentle in gentlemen* is really appreciated by the femmes.

Bruce Elliott of **G. B. Pumphrey's** office left April 17 for a position with the Ford Motor Company at Ypsilanti, Michigan. He can even spell it already without blinking an eye.

Tom Lamon and Mr. Canterella of Payroll have joined the Sunday morning bowlers at the Elks Club, Joliet.

Bea Peterson has a new job . . . that of supplying book worms with materials. It seems her private library is constantly moving and that friends are taking advantage of reading her books at home. A nice collection of best sellers, 'tis said.

The 13th was not on Friday . . . *but it snowed . . . and it blowed . . .* and was **Charlie Duchene's** birthday . . . cake and all . . . and a white carnation in his lapel, a remembrance from his daughter.

Arlene Thorsen, Katherine Johnson, Mary Clow, Shirley Grassle, Anna Mae Thompson, Veranice Quade, Emily Voegtle, Marion Shelley and Eleanor Dufrain went to Chicago April 10. These nine noises went shopping in the afternoon, had dinner at Stouffer's and went to see "Doughgirls" at the Selwyn Theatre.

The Payroll men have challenged the girls' soft ball team of the Administration Building to a real game, any place or time the girls think they are up to par. Something to look forward to . . . nothing like pinning those men's ears back.

Several Engineering Department boys who are in the armed services have not been listed in the Honor Roll. **Corp. John J. Consdorf**, stationed at Camp Atterbury. He was with the department longer than a year.

Aviation Cadet William R. Herbst is stationed at Merced, Calif. He was a draftsman here for a year. He has been in the hospital with a rather severe injury suffered in a plane crash during training.

Aviation Cadet William C. Shaw, present whereabouts unknown, was a draftsman here for a year.

Edward F. Kionka, of the Navy, is at Chicago as an instructor.

Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, former commanding officer here, visited EOP April 9 and 10. Colonel Hoffman is now stationed in St. Louis in the office of the Field Director of Ammunition plants. He was accompanied by **Mrs. Hoffman**, who reported that a recent package of souvenirs from their son, **Bill**, with the Army in the Middle East, was wrapped in back issues of *The Bomb-Shell*.

Gene "Red" Bennington left the stock room for the Army April 17.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only).Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA

Correspondent

Your correspondent has noticed that **Stuart Moloney** and "Scorchy" are "feudin." He is inclined to be on "Scorchy's" side; since women were hired at Central Fire Station, Moloney has been awfully hard to get along with.

Harold Wilkins is proud of the fact that he hasn't missed a day in a long time.

Ed Agnich, former butter and egg man because of rationing, is an unusual person—Ed would like to work on the midnight shift permanently.

Willard Gast, alumnus of Group 61, became engaged to **Margie Powers.**

Fellow workers absolutely will refuse the cigars **Robert Hinz** bought three months ago. The smokes are apt to be stale before the new addition arrives.

Sporting a 1941 Buick is **Bill Orr.**

Ray Koerner has missed only two days of work in 11 months. It's a good record when it is considered Mr. Koerner drives all the way from Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinz were married 25 years April 20. Congratulations are in order.

There is nothing to write about **Harvey Steffes** for this issue—rather unusual.

A fellow hard to please is **Ronald Blackburn.** Ronald was anxious to be stationed at the Crusher Building; after being there for a while he wanted to go back to the main gate.

The Bomb-Shell doesn't have a society column, so it is permissible to write about **Percy Boulware's** social affairs. Mr. Boulware entertained **Allen Mayes** and **Kyron Doyle** April 10. Refreshments were served by the host, then many topics were discussed. A common subject was "Marching"; Mr. Mayes seemed well informed. Mr. Boulware interrupted briefly to tell about the new job his wife had been offered. Mr. Mayes brought back his views on "Marching," and became so intent he missed the bus. However, he caught the late bus—much later. Everyone had a hilarious time; Mr. Boulware sure can put on a party.

Government inspectors now have a bicycle and a motor scooter. The bicycle is for **Al Weinstock**, who is unable to drive.

Virgil Jordon is going to pass out cigars soon—some are wagering that the child will be a boy; others say it will be a girl.

It is a mystery why **Perle Waller** was embarrassed the other night—Perle is by no means shy.

Ed Westmeyer may have to borrow the Government bicycle to come to work if he doesn't get more gas.

To the armed forces went the ever popular **James "Scooter" Sinkular.**

"High Fliers" is the name tagged to **Ray Carlson, Clifford Kidney** and **John Kelly**—tickets for speeding may be the reason.

Back to work after a few days' illness is **Clyde Runyon.**

While riding through the area together, **Frank Kachelhoffer** and **Marion Carter** picked up a few pointers on planting Victory gardens. The two friends said there are many gardens being planted at EOP.

After the war, **Leo Blottiaux, Elmer McCans** and **Sam Mount**, former inspector who returned to farming, are going to buy a farm in Missouri, and they are going to fish the rest of their lives away—talk is cheap.

Best wishes go to **Robert Morrison**, who is scheduled for the Army.

Working at EOP is a side line for **Herman Dandurand.** Mr. Dandurand's main occupation is plowing gardens for friends.

Sleeping seems to be one of **Arnet Dressler's** main interests. It is not unusual for him to fall asleep in a bus.

Just a suggestion for **Felix Dandurand**, who is planning marriage; anyone betrothed before July 1 will save on his income tax.

Walter Neher traveled to Jamestown, Ind., to visit his brother, **Pvt. Albert Neher**, who is home on furlough.

A man who never has much to say is **Clarence Wells**, but it never interferes with his work.

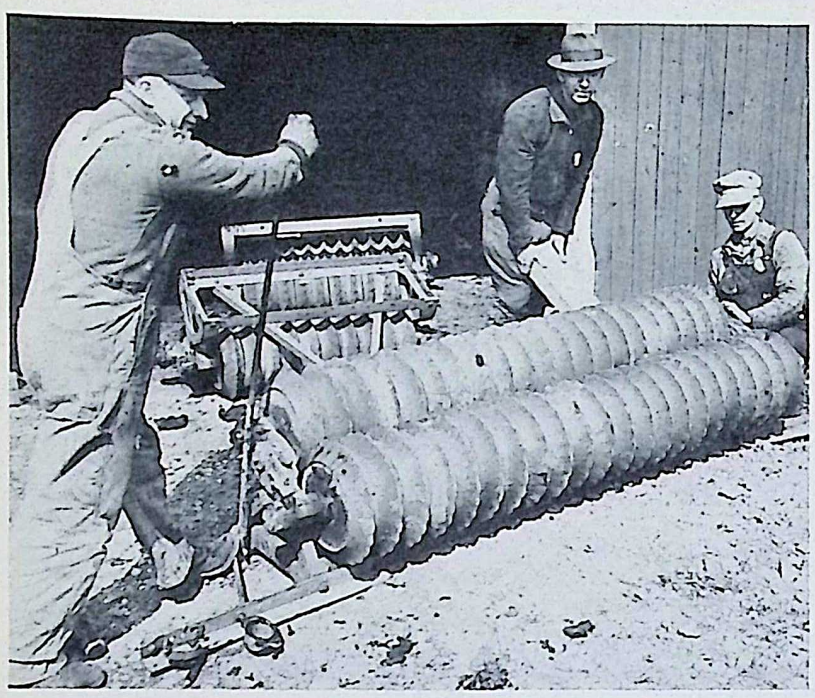
Nelson Williams is known to his friends as the "Deacon." Coworkers wonder when Mr. Williams is going to start practicing what he preaches.

Area Dressed Up For Spring-Summer

An improvement and beautification for the EOP area is well under way under the supervision of **W. B. Manchester**, superintendent of the Groundskeeping Division of the Utilities Department.

Top soil is being placed on barren spots throughout the Administration Area and these, together with other plots, are being seeded with grass. Concrete walks are being laid from the Administration Building to the Recreation Buildings and from the latter to the nearby black-top roads.

Fences within the Administration Area have been painted white and parking spaces more clearly identified. Snowdrift fences throughout the entire area have been dismantled for the summer. Trees have been trimmed and those without life removed. Groundskeeping equipment has been renovated and is at work daily.



ASSEMBLING CULTIVATORS for the season's work is the job of the Groundskeeping Division. Shown here at the task (left to right) are Al Horn, Harlow Nicholson, assistant superintendent, and Art Anderson.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Everyone at Richards Farm is glad to see genial **Celia Kretz** back at her desk (especially the correspondent). She had quite a lengthy illness.

Laundry Notes
By Lucille Morrissette

Pat Runyon wanted to visit her folks in Iowa. After resorting to every means, including blackmail, to be excused, she finally conspired with **George Kinard** to receive an urgent wire. George, **Tim Thompson**, locksmith, and **Bob Enger**, carpenter shop, types the telegram. Imagine Pat's chagrin when she hastily read the telegram to **Francis Walsh** as follows: "Grandma hurt in bicycle accident (stop) Wants to die (Stop) Can't die till you get here (Stop), *signed* Grandpa Snazzy." Note: Pat enjoyed the week with her folks.

Welcome is extended to new employees, **Bernice Brooker, Virginia Adams** and **Joe Setina.**

Three more stars decorate the laundry service flag. **Billie** and **Dickie Lieb** are members of the WAVES and **Arnold Vaughan** has joined the armed forces.

Rita Coash is resigning to explore new fields in California. The laundry gang as well as the Motor Pool, Carpenter Shop and Service Garage will certainly miss her.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Jimmie Fance** at a party recently.

The amateur gardners are in full swing these days. The boys sure feel lucky to have a veteran like **George Slaughter** around. Incidentally, if **Harry Lehner** doesn't keep away from Woman Guard (ner) **Mrs. George Kinard's** onions he may get in trouble with the law.

In spite of a sore hand, **Veronica Curry** is very adept at telling fortunes.

Radio Communications
By K. Richardson

Spring *must* be here. **R. A. Brown** was recently seen paging through a fishing equipment catalog with that "far-away" look in his eyes. 'Twon't be long now till they're biting—he hopes.

Ed Chinski, of Kankakee, is welcomed as a new member of the staff.

Merle Eberhart has been coming to work with a gleam in his eye. He thinks he is in love.

Bert Meads has been explaining for a week just how to plant a garden. Planting isn't so difficult. It's the aftermath which is disturbing.

The clock in the Radio Department lost ten minutes one day. **Larry Jack** was seen setting the clock up ten minutes. **Clarence Coope** apparently didn't know about this and he nonchalantly strolled in and proceeded to do likewise, but the third fellow—yep, you guessed it, caught in the act.

L. W. Soulon, former radio maintenance man and now a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces, dropped a line to report he is stationed at Lowry Field, Colorado.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Eating cornflakes for breakfast is a good American custom enjoyed by almost everyone. However, **Buck Dale** likes to reverse the procedure a little and eats his at 9 or 9:30 every evening.

Cal Ashline had a little struggle with Old Man Flue last week but is back at work hale and hearty again. It would take more than a little flu to keep a good man like Cal down.

Many wonder why **Clarence Regnier,** a seemingly husky individual, has such a fear of working in the rain.

Tommy French is the **Walter Winchell** of the Pipe Shop who always seems to get the news a split second after it happens; sometimes even before it happens.

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

Emil Kapetanic has gone to Mayo Brothers Hospital for treatment.

Bill Richards is the most recent sheet metal man to answer Uncle Sam's call.

There has been quite an epidemic of new neckties in the shop since the girls have been checking numbers.

Service Garage Spares
By Eleanor R. O'Keefe

Milford Green does his gardening the modern way. His 20th century method is unique in more ways than one. First he charges nominal amounts for spading his neighbors' plots, then he turns around and hires a tractor and driver to plow his own dozen acres.

Fresh from the rumor clinic it is reported that **Glen Bitterman** and **Marvin Christensen** will diet a la Gandhi for a short period. Just goes to show you what food rationing will do to heavy men—or perhaps it is patriotism.

"Professor" William Booker has been giving geometry lessons to **Sgt. Earl Goodknecht** of the Guard Force. Perhaps there is a *pic* to be had somewhere in the result.

Best quip of the month comes from **Bob St. John** who suggested that **C. I. Wilson** and **Stan "Kelly" Kukulski** obtain fire insurance for their cigars so that they don't burn up by accident, or otherwise.

Raymond "Jackrabbit" McCoy is riding herd on tanks deep in the heart of Texas. The gang was sure glad to hear from him.

Ralph Nickleski never dreamed of visiting Atlantic City, N. J., until the Army Air Corps had something to say about it. He's right on the boardwalk there and writes that Army Life is very agreeable.

From down Texas way comes a report that **Joe Gutierrez** is now a private, first class. He wants a few more letters from the boys.

Angelo Calcaterra says that the Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minn., is a great place (to stay away from?). However, he came through alright.

Spring must be here! **Stuart Moloney** paid his annual visit to the garage recently to check up some work performed on one of the "blooming gas buggies" assigned to the Fire Department. His smiling face is always welcome in any department, except the hideout of that mythical stranger called "Scorchy."

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

New additions to the Pool are **Marian Gray, Georgia Fabry** and **Eula Snell.**

Frank Kern and **Ed Heath** boast of new desks, but still refuse to let the girls hang curtains.

The "Wrong Way Corrigan" Club has a new member—**Marie Armstrong** joined last week.

Dorothy Bick is taking orders for the tomatoes she hasn't planted yet. She may be able to tell the plants from the weeds. If all the gardens get planted that the Pool girls want, carrying in of overnight bags may be expected.

Dick Roeder has a system whereby he cleans his pipe with the air pressure generally used for tires.

Quite chic is **Jean Swanson** with her new marine hair cut.

Machine Shop
By Marie Studer

Hank Schelling, Jr., former employee of the Machine Shop, now with the Navy, was home on furlough recently and visited here. He thinks Navy life is fine.

Gerry Utley has become a new member of Uncle Sam's armed forces.

It is suggested that **Bill Dolan** be a little more cautious about reaching into high places. One never knows what he will find, even though it may be an innocent looking lunch bucket.

A hasty trip was made to the Laundry one day recently to have a little mending done. **Frank DeMarco** might enlighten those who are interested.

Groundskeeping

Back to the mines and back to his bride went the popular landscape foreman, **Ted Melzer.**

Claude Sayre is planning to add to his svelte figure. He is planting about ten acres of potatoes. He says he is going to put on a demonstration of hoeing some hot Sunday soon—the public will be invited.

Eddie Powers is back from Louisiana and the Army. Eddie says he liked it fine and is ready to return any time Uncle Sam wants him.

The telephone at Bldg. 71-3 rings several times a day—"when can you plow a garden for . . . . ?" It would take an adding machine to total all of these calls. It will be a lot of fun to see if the enthusiasm lasts through hoeing in the Summer months to come.

W. B. "Farmer" Manchester was gratified with the notice in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* from **E. O. Huey** regarding "Keep Off the Grass." If Mr. Huey can impress the girls with high-heel shoes, he is really good.

Paint Shop Patter
By Pat Stettbacher

Sympathy is extended to **William Legg,** whose mother died at her home in Danville, Ill., recently.

The Paint Shop Office has been remodeled! The reason—a new junior clerk. Her name—**Pat Stettbacher,** formerly cashier at the Mess Hall. **T. M. Singer,** superintendent, says the fence and gate were installed to keep the "yodelers" away.

Bill Borg has trouble finding his lunch bucket at noon. A St. Bernard dog might be more helpful than trying to catch up with the truck in which he leaves it.

Line Department Lines
By Ray Curtis

The Line Gang was glad to see Ex-Timekeeper, **Vearl Heinis,** who is now storekeeper, second class, in the Navy "Seabees." He is home on leave and took time enough off from admiring his month-old daughter to visit here.

It is hoped that plenty of vegetables of all kinds will be produced in the Line Gang Victory garden. Head Gardner **Ernie Johnston** has a variety of plants started in indoor boxes.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

The telephone men are all busy these evenings in their Victory gardens.

Mathis Horn said he hit his forehead on a door. Silly, but could be!

Goodbye and good luck were said to **Eugene Ridenour,** a former employee of the Telephone Building.

Homer Balding, night tester, was on the sick list, but is back to work and feeling much better. **Joe Thompson,** trouble man, also was ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. However, he has returned to the firing line.

Congratulations were extended to **Everett Manthey** who was made field foreman.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

George Abel has eight stitches in a finger to remind him to remove his hand before closing the door.

Bob Dickman is trying to figure out a way to spend all the money he thinks he will inherit.

Bob Walker is stuck with the story he told about catching ten pike which weighed three pounds apiece.

Eddie Wolford never knew that teeth could have such long roots.

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

Bert Painter received a letter from **James O'Connor** who said he is happy in the Marines, but he would appreciate hearing from his pals.

Claude Cole and his $22.50 Ford spent a week-end on the farm—ask Claude where the Ford is now.

Maxine Hazel and family moved to Seneca recently.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

George Ricketts, chief train dispatcher, is giving his all in the war effort. Not only is he giving 10 per cent or more for War Bonds, but also is giving up his teeth.

Albert Delaney, comely stenographer, knows now what Sherman meant. Her ensign, it seems, is no longer within telephone reach.

Chief Yardmaster **Jim Fitzgerald** has received word from two of his former yardmasters, **Richard Carroll** and **Francis Johnson.** Dick is stationed somewhere in Africa and Francis is in Iran.

Electric Shop News
By John J. Kelly

Due to his age, **Lloyd Shreffler** was released from the Army Air Corps. All are glad to see him back at his old job as storekeeper.

Frank Morris has been confined to his home with the flu.

One of the first maintenance men to work in Group 70—**John Follett,** died at his home at 3321 West Monroe Street, Chicago, after an illness of two months. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Before his departure for the Army, **Mike Pellegrini** was presented with a pen and pencil set by the boys in the shop.

Round House
By Jim Thompson

David Kreider, Jr., left for the armed forces. **Edward Geeding** sent his regards to the gang from Virginia. Ed is in the "Seabees."

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

The department welcomes the following:

Ralph E. Hoehn, Roy E. Barth, Frank Lebo and **Joe Faludy.**

Jack Shelly caught his arm in a window while waving at some one.

It has been reported that **John Cann,** assistant supervisor of Wilton Center Township, has been paving **Mike Doyle's** road with corn cobs.

A card was received from **Robert Cohen** who is now in Boston. He expected to be in Ft. Devons the next day.

Harlan Kadow has shed his "galluses" and is now sporting a two-tone jacket.

Certain truck drivers have been sprucing themselves up lately, perhaps because of the presence of **Rita Bargra.**

Dominick Astorino solved his daily-dozen-doughnut problem; he is making them himself.

Joe Green got the jump on everyone and has planted several vegetables in his Victory garden.

Easter Sunday most everyone comes out in new togs. **Swan A. Sandahl** is waiting until Easter Monday, **April 26,** when Uncle Sam is going to give him a new outfit.

Earl Fick has been entertaining his brother, **Lester,** who is attached to the Air Corps at Altus, Okla.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

Flash! **Pat Fitzgerald,** one of the first girls to work in Bldg. 13, Group 1, was sworn into the WAACS April 9 and will leave for service Easter Monday. The group sends all its best wishes with Pat. She is the first Group 1 girl to join the services and the folks are really proud of her. They want to remind her, too, that she promised to send her address as soon as she was stationed.

Frank "Hon" Terlep, formerly of Bldg. 13, has notified his many girl friends that he's taking his training at the Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md. "Big Hon" says that at present he's a first class "shell-hole filler inner."

It is rumored that **Bob Hilt,** Bldg. 4, presented **Peggy Herbanek,** formerly of the same building, with a diamond. When anyone asks him to verify the rumor, Bob just grins from ear to ear, blushes until his ears look like stop-lights, and bobs his head up and down.

Janette Johnson and **Jean "Scotty" Knudsen** left for California April 1. They were certainly the envy of every cold-blooded member of Group 1, since there's a rumor that it's warm in California.

Sgt. John Buffo, aerial engineer gunner at Columbia Army Air Base, South Carolina, visited the Group the week of April 10. John worked in Bldg. 13 for 14 months and has been in the Air Corps for 10 months. He was quite surprised and a little jealous to see a girl doing his old job, but after watching her for a while he had to admit that she was doing a swell job. John was accompanied by **Pvt. B. J. Lipsey,** whom lots of people will remember as **W. E. Canniff's** chauffeur. Bud is located at Camp Adair, Oregon. John and Bud refused to miss Bldg. 14 on their visit (more girls there) and almost sprained their necks looking at **Frances Krenn.**

The Group would like **Bob Balma**—key timekeeper in Group 1 until last week—to know that he is missed. He might come back at least for a visit.

Ralph Albani of Bldg. 10 was the proud papa of a six-pound son last month. He hasn't named the baby yet, but if anyone wants to see his blood pressure go up, just ask him if he calls him "junior."

Sherman Butler, inspector, Bldg. 14, left for the army April 14. The old-timers especially will miss Sherman. They called him "Sugar" because he had such a sweet smile.

Margaret Taylor, who works on the midnight shift, walks to work from Custer Park, Ill.—believe it or not! She leaves home at 4 in the afternoon, stops in Wilmington for supper and gets to work on time. Margaret has two sons in the services—one in Florida and one overseas.

Jewel Chandler, Bldg. 13, has twin brothers in the armed forces, but at almost opposite ends of the country. One is stationed at Camp Atterburg, Indiana, and the other at Camp Wallas, Texas.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

Mary Jane Snapp, inspector, was married April 12 at Momence, Ill., to **William Schopf.** Mary Jane will return to Long Beach, Calif., with her husband who is stationed with the Marines near there.

Ann M. Weir—the "M" stands for "Mamie"—is an excellent cook. Her angel food cake is the envy of every girl in Primer Loading.

Candy making is **Dorothy Nilson's pride**—especially her divinity fudge.

Evelyn "Porky" Bault is right at home in Carbon Hill. She is doing all she can to further the mining of coal to keep her soldier friend in Alaska warm.

The girls in Delays are asking **Dorothy Berta** what was in the package she left in **Lt. (j.g.) Hiram Uplift's** car.

Rose Partak wears a pair of silver wings from **Joe Schuster,** formerly of Group 4.

Congratulations go to **Hal Pitchford** and his wife, **Millie,** upon the arrival of a 7½ pound daughter which they named **Joan Cecile.**

Ramona Wills, of the Delay Building, took a quick trip to Louisiana to marry that Gilmour boy. Best wishes **Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour!**

Helen Kuhayda and **Dorothy McCarthy** are becoming uniform conscious. Soldiers and sailors are cautioned.

His friends are wondering why **Red Kneller** is learning to speak "pig latin."

Helen Buck, timekeeper, left April 16 for Washington, D. C., to meet her husband-to-be, **Harold Murphy.**

Group 4 welcomes **Walt Whitman,** machinist, formerly of Group 9, to its fold!

Evelyn Tatroe is very interested in the Navy Air Corps—especially the branch at Lewis School.

Marie Huska is happy to report that her husband is rapidly recuperating and should be discharged from the hospital soon.

Theresa Svitek's friends plan to give a shower in her honor—some rainy day!

Bernadine Branz was a visitor in Pontiac last week-end. Her hosts were the McCaskys — especially **Pvt. Mike McCasky.**

Another new nickname has presented itself—**Helen "Cig" Bowler.** Helen refuses to explain it.

Julie Howard thinks the EOP Fire Department is the best in the world.

Catherine Bellegante is trying to get **Bill Bertwhistle** to take her to her home in Springfield some week-end. Bill is very considerate —of his tires!

Ronnie Carlson hopes that long skirts never come back into style.

Mary Foster is quite an artist. She studied art in school and has continued it as a hobby ever since.

Lois Schultz's favorite song is "Old MacDonald's Farm." She now answers to "Eiei Iiii Oooo"!

"Madame" Marie Hodina is a very capable magician having been instructed by her famous uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Elliott week-ended in Ohio. They have become so acclimated that they can't stay away from Illinois more than a few days.

Walter O'Hearn gives an excellent skit on production and the need of "stuff" by Gen. MacArthur.

Now it is known why **Deloris Wruk, Verona Lambert, Jo Kaiser** and **Ruth Westergaard** of 4-14 are so full of pep; you ought to see them jitterbug. But what happened to Jo when Deloris forgot to make a catch?

Many wonder why **Florence McGrath** was left breathless after reading the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

Several of the girls in 4-14 are anxious to visit **Mary Begler's** home.

There is some doubt if **Orville "Frenchie" Granger** can saw a board as straight as he claims he can.

Hazel Conover's son will soon be home on furlough. Maybe that's why Hazel is so happy these days.

Jack Dempsey, formerly Jumble & Jolt foreman, is now one of Uncle Sam's boys, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Ed Burns, who was transferred to Group 9, is missed by all his friends in Group 4.

Helen Kelly, timekeeper in Group 4, was transferred to Group 2, April 19. Her pleasant smile and laughing Irish eyes, will be missed by all in Group 4.

Don Leonard, foreman in 4-14, is back to work after several days' absence because of illness.

Group 5
By Cora Kay and Florence Schnebly

John "Doc" Lyman is welcomed back after a two-week illness.

Goodbyes were said to **Elmer Dodge,** truck driver, who leaves for the Army soon.

All were sorry to see **Bill Blonski, Larry Patton** and **Tommy Nesbit** leave Group 5.

Welcomes were extended to **Edward C. Riley, Dalton Daly, Joe Smith** and **Charles "Chuck" Farrington.**

The girls in the paint shop surprised **Jean Bolte** on her birthday when they presented her with a lovely gift.

Marian Bennett's theme song is "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Reluctant goodbyes were said to **Millie Schuster** who resigned as office girl. **Dorothy Arnold** is welcomed into the Group 5 office.

Group 7
By Ruth Starkman

The Tetryl girls seem to have spring house-cleaning fever even though spring weather hasn't arrived.

Many have heard of six letters a week, but six in one day! These were received by **Sonia Belec** from her boy friend.

Dorothy Cox visited her brother, who is in service at Camp Custer, Michigan, over the week-end.

Helen DuLany has been appointed manager of the girls' softball team.

Ruth Mueller and **Glen Evans** were married at Danville, Ill., April 10. They were both former employees of this group.

Helen Martin spent a week-end with her parents in Jacksonville, Ill.

Eloise Lane spent a week-end in Tonica, Ill., with her parents and her brother, who is on furlough from Camp Battle, North Carolina.

The reason **Pauline Hagerman** has been so blue lately is due to the shortage of letters received from South Carolina.

Lee Jorstad spent a week-end in Ottawa.

Group 7 has a patriotic and artistic painter, who has painted the clock, red, white and blue.

George Elum and **Waldo Baldon** are welcomed to Group 7.

Group 8

Friends of **Gertrude Jostak,** former Group 8 employee, will be happy to learn she has been given a rating as Auxiliary First Class and is stationed at Commerce, Texas.

Lorraine Nelson Hansen, inspector, is waiting to be called for service in the WAACS. She was inducted a week ago.

New Group 8 "Romeo" is **Mike Molnar.** He really plays the part.

All are glad to see **Frank Zupancic,** timekeeper, back at work, after having his tonsils removed. His voice is still slightly fuzzy.

Eugene Schuck, former timekeeper, was a recent visitor.

The clean-up girls avow that **Mabel Simpson** does a mean rhumba.

Group 9
By Virginia Anderson

It is rumored that **Bill Hartman,** inspector, who has a slight southern accent, is quite allergic to the tune of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."

Ed Nemanich was very sorry to see **Art Jensen** leave Group 9, especially since he has become a connoisseur on Victory gardens. It was very thoughtful of the boys at the Foremen's Quarters to give Art an encyclopedia on gardening.

Dorothy Murphy became engaged last week-end, when she went to Ohio to visit **Dan Bryan,** former foreman in Group 9.

Sam Bell, John Barna, Keith Smith, Joe Killealea, Bill Burke and **Al Hoppe** are all missed by their friends in Group 9.

Clarabelle McClain went to visit her brother who is in the Navy, stationed at Oxford University.

Luella Williams has been entertaining her son from Camp Phillips, Kansas, for a week.

Something happened to the potluck lunch **John Neeley** was supposed to receive April Fool's day?

Group 45

Mary Lampman is flashing a diamond. Her husband-to-be left for the Army April 7.

Christine Franklin and husband celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary April 11.

Millie Doyle must have had her dates and places mixed up when she went to the Legion Hall to attend a party that wasn't there!

Shirley Hoeller plans to move to Wilmington soon.

A welcome is extended to **Bill Blonske** who is now in Group 45.

Just wonders:

Where does **Mary Wright** get that big red apple every day. . .

Why did **Helen Firtz** forget to get off the bus the other night. . .

Why does **Ida Moers** look so blue lately. . .

Where did **Alice Jones** get the ring she's been wearing lately. . .

Why **Alice Meadows** has been buying new furniture lately. . .

What happened to **Edna Johnson's** arm?

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

For several weeks **Marge Bittles** has been extremely cautious about what she exclaims before anyone who might think it interesting enough to print in *The Bomb-Shell,* but her guard was down one morning. With a wild hand waving she shouted, "Hello Hank!" as a car stopped to allow the one in which she was riding to pass. As if allowing the other riders in the car to share her secret, she explained, "That's **Henry Schelling;** guess he must be back from his trip." By the way, **Henry Schelling, Jr.,** was in the Personnel Building yesterday looking very handsome in his Navy blues. He's now a petty officer first class and is about to start torpedo school.

Kathryn Smith claims that she is the nucleus of room 5, and that they affectionately call her "Nuccie" for a nickname. Unfortunately, even she is forced to admit that the pet name is spelled exactly as if it were "Nutty." Now she brags that husband, **Jim,** has the same enviable title out in group 3-A.

Louis Schuck, the Government timekeeper of the good attendance record, was entertaining all the girls the other day with the story about the two kinds of sugar. Now since the system has been changed and he doesn't come to the building to collect slips any more, he insists that he'll miss the bright and shining faces of the Personnel girls.

The newest measles expert in the business is **Helen McGinnis,** but she doesn't recommend the course. Do you have a headache? Do your eyes have shooting pains? Can you locate your arms, legs and back by the aches? Are you suffering with a sore throat? Then, my dears, you are not going to be the victim of the flue germ, but old man measles is coming to visit you according to Dr. McGinnis. She insists that she knows all about it because she's experienced.

From Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., comes word that both former investigator **Francis Gonce** and former interviewer **Clem Lambert** are training there with the "Sea-Bees." Neither has mentioned meeting the other in camp, so that surprise still awaits them. The whole department has expressed their wishes to witness that scene.

While the armed forces are the course being served, **Carmen Oldani** has a brand new subject about which to worry. Husband, **Sgt. Jimmy Oldani,** has been transferred to a new camp in Florida, just 58 miles from 15,000 WAACS. **Irene Mulligan** has heard that her boy friend is learning to ride a motorcycle over the sand. He enjoys it immensely, especially when they have races chasing small animals. **Rita "Rusty" Cushing** plans to visit her fiance, **Robert Gato,** in San Diego, Calif. In fact, she and Mrs. Gato were worrying about sending for reservations for early summer. **June Morgan** received a cablegram from her friend and now she's busy asking everyone if they can decode the opening letters to find out where he's stationed.

Everyone is becoming accustomed to hearing the girls complain about not receiving letters from their soldier and sailor boy friends, but the tables are turned when you hear a mother's quiet understatement, "I write and write but haven't had any word for so long. I might become impatient for an answer if I knew they were still there." One son is in Arizona and the other in California. She is **Bessie East** and a third son, **Tom,** will leave for the Army Air Corps soon.

Things that should be explained: The inability of **James George** to master the mail schedule, even with the boy coming early; **Eugene "Jean" Erp** saying that the infection on her finger didn't bother her at all—she explained that it was a different type of infection; **Helen Bardi's** new telephone laugh that sounds as if it needed a little oil; **Helen Pikush** refraining from doing something about **Henry "Gramps" Bale's** position when he was almost bent double looking in a file when he should have pulled up a chair.

Hurrying out the door, **Bernadine "Bing" Keenan** bumped the extending shelf on a typing "jeep" and knocked it down. Since old Lady Bad Luck was on the job instead of her kinder sister, the shelf was loaded with transfer slips which slid to the floor. That didn't phase "Bing" though. She calmly uttered, as much a statement as a question, "And I'll bet they were alphabetized, too." Then she bent over, gathered them up, sorted and placed them on the restored "wing" and walked out without another word. Such self control should be rewarded.

Charlotte Doxsee has her plans all laid for becoming a model farmerette. Potatoes will be the first crop to be planted in the plot that was allotted to her in the Administration Area. When you catch her with that rapt expression, you can bet the dreams are of tomato plants, carrots and lettuce. She snatches every opportunity to garner more advice, no matter if it doesn't agree with that which she's already had. If the weather permits, she declares that she'll spend all day Sunday with nature.

There's an old custom that if your younger sister is married before you are, you must dance in the horse trough. It is to this that **Jeanne Hershey** owes her downfall. Or should it be falling down? After her sister's wedding April 11, Jeanne's father and brother were chasing her to remind her forcibly of the rules and regulation which she must follow when she tripped. She's able to sit down today, but requires a great deal of care to do it comfortably.

REMINISCENT OF WINTER is this scene of loaded ammunition being taken into Group 64 for storage. Pictured are Robert Bowes (front), Charles Scroggins (rear) and Chris Manny, foreman.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK
Correspondent

The Material Warehouse employees welcome the following new members to the department: **Frances L. Grinrod, Iolene P. Croxen, Ernest A. Moser, Harry M. Hyatt** and **Robert F. Henneberry.** Mr. Moser is checking material and the two young women, Miss Grinrod and Mr. Croxen are part of the office force in the Group 70 warehouse. Mr. Hyatt is at Group 63 and Mr. Henneberry is stationed at North Inert. It is hoped they will enjoy their work here and remain for the duration.

If **Johnnie Purcell,** the former jockey, ever slips you the name of a horse, you are supposed to bet all the tea that's left in China that horse will win his next race. Nine times out of ten the horse he gives you won't win, but if you don't bet on him Johnnie will. Your correspondent gave Johnnie the sports section of a paper one day, and told Johnnie to select a winner at the Fair Grounds, which he did, but when he went to place a 50 cent bet on his selection, he learned the paper was a week old. The race was run the week before and the horse won and paid $86.40; so the old saying, "One day it's milk and honey" still goes.

The list up-to-date of the material warehouse employees who have joined the armed services follows:

Foster W. Merker, James C. Powers, John E. Neminich, Daniel H. Meyer, Hugh F. Corrigan, Joseph R. Ferguson, Ralph J. Jielsen, Robert E. Jones, David B. Kendrick, Ben H. Miller, George Vercimak, John S. Ralph, Thomas Raey, Frank J. Walsh, Glen Wheeler, Laverne M. Lindstrom, Bernard L. Klimeki, Donald B. Dewitt, Donald J. McCauley, George N. Stumpf, John K. Zopf, Earl W. McCoughey, George T. Gray, Thomas F. Costello, Richard A. McCallan, Deane E. Erickson, Clarence C. Rowolt, John D. Wharrie, Gaylord E. Spies, Wendall J. Overacker, Robert E. Gulso.

The Warehouse employees extend their sympathy to their fellow worker, **Oscar Horn,** whose brother-in-law died suddenly in Paris, Ill., April 9. This is the second trip Oscar made to Paris in the last few months on the same kind of mission.

Thomas Martin's friends wish his wife, who has been in a Joliet hospital, the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

QUANTITY of explosives and number of persons allowed in any bay at one time are limited and Paul Embick, safety engineer in the Fuze & Booster Area is shown here placing a card indicating limitations for a particular bay.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Overheard in the Recreation Building. A few executives were talking "Let's start a fad of wearing out all our old clothes. Maybe we could have a slogan like—See yourself in your neighbor's suit." It is not a bad idea and it would be something if EOP could start a fad like that. During the first World War, many office men used to come to work in overalls. If any one can suggest a start for this, let the Recreation Office know, and "Patches" might be made popular paraphernalia.

A new high score for the bowling alleys was made by **Anton Skov** of the Water Department—288—ten straight strikes, and after wabbling the head pin he got only eight pins, but finished with a spare.

Archery enthusiasts can look forward to plenty of competition this summer and are anxiously awaiting erection of the new range. It is being built next to the tennis courts. Watch **Wanda Hudak** in this sport.

Three new horseshoe courts are being built in the Recreation Area near the tennis courts and baseball field. The tournament that was frozen out last fall, might be played soon now; at least that is the way **James Kirwin, Virgil Bell, Frank Goldenstein** and **Angelo Amaoros** of the Fire Guards feel about it.

The four tennis courts in the Recreation Area in Group 60 are all set and ready for play. Several tennis rackets have appeared on the scene, and with a break in the weather, the courts should see a lot of play. If enough interest is shown invitations for teams to come to EOP will be sent to tennis clubs in nearby communities.

Lovers of square dancing should visit the USO Center in Wilmington. This ever popular center has been adding much to its program, in fact **Anne Lindsay** and **Harry Mantle**, the popular directors, are planning ways and means to enlarge their facilities to handle a greater number of persons. Much of the success of the square dancing can be given to **Arthur Sanders**, who is teaching and calling.

According to **Myrna Faris**, director of women's recreational activities, there will be plenty of keen competition this summer in the Women's Softball League with eight teams already in preparatory stages for the season. Any girl interested in playing is asked to contact the Employees' Activities Committee representative in her group. They are: Group 1—**Beverly Garing**; Group 3-A—**Lorraine Liesse** or **Mary Ragoni**; Groups 6 and 7—**Ruth Starkman**; Group 8—**Dorothy Lehman**; Group 9—**Dorothy Murphy**; Group 60—**Arlene Schloendorf**; Timekeeping Department—**Eva Sweda**; Personnel Department — **Dara Prew**; Women Guards—**Lucia Jane Pearson.**

Rose Le Bau, Carmen Oldani, Charlotte Doxsee, Jean Hershey and **Selma Brown** of the Personnel Department are going all-out for gardening this year. Their plot number is 158. All contributions of helpful gardening hints will be deeply appreciated. Other glamour girl gardenerettes are **Pearl G. Marshall**, Women Guards; **Edith Lewis** and **Jackie Binzen**, Administration Area, and Miss Ragoni of Group 3-A.

The lovely voice emanating from the Treasury Center program broadcast over WCLS March 20 and April 17 belonged to **Margie Bryant**, Women Guards.

Jo Donna, War Bond Department, is ready for tennis weather. 'Tis said she is the owner of several tennis trophies won in interscholastic competition.

Martha M. Lannon, USO director for Joliet, and **Helen Walker Holman**, member of the National USO Board, Washington, D. C., were visitors to the Recreation Hall April 16.

275 Victory Gardens Are Now Underway

Number May Grow To 500 As Workers Raise Own Vegetables

Victory gardens to the number of 275 are being prepared for EOP employees. Plots numbering have been assigned in the Administration Area and applications for 20 others are being held until more land can be prepared.

Additional ground will be converted into plots in the southeast corner of the Administration Area, with an entrance lane between the Foremen's Quarters and the nearby garages.

About 125 gardens have been plowed and prepared in the Groups for employees who do not care to come to the Administration Area to work on their gardens. This number is gradually increasing and it is believed that 500 gardens will be producing food for employees before the summer is over.

Workers realize that food will help win the war and write the peace. Victory gardens must not only raise food to help win the war, but Victory gardeners must develop a garden strategy which provides aggressive action for production of more vegetables, and for defense against their enemies—insects and disease.

While fighting a war to maintain freedom, it is necessary to see to it that the plants are secure with their essential freedom for life and growth. If there is any doubt about the proper way to plant and cultivate a garden, make use of the many fine articles and books which are on file in the Recreation Department.

Secretary of Agriculture **Claude R. Wickard** has suggested the slogan "Grow Vegetables for Vitality and Victory." Another "V" might be added to make the slogan "Grow Vegetables for Vitamins, for Vitality and for Victory."

You still have time to register for a plot. If you want a garden near your group, see your superintendent. If you want it in Group 60, register at the Recreation Office.

"E" FLAG now waves at North Gate of plant as daily reminder to those group workers who use this gate exclusively that they have won the Army-Navy Award for Production and can win a star for the flag by continuance of their production record.

Skov Bowls 288 to Lead Tourney

One hundred and fifty men are completing the Second Bowling Sweepstakes and, from the scores turned in, many of the boys have been showing their midseason form.

Anton Skov, Water Department, almost had a perfect game. After throwing 10 perfect strikes, he got an eight on his eleventh ball and cleared the alley for the spare, giving him a 288 for the game. This is the alley record, and may stand for some time. Mr. Skov said he threw a perfect game several years ago and he was trying hard for his second.

Seven men have topped the 600-pin mark, and that is a lot of wood for three games.

Several entries have not bowled yet, but the scores of the high men are as follows:

Bowler	Series	Hi Game
C. Ochs	627	219
T. Helling	623	217
Maj. Grant	619	223
A. Skov	611	288
C. Jiskra	611	224
M. Nelson	603	224
K. Bull	603	222
B. Bishop	594	222
J. Vaccaro	594	243
A. Hesley	593	217
H. Melby	592	209
W. Aschenbrenner	586	214
B. Hankes	578	217
C. Hickok	575	237
R. Eckberg	569	199
J. Hennesey	567	201
R. Mitchell	567	211
D. Matter	566	206
J. Truka	566	214
W. Mooney	564	200
J. Machino	563	203
V. Brawn	561	223
F. Kucera	560	192
H. Brett	554	190
R. Essington	549	201

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The Inspection Department baseball team will soon begin spring training under the watchful eye of **"Buck" Spiers.** The team will be chosen from the following players: **Lee Parsons, Jack Carroll, Doug Oram, Lloyd Changnon, Bob Walsh, Ollie Ehrsam, Ray Brennan, Paul Jackson** and **Frank Pitt**, all of Group 3-A; **Red Beeley**, Group 1; **Owen Golden**, Group 2, and **Tony Lutkus**, Scale Department. Other inspectors who desire to play baseball are asked to make those wishes.

A new inspector was added to the force at Group 3-A in the person of **Ollie Ehrsam**, formerly of Group 2.

Paul "Shoeless" Jackson, shift supervisor at Group 3-A, ran off and got married April 14. The entire group wishes he and his bride the best of luck.

The Inspectors at Group 3-A wish to say *"hello"* to the following list of buddies in the armed services: **Don "Red" McKenzie, Gib Miller, Marvin Offenbach, Don Walsh, John Savage, Orrin Long** and **Bob Manning.**

Bob Walsh is quite proud of the fact that his brother, Don, is a member of the 5th Army Air Force which recently sent 22 ships of a Jap convoy to see Davy Jones.

Ray Brennan and **Herman Steinman** are better known to the Group 3-A Inspectors as "O'Connor and Goldberg."

An old friend of the Group 3-A gang and once an inspector is seen quite frequently about the group tearing down and putting up pipes. He is none other than **Tony "Yard Bird" Rusko.**

The Inspectors bowling team fell down in the Joliet city bowling tournament, but some of the members won individual prizes. In the doubles Spires and Walsh hit 1171 pins to get in the money. In the singles **Colby Erickson** had 606, Spiers shot 610, and Walsh got 643. All of these were in the money. Changnon, one of the mainstays of the team, had a pair of bad nights. The team participated in the Joliet C.Y.O. tournament at Rivals Club April 18.

Inspector Oram, Group 3-A, is the proud pater of a five and one-half pound son.

Anyone desiring information on chick raising should consult **Bill Hartman**, who is an authority on chickens, especially baby chicks.

Group 8 Inspectors seem to be going "all out for Victory." **Lorraine Nelson** joined the WAACS and **Norma Castle** started nurses training at St. Joseph's hospital.

If the food supply gets low next winter, it's a pretty sure bet there'll be a good square meal at **Ralph Pratt's.** Yes, it's a Victory garden.

Willard Vail, socialite of Group 6, attended the Fellowship Meeting April 8 in rare form. Some one asked where he was the preceding evening.

A cure for boils on the nape of the neck would be appreciated by **Berniece Sperry**, Group 8. After a week off with one she returned to work with her neck still in a plaster.

Mabel Dean, Group 8, left April 10 to attend welding school in Kankakee.

Anyone wanting information as to the time and place of Fellowship Meetings may obtain it from **Lorrayne Ostrem**, if she hasn't quit giving that information.

Warren Hair, Group 3, left April 15 to answer the call of Uncle Sam.

Ration board will be glad to hear of the diets some inspectors have adopted. **Lillian Nesst** said that **Eleanor Hoagland** can have a share in her uniform. **Gen Karpel** and **Dorothy Kinder** are wearing out the shipping room scales in search of reject weight.

Lucille Line and **Betty Ostrowski**, who have been here for almost a year, left for their homes in Kankakee.

Ruth Mueller, who by the time this issue is printed will be **Mrs. Glenn Evans**, also will be missed by her friends here.

Many wonder if **James Nolan** ever found the solution to that "T" puzzle he worked on so ardently.

Walter Britton learned that it doesn't pay to bet on the proverbial closeness of Scotsmen. Everybody enjoyed the candy anyway.

Jack Heavens received formal greetings from his Uncle Sam. He left for the induction center April 17.

The North Inert Garden Club has begun the race to see who can raise melons as large as **Leslie Cloyd** has down at Peoria. It is feared they will never reach maturity so close to the Fire Station. Other members of the Club are **Owen Ralston, John Ney, William Denver, William Jones, George Bradbury, Edgar Weakly** and **Edward Grenshaw.**

Mr. Ney will not experiment again with car polish. He finally restored it to its original lustre after three hours exertion.

Joseph Birsa has just one good fender left. **Ed Zarley** says he can get some in better shape at the Salvage Depot. There can be no more depreciation on his car, considering its shape.

Cyrille Grandame returned after a brief visit to Gillispie, Ill. He expects to be inducted into the Army and all will regret to see him leave.

A fine letter to the editor of the Melvin, Ill., newspaper was written by **Lloyd Thomson, Jr.**, air cadet, son of the Group 61 inspector.

The fellows of "Yank's Delight" nitrate farm miss **Sam Mount** who left recently. His last promise was an invitation to the wedding.

Cards were received from **Bill Kurkamp** and **Jack Darkins**, who worked together at Group 61 and are now living and flying together at a Southern flight school.

Congratulations are in order for **Mr. and Mrs. William Kirban**, Scale Department, who are proud parents of a son.

Softball Play Starts May 4 with 12 Teams

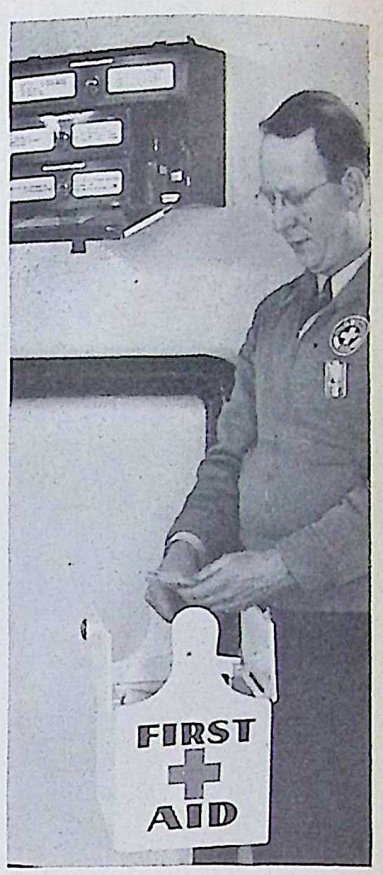
Softball players plan to pry off the lid of the season Tuesday, May 4. **John Kusinski**, director of athletics for the Recreation Department, is busy making up the schedule for the opening games.

There will be 12 teams in the league including:

Group 61, Inert Storage, Group 3-A, Group 3, Group 2, Group 1, Guards, Army and Administration Bldg., Group 70, Fuze & Booster Lab, Bus Drivers and Fire Guards.

The managers agreed to play games each Tuesday and every other Friday, leaving the alternating Friday open for games which are postponed because of bad weather.

There will be two rounds and the winning teams will be suitably rewarded by trophies furnished by the Recreation Department. Games will be played in the groups as well as on both diamonds in the Recreation Area in Group 60.



FIRST AID kits are now serviced in Group 2 by Loren Cain, safety engineer, with a neat carrying case and he is no longer referred to as a "Good Humor Man," as he was previously when he carried cardboard cartons.

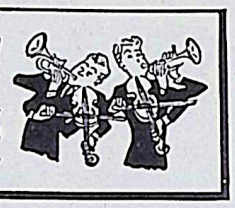
Spring Frolic Set For May 2 Here

Plans have been formulated by the War Department Employees Service Committee under the general chairmanship of **Richard L. Nemanich** for a May Frolic to be held at the Recreation Building Sunday, May 2.

The festivities will commence at 6 p. m. Recreational facilities will be available to everyone. Dancing to the music of Roy Gordon's Band will be from 9 to 1 o'clock. Cards, movies and entertainment will be featured prior to dancing. Door prizes will be given. There will be an admission fee of 75 cents a person, which includes tax and refreshments.

This party is intended as an informal get-together for all EOP employees, and the Employees Service Committee is doing everything to make it a success. Members are **Bess Moore**, president; Mr. Nemanich, vice president; **Anne D. Kakara**, secretary; **Mara Puett**, treasurer; **Kermitt L. Long, Edward J. Nemanich, Ethel Campbell, Loretta Franke, Mavis Emerson** and **Geraldine M. Ward.**

Happy Birthday to You!



This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

April 26

Marlan O. Ashley, Group 3; **Bernice Averweg**, Group 8; **Anna H. Bartz**, Group 1; **Harry E. Billadeau**, Group 3-A; **Paul J. Burke**, Group 61; **Claude Carra**, Group 3-A; **Eleanor D. Casper**, Group 9; **Ira L. Cawthorn**, Group 1; **Rene J. Dandurand**, Group 2; **Thomas J. Dooley**, Utilities; **Shelby Gibson**, Guards; **Loretta M. Hibler**, Group 8; **Dwight Huggett**, Utilities; **Margaret I. Kay**, General Accounting; **Orville L. Lamie**, Group 1; **Hal S. Lantz**, Group 3; **Emma L. Lucht**, Group 1; **Edith Marta**, Group 9; **Moretta V. McClure**, Group 4; **Clark F. Moore**, Timekeeping; **Robert C. Nevin**, Utilities; **Johnnie E. Pruitt**, Inert Warehouses; **Anne P. Zasade**, Group 9; **John R. Rajala**, Utilities; **Marguerite K. Spenard**, Group 1; **Margaret A. Stockton**, Group 5; **Nettie M. Whitson**, Group 1.

April 27

Lawrence B. Anderson, Group 3; **Leonard N. Bertrand**, Group 1; **Joseph H. Bright**, Utilities; **William A. Buck**, Utilities; **Otis Clark**, Group 1; **Joseph D. Collins**, Guards; **Mike Carnale**, Utilities; **Ray E. Crouch**, Utilities; **Bessie J. Drendel**, Group 4; **William G. Dwyer**, Timekeeping; **Leonard A. Fisk**, Inert Warehouses; **Elinor L. Gudath**, Ordnance; **Robert J. Hankes**, Group 3; **Marcella A. Hebert**, Group 4; **Elsie H. Hoover**, Group 6; **Nelda I. Huff**, Group 3-A; **Albert Jahnke**, Group 3; **Willard C. McKnight**, Group 3; **Roland Maneno**, High Explosives; **Charles B. Mansfield**, Group 3-A; **Alice L. Meadows**, Utilities; **Walter C. Morlock**, Finished Rounds; **Edward A. Morrisette**, Group 1; **Viola M. Murray**, Group 3-A; **Charles E. Norton**, Utilities; **John Pastere**, Group 3; **Raymond H. Poskin**, Utilities; **Rita C. Russetto**, Group 7; **Harold E. Smothers**, Group 3-A; **Margaret D. Smutnak**, Group 7; **Lewis E. Tilton**, Group 7; **Ira Wheeler**, Group 3-A.

April 28

Frank B. Abbott, Utilities; **Mack Armstrong, Sr.**, Group 4; **Margaret L. Boblett**, Group 9; **George H. Bowers**, Group 1; **Alvin E. Gausch**, Group 61; **David W. Hall**, Maintenance; **Florence B. Halverson**, Group 7; **Agnes Z. Hodges**, Group 4; **Betty J. Johnson**, Group 6; **Carrie D. Laabs**, Group 6; **Verona H. Lambert**, Group 4; **William L. McGinnis**, Utilities; **Mildred D. Rub**, General Office; **Edward C. Millings**, Group 7; **Sophie C. Mores**, General Office; **Joseph N. Nordi**, Group 1; **William E. Parsons, Jr.**, Group 3-A; **Walter E. Peterson**, Engineering; **George T. Powell**, Guards; **Joseph M. Setina**, Utilities; **Claude Witt**, Utilities.

April 29

John M. Bennett, Group 1; **Dorothy M. Berta**, Group 4; **Seward A. Brown**, Group 61; **Frank V. Burk**, Group 2; **Harold V. Clodi**, High Explosives; **Dorothy L. Cox**, Group 7; **Louis A. Dinelli**, Group 4; **Horace C. Ellis**, Group 6; **Emma M. Engel**, Group 7; **Harold L. Gibson**, Inert Warehouses; **Rosemary D. Howell**, Group 1; **Margaret H. Kangley**, Ordnance; **Peter Laznr**, Guards; **John S. Leitzell**, Utilities; **Vivian B. Lindsey**, Guards; **Ann Matin**, Utilities; **Emil John Planca**, Utilities; **Margaret Senko**, Group 9; **Harvey A. Sessi**, Group 4; **Mark F. Settlemoir**, Guards; **Donald J. Shepherd**, Group 2; **Frank O. Sonnenberg**, Utilities; **Hilda M. Stokes**, Group 7; **G. W. Stratton, Jr.**, Utilities; **Kenneth G. Tinges**, Guards; **Angela M. Turk**, Group 8; **Harry S. Walkers**, Group 3; **Madaline K. Wilson**, Group 9.

April 30

Paul P. Anderson, Group 3; **Rosemary B. Audette**, Group 1; **David C. Durham**, Guards; **Mary G. Edwards**, Plant Protection; **Lee F. Ely**, Utilities; **Katherine E. Gilbert**, Group 5; **Edward A. Hackbarth**, General Accounting; **Robert H. Hanson**, Group 2; **Dean C. Harrison**, Group 3-A; **Richard C. Hilgert**, Group 7; **Marjorie R. Johnson**, Group 9; **Marie K. Johnson**, Group 4; **Roger R. Johnson**, Group 3-A; **Marjorie A. Kelly**, Plant Protection; **Joseph E. Moss**, Utilities; **Earl J. Mulhall**, Guard; **Jack C. Oaks**, Guards; **Anna L. Padilla**, Group 6; **John W. Phelan, Jr.**, Ordnance; **Lee R. Sanders**, Group 3; **John R. Searth**, Utilities; **Harry Traynor**, Group 3-A; **Marjorie Ulmer**, Group 1; **Genevieve Vecellio**, Group 9; **Nicholas M. Warren**, Group 61.

May 1

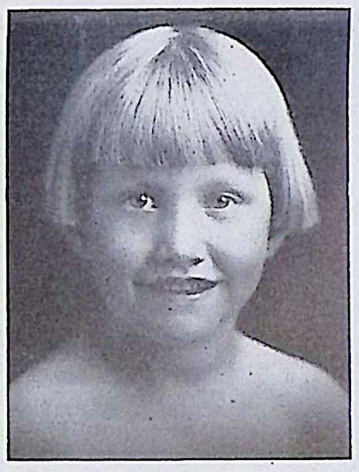
Lawrence Allison, Group 1; **Genevieve Abraham**, Group 8; **James Alpaugh**, Inert Storage; **Curtis L. Archinal**, Group 3-A; **Mary L. Bistry**, Group 9; **Virgie D. Bowen**, Group 9; **Julia H. Brock**, Group 6; **Robert G. Burnside**, Group 3-A; **Connie H. Clement**, Group 3-A; **Lezetha M. Coys**, Finished Rounds; **Fred E. Dean**, 3-2; **Connie M. Downs**, Group 1; **William C. Dust**, Guards; **Kenneth J. Elman**, Group 7; **G. A. Faford**, Utilities; **Ed T. Maurice**, Group 1; **Walter Hulbert**, Inspection; **Peter Lazier**, Utilities; **James Long**, Group 1; **Ida Mae Maisonneauve**, Group 1, **Michael Mauss**, Inert Storage; **John McCune**, Utilities; **John McDonald**, Utilities; **Allen Meadows**, Group 1; **Mary Mores**, Group 1; **Maurice Nicholas**, High Explosives; **Mary Plamer**, Group 1; **John Parris**, Group 3; **Harley Poynter**, Group 3-A; **Bernice Rodgers**, Group 5; **George Rummel**, Engineering; **Thomas Simison**, Inspection; **Esther Sims**, Group 7; **Gerald Sisson**, Group 1; **Keith Smith**, Group 2; **Leroy Stutz**, Utilities; **Kathryn Testa**, Group 7; **Ray Underhill**, Group 1; **Wilber Wagner**, Group 61; **Walter Wahl**, Utilities; **Mable Welch**, Group 1; **Emery Wilber**, Group 3-A; **Paul Worthley**, Group 3-A; **George Barclay**, War Department; **Donald Butts**, War Department; **Gladys Vorhees**, War Department.

May 2

Samuel Allen, Group 1; **Mae B. Boudreau**, Group 4; **Grace Caldwell**, Utilities; **Albert T. Campbell**, Group 3; **Albert M. Cheney**, Utilities; **Alfred Dearth**, Personnel; **John F. Enrietta**, Utilities; **Willard J. Essington**, Fire; **John Fassio**, Utilities; **Walter J. Finnell**, Inert Storage; **Helen Grutka**, General Offices; **Frank Heine**, Inspection; **Tony Lanasky**, Group 3; **Harry Lehner**, Utilities; **Quentin B. Leverich**, Group 3; **Vera L. Mains**, Group 4; **George Phipps**, Group 1; **Fred Pine**, Group 3-A; **Ralph Rausch**, Fire; **Herman Satterfield**, Guards; **Henry Schulte**, Guards; **Veronica Shoudis**, Group 1; **Irene St. Ange**, Group 7; **John Stytz**, Utilities; **Marguerite Welch**, Group 1; **Frances Wheeler**, Group 1; **Leslie White**, Inspection; **Irene Williams**, Group 1; **Francis Olroyd**, War Department.

May 3

George W. Bigelow, Utilities; **Bertha L. J. Bland**, Group 1; **Mary E. Burke**, Plant Protection; **Elrid A. Cantway**, Group 1; **Lee Doyle**, Group 3; **Joseph F. Farrell**, Utilities; **Mary Ohler**, War Department; **Frank R. Fish**, Utilities; **Marion E. Giles**, Group 1; **Maudie Huddlestum**, Group 1; **Clarence Kline**, Fire; **Margaret Lynde**, Group 1; **A. J. MacLellan**, Inspection; **Mary McClintock**, Group 1; **Eugene Newton**, Group 1; **Wendell Oberlin**, Utilities; **Twila Powell**, Group 9; **Violet Read**, General Accounting; **Rowana Roberts**, General Accounting; **Emma Romano**, Group 4; **Mary F. Scully**, Utilities; **Frank Yedlicka**, Utilities.



SCORCHY? No, this is Arthur "Artsie Boo Boo" Jensen, assistant superintendent of Group 6 at the tender age of three. Other comments are not necessary.

May 4

John Hamilton, Group 3; **Lois Harvey**, Group 1; **Don Hoffman**, Guards; **Nilinda Naese**, Group 3-A; **E. O. Huey**, Plant Protection; **Vivian Kramer**, Group 4; **Therese Lehnert**, Group 9; **Victor Maleski**, Utilities; **Mary McCarthy**, Group 1; **Harold Olenn**, Group 2; **Marie Paquette**, Group 9; **Oden Poynter**, Group 3-A; **Irita Rice**, Group 3-A; **Mildred Rogers**, Group 3-A; **Elma Sansom**, Group 4; **Victor Skorripa**, Finished Rounds; **Sam Thomas**, Group 2; **Florence Triplett**, Group 1; **Jack Turner**, Inspection; **Geraldine Wier**, Production Planning; **Kathryn Ochs**, War Department.

May 5

Svent E. Ahlvin, Utilities; **John B. Ala**, Group 2; **Harold P. Anderson**, Utilities; **Haney S. Bankston**, Inert Storage; **Ferne N. Bever**, Group 9; **Howard E. Brooks**, Group 4; **Rolland Buckner**, Utilities; **John R. Burmeister**, Group 4; **Marie Burns**, Group 9; **Orville Carpenter**, Group 6; **John R. Daniels**, Group 2; **William S. Downey**, Inert Storage; **Christine Eelmovich**, Group 9; **Lewis Ethington**, Group 2; **Richard Farley**, Inspection; **Pauline Ferrari**, **Lowell French**, Guards; **Mildred Gates**, Group 9; **Gertrude Gierich**, General Offices; **Mae Goodman**, Group 1; **Virginia Harrod**, War Department; **Bertha Kehlet**, War Department; **Clayton Hedrick**, Group 1; **Elmer Henry**, Group 61; **Monica Higgins**, Group 1; **Vernon Hilt**, Group 1; **Florence Keller**, Group 4; **Otto Koch**, Utilities; **Samuel Koons**, Group 4; **Walter Lapinski**, Group 3-A; **Benno Nell**, Purchasing; **Clarence Nelson**, Group 2; **Stanley Owen**, Group 2; **Loren Rodgers**, Guards; **Carl Schnepper**, Group 1; **Clayton Schaubel**, Inert Storage; **Elmer Strickler**, Utilities; **Carl Tock**, High Explosives; **Orpha White**, Group 7; **Pauline Xanders**, Group 1.

May 6

Edmund Ahern, Guards; **Suson B. Bagay**, Group 7; **John F. Benson**, Group 61; **William Blanske**, Group 7; **Pearl M. Brown**, Finished Rounds; **John Calabria**, Utilities; **Ellis Campbell**, Group 1; **Harry Carney**, Utilities; **Shirley Carter**, Group 7; **Edward Cummings**, High Explosives; **Ruth Casstevens**, Group 1; **Maurice Denbo**, Utilities; **William Dunn**, Utilities; **Gwendolyn K. Ellis**, Group 4; **Eva M. Espy**, Group 9; **Victor Fourier**, Group 61; **James Halpin**, Group 68; **John Hayes**, Group 61; **Phyllis Hezlep**, Group 5; **George Knezevic**, Group 3; **Grover Koppleman**, Guards; **William Matthews**, Plant Protection; **Scott Myers**, Group 1; **John Paul**, Group 1; **Olan Perry**, Group 3-A; **Isabel Plummer**, General Accounting; **Matthew Ryan**, Utilities; **Anton Sarheim**, Group 3-A; **Leroy Smith**, Group 3-A; **Mae Steroti**, Group 8; **John Tallman**, Group 4; **William Tezak**, Group 1; **Robert Walker**, Group 3-A; **Howard Wilson**, Group 1; **Lyle Wilson**, Group 1; **Hilbert Zeller**, Utilities.

May 7

Grant Baxter, Utilities; **George F. Bent**, personnel director; **Everett G. Brooks**, Group 3-A; **Howard Cadwell**, Group 61; **Kenneth F. Clark**, Utilities; **Gilbert Coles**, Group 1; **Roland M. Cooper**, Guards; **Ed L. Cook**, Group 2; **Ida S. Diercouff**, Group 3-A; **Tom S. Downey**, Fire; **Louis E. Dunn**, Group 3; **Edna French**, Group 1; **Charles Jones**, Utilities; **Charles Kennedy**, Utilities; **Wendell Klemm**, Group 3; **Anita Lambur**, War Department; **Joseph Billy**, High Explosives; **Delbert Latimer**, Group 1; **Dorothy Linnard**, Group 1; **Earl Mayes**, Finished Rounds; **Paul Meyer**, General Accounting; **William Minton**, Group 1; **Meredith Mosely**, Utilities; **Ladena Olson**, Group 7; **Irene O'Reilly**, Group 3-A; **Estorino Pastori**, Inert Storage, **Wayne Pegau**, Group 2; **Ludwig Porro**, Utilities; **John Prince**, Group 3; **Casimera Reichman**, Utilities; **Owen Reilly**, Guard; **Truman Rickert**, Utilities; **Lyle Riggs**, Group 2; **Anna Rudd**, Group 1; **Jacob Schuch**, Fire; **Edwin Sloss**, Group 1; **Edward Snygler**, Group 1; **Elmer Tolf**, Inspection; **Ethelene Vanhook**, Finished Rounds; **Lawrence Wiegmann**, Group 8; **Stanley Zagar**, watchman; **Frank Zupancic**, Group 8.

May 8

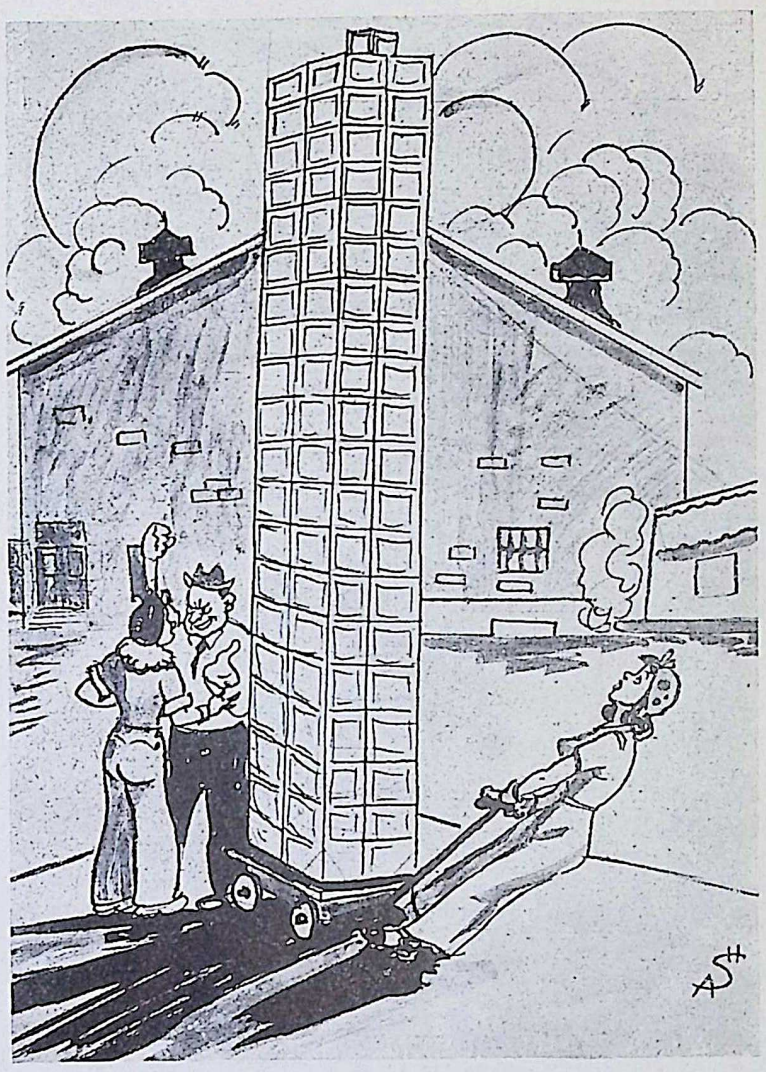
Clarence Bartlett, Utilities; **Ferris S. Crocker**, Group 2; **Joseph B. Ellison**, High Explosives; **John B. Eberhart**, Utilities; **Joseph Fabijanski**, Group 3-A; **Nuel Gamble**, Guards; **Clarence Garrison**, Group 2; **Charles Haines**, Utilities; **James E. Hall**, watchman; **George Haring**, Utilities; **Paul Hatfield**, Group 1; **Clayton W. Ishmiel**, Utilities; **Fred Johnson**, Group 2; **Otis Lee**, Inert Storage; **Robert Lewis**, Utilities; **Clara Lively**, Group 1; **John Lawrence**, Group 3; **Eugene Maguire**, Group 1; **Mary Marlette**, Group 1; **Alphonse Marcotte**, Utilities; **Irene Mellinger**, General Accounting; **Otto Mietz**, Fire; **Joseph Mills**, General Accounting; **Robert Morrison**, Group 61; **Clyde Nutt**, Utilities; **A. F. Patterson**, Guards; **Elizabeth Price**, Group 5; **G. Rogina**, Fire; **Antone Schnelten**; Fire; **Margaret Schaefer**, Group 5; **Edwin Scholl**, Group 4; **Stanley Tworek**, Inert Storage; **Norman Voight**, Group 5; **Kenneth Waters**, Utilities; **Charles White**, Group 3-A.

May 9

Anton Infeld, Group 3-A; **Ruth Judge**, Group 3-A; **Jed Kemery**, Utilities; **Helen Mathison**, Group 8; **Charles Miller**, Utilities; **Pat Nevin**, Group 1; **Lillie Newson**, Group 1; **Lawrence Oakley**, Guards; **William Porter**, Group 3; **Harry Puckett**, Purchasing; **Vernanice Quade**, Purchasing; **Margit Randall**, Group 8; **Lelia Riggs**, Group 1; **John Rydman**, Timekeeping; **Gladys Seaton**, Group 5; **James Small**, Fire; **Virgil Sparks**, Group 3; **Bette Walters**, Plant Protection; **Eugene Wallace**, Guards; **John Warland**, Group 1; **Vivian Williams**, Utilities.

Bryant Now Lieutenant

W. T. "Bill" Bryant, formerly insurance adjuster at the EOP Hospital, has received a commission as a lieutenant in an Army anti-aircraft division following his graduation from Officers Training School at Camp Davis, North Carolina. Following a furlough home, he returned to the school as an instructor.



"Well, you said to bring in all of Lot 22-154H!!"

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Elsie B. Roberts, new x-ray technician, was welcomed here April 5. She is a graduate of the Northwestern Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis, Minn., and took additional training as a laboratory and x-ray technician from the Edgewater Hospital in Chicago. Formerly employed at the Post Graduate Hospital in Chicago, she commutes between there and the plant.

Flash! Flash! Can he swing the chromium behind him. The song "Tie Me to Your Apron Strings Again" was recalled when **Dr. Bohdan Giel** walked through the Hospital with a Kelly forceps clamped to his gown belt. Was his face red when he found his attachment. He is still wondering who was responsible.

Charles T. Palmer, **Fred Rumney** and **Bill Siefert** will all stand on a stack of Bibles and swear that they are receiving the best of treatment while being hospitalized. Mr. Palmer goes so far as to ask his nurse for permission to eat this or that. And that is something.

Spring is here and you don't need your heater on now. **Dr. G. F. Luke's** riders were frozen stiff all winter as he had no heat in his car—when they complained his answer was — "I don't know what's wrong with that darn heater, it used to heat last winter." Mentioning it to a mechanic the other day that it didn't work —He examined same. Oh! here's the trouble—pulling out the button. Dr. Luke, red faced, said he was afraid to touch it—because he didn't want to break it.

The expression "You can't eat your cake and have it too," holds false for June Hull. However, **Dorothy Busse** was left holding the bag in this deal.

That statue in the hall isn't a knight in armor, but only **James Stiglich**, known as Cave Man.

Going through the gate in her Studebaker was **Nellie Lazio** in a stew, when the North Gate guards laughed at her for driving to work on her "A" card.

Marie Ulrich took **Dorothy Lundin's** place at Group 1 during her short illness.

Dr. A. Bustin is getting down to earth by renting a plot of ground for a garden.

Ozro Blanchard shared **Marjorie Hartong's** piece of homemade pie. She claims her mother is the world's best pie maker.

Mary V. Kulpa put another candle on her birthday cake April 15.

Pete Busanelli said—"you kin talk about all your Victory Gardens you wanta—but you come to my house anda I'll show my garden —They are dat high"—(showing a distance of four inches between fingers).

Speaking about gardens—no reports have come in about **Tom Moore's** moonvine patch. Did he give up? Has the rain washed the seeds away? (To be continued.)

Going to sleep under a sun lamp has the same or worse effect as the sun. **Mary Philbin** has demonstrated the results. **Leslie Ross** can get away with saying—"Is your face red"—when she looks up from her typewriter.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT — BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

Riders Wanted—Can accommodate four on regular day shift, 7 to 3:30, from Kankakee. **Paul W. Hatcher**, Group 70, Line 2184.

For Rent — Double room for two girls, $7.50 a week. 103 N. Broadway, Joliet, ½ block from Jefferson. 1 block from Western. Phone Joliet 2-6073 or 4274, **Miss Carpenter.**

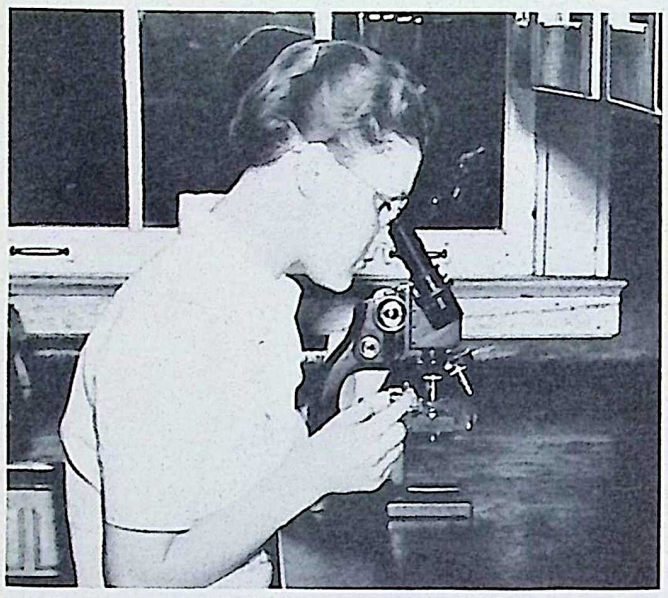
For Sale—600,000 white spruce trees, 6 years old, 15 to 18 inches high. Bundles of 50—7 cents a tree; bundles of 200—5 cents a tree. **E. R. Bick**, 327 South LaSalle St., Chicago. Phone Wabash 1530.

For Sale—Black and white cocker spaniel pups. Call Line 3256 or Coal City 2691.

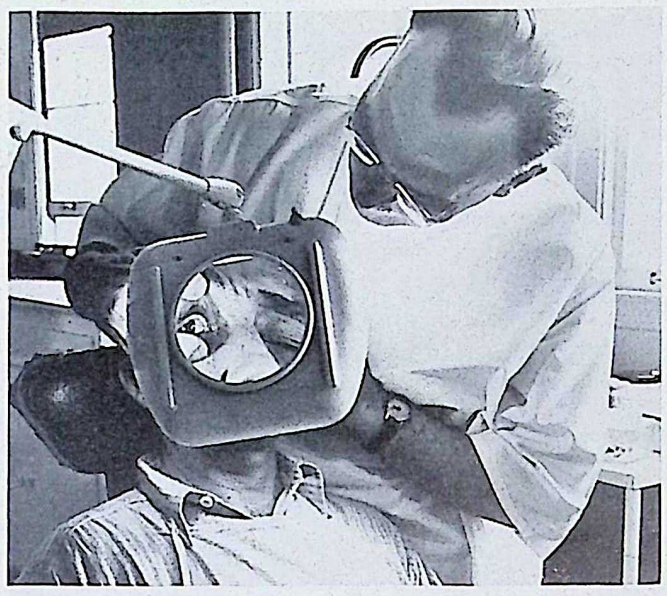
Riders Wanted—Joliet to plant, 7:30 to 3:30 shift and 3:30 to 11:30 shift. Call **Dorothy Bick**, Motor Pool, Line 2187.

Riders Wanted—Two riders to Group 70, 7:30 to 4 shift, from Joliet in the vicinity of Raynor Ave. and West Jefferson St. Call Joliet 5518 or EOP 5115. Good car and tires and a careful, dependable driver.

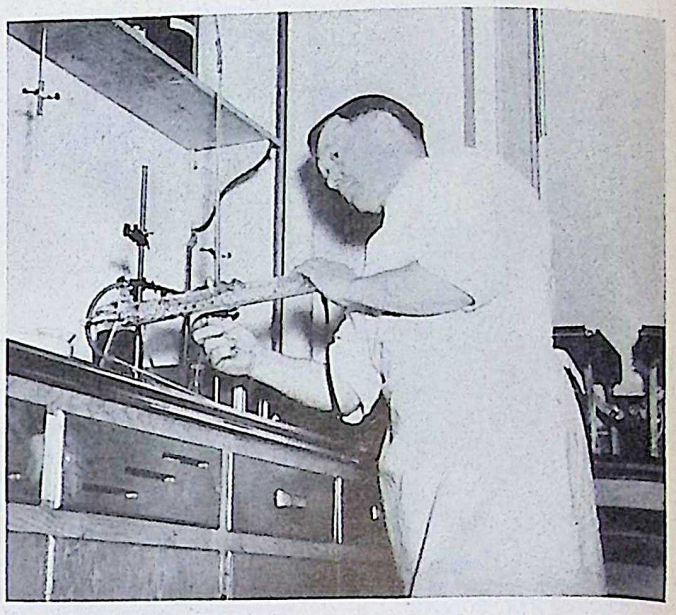
ELWOOD ON PARADE



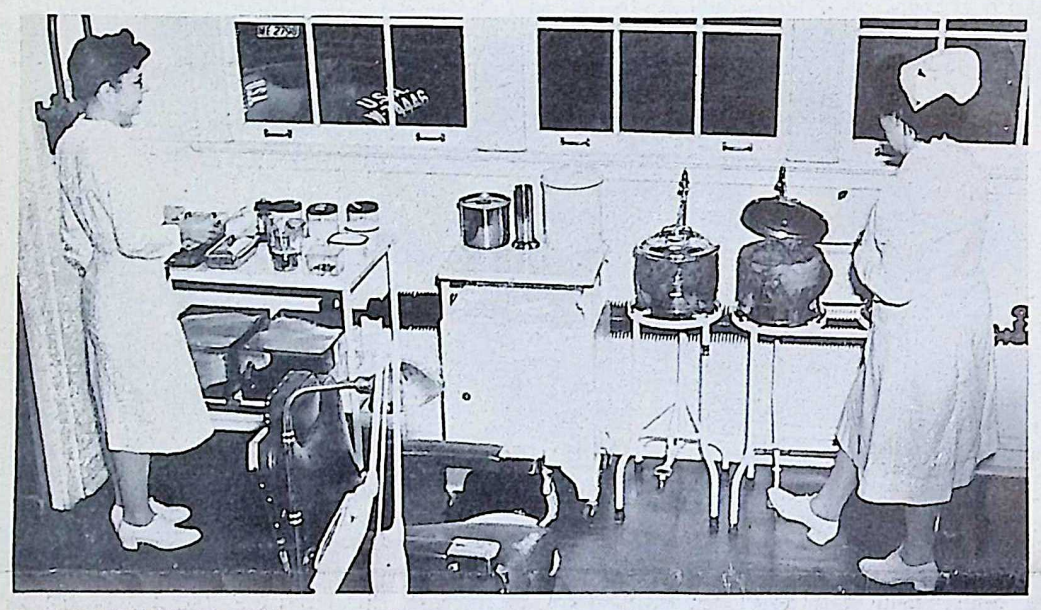
MICROSCOPIC examinations of blood specimens are an important phase of EOP Hospital activities. Evelyn Doran, technician, is shown here at her work.



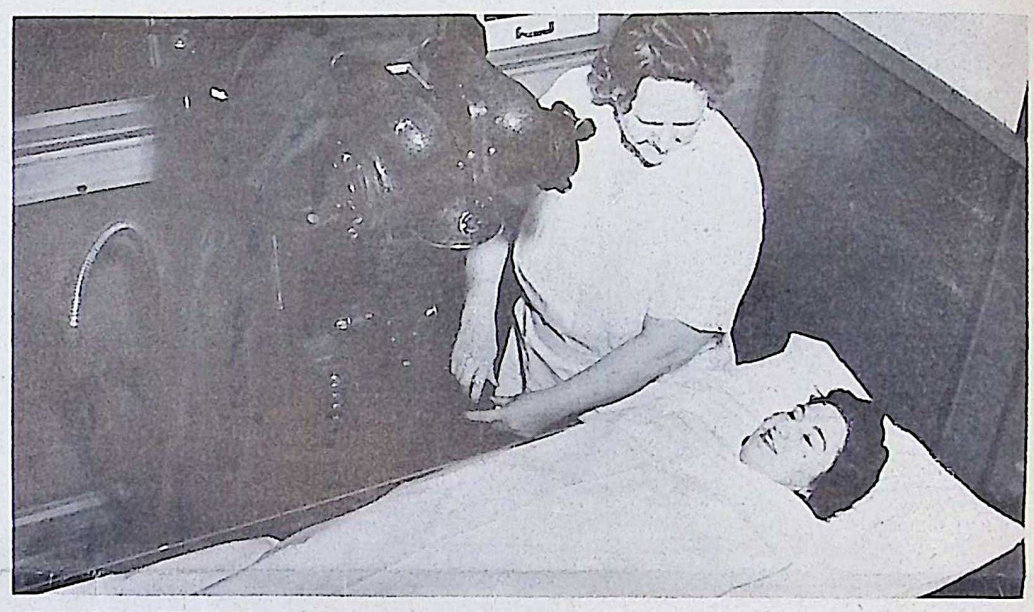
MAGNIFIED through a powerful glass, injured eyes are more easily examined. Dr. L. N. Kohler is looking at the eye of Pete Busanelli, janitor.



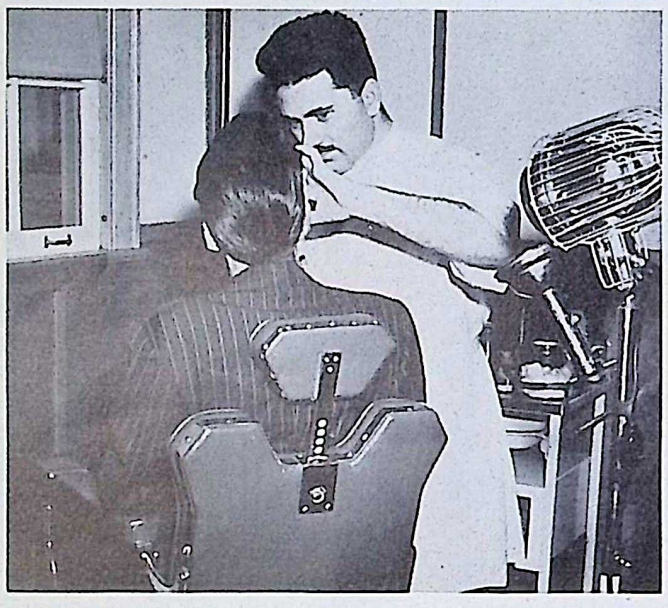
TRACES OF TNT are detected by the Webster test. R. R. Sidell, supervisor of the EOP Hospital Laboratory, is pictured here running such a test.



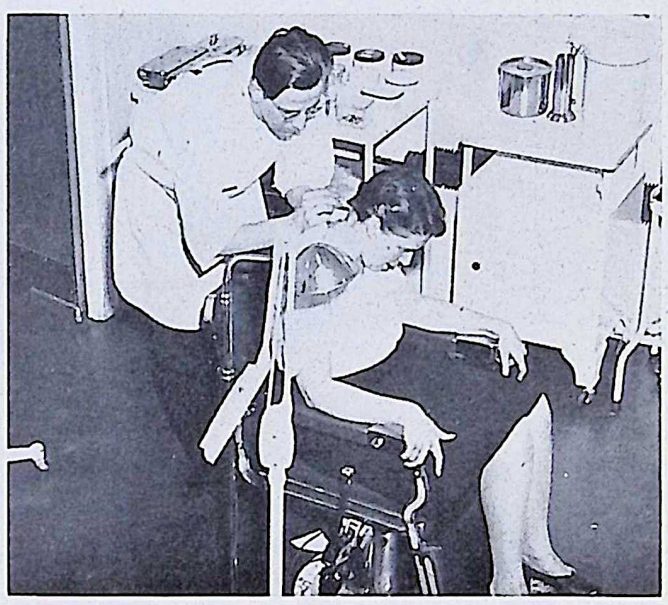
EMERGENCY ROOM at the EOP Hospital, used for initial examination and some types of treatments, is as spotless as the rest of the institution. Here Veronica Kelly (left) and Kay Lindblad, nurses, are sterilizing instruments.



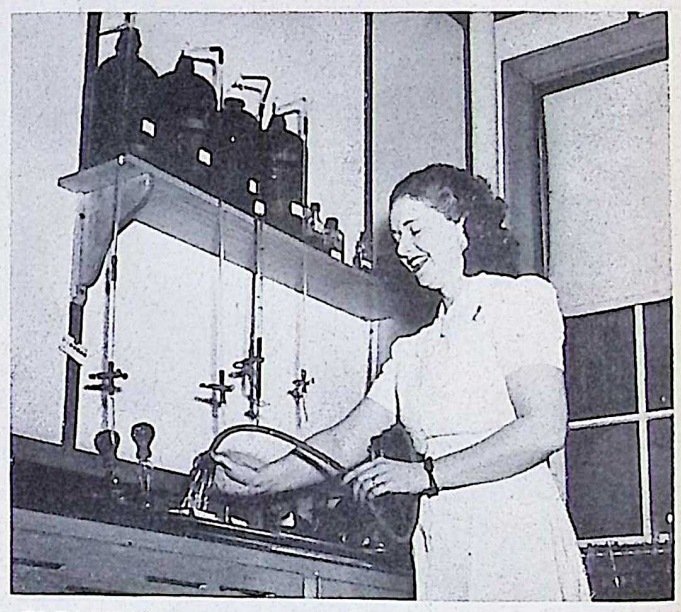
X-RAY PICTURES are important in determining the extent of injuries. The X-Ray Room at EOP is modernly equipped and in the capable hands of Elsie Roberts, shown here with Lorene Motta, receptionist, posing as a patient.



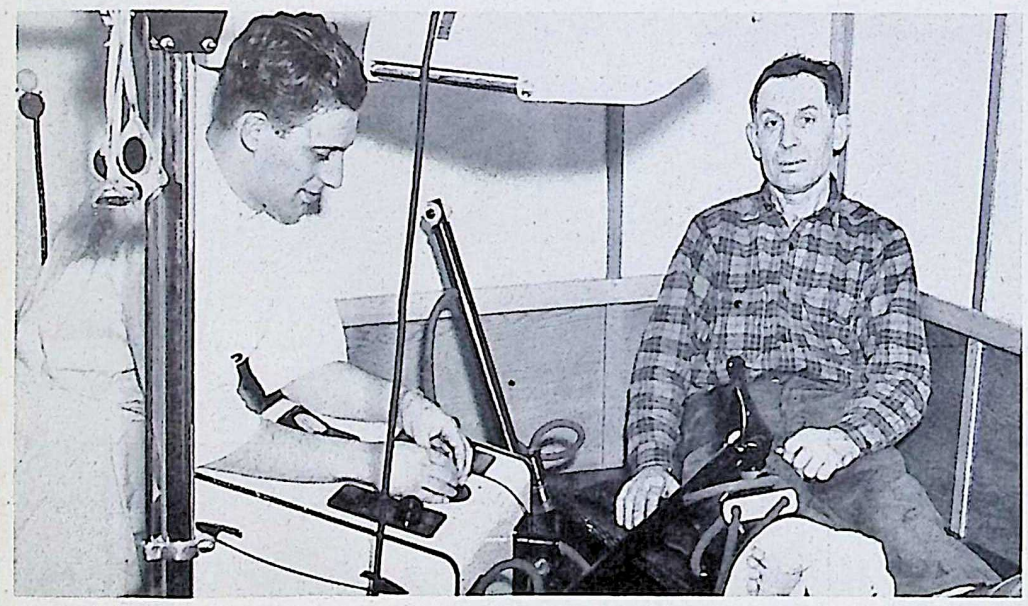
EXAMINATION of employees at the EOP Hospital is complete and thorough. Dr. Nathan Atovsky is shown examining a worker's eyes, nose and throat.



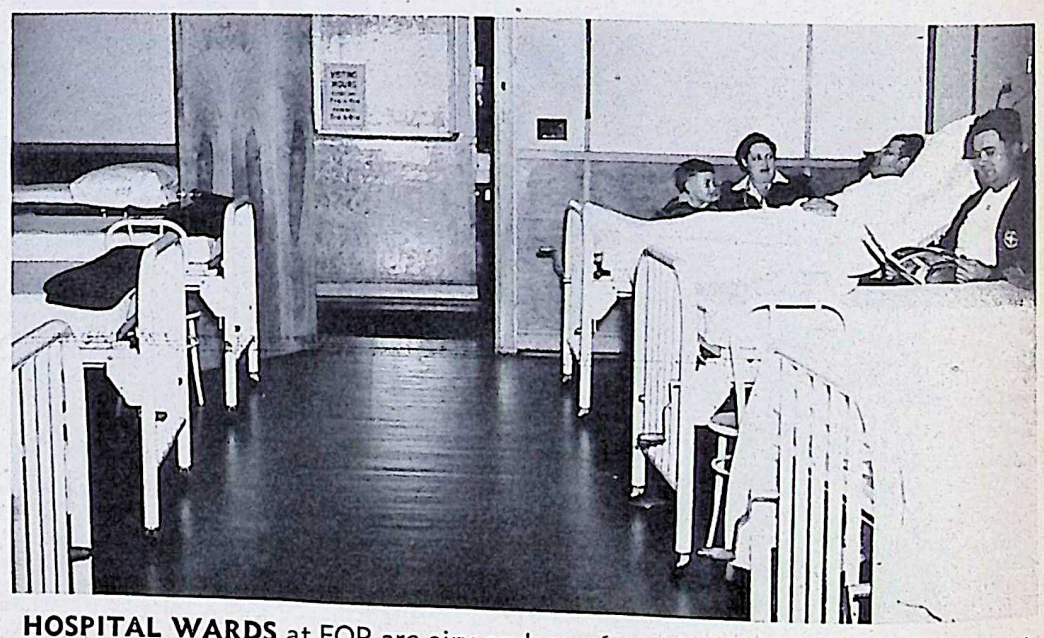
TREATMENT of conditions which might cause days off the job is a Hospital service. Here Dr. I. W. Madura is treating a nape of the neck carbuncle.



CLEANLINESS is a byword and watchword at the EOP Hospital. Myrtle Burrus, laboratory technician, is pictured cleaning pipettes after running tests.



LIGHT AND HEAT treatments are required by some injuries. Dr. Andrew G. Bustin is giving a heat treatment to Jacob N. Keller, Group 64, who suffered a frozen toe. A completely equipped room is set aside for this diathermy.



HOSPITAL WARDS at EOP are airy and comfortable. Shown here in the men's ward, right to left, are William Siefert, Group 3, who suffered a crushed chest; Charles T. Palmer, Group 3, broken collar bone; Mrs. Palmer and son.

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EOP Publicized by Newspapers After Day Visit

Five Reporters and Four Photographers See Groups 3-A and 1

(Picture on Page 4)

Declaring that "they never had spent a more interesting day," five girl reporters and four photographers representing the metropolitan newspapers in Chicago left the Elwood Ordnance Plant in a very fatigued condition after having spent April 23 in Group 3-A and Group I.

Coming to Elwood for the purpose of writing articles exclusively on the role of the feminine sex in a big ordnance establishment like the Elwood Ordnance Plant, the newspaper people were thrilled with the sights they saw and the pictures they took, all of which concerned women.

Of particular interest to the reporters were the methods used in a modern plant to safeguard the health and safety of the workers. The photographers took numerous shots of women in various jobs and attire while the reporters spent their time interviewing the women to determine their connection with the war effort here and their relation to the men on the active front.

The articles, the outgrowth of this visit, began appearing in the newspapers April 28.

The representatives were the luncheon guests of **Harrison Smith** at the Elwood Ordnance Plant Cafeteria, after which they made their interesting tour.

Feeling that they had only scratched the surface at Elwood, the press representatives were anxious to return for the purpose of writing a series of general articles on how a great ordnance plant functions.

The group included the following persons: **Capt. Ralph Young**, representing the Safety and Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Chicago, Illinois; Dorothy Hartung, Chicago Times; Tony Berarati, Herald American; Adele Hoskins, Chicago Daily News; Edward McGill, Chicago Tribune; Neola Northam, Chicago Sun; Russell Hamm, Chicago Daily News; Jane Meyer, Herald American; Jane McCarthy, Chicago Tribune, and Albert Westlin, Chicago Times.

Non-Filers of Income Tax Returns Probed

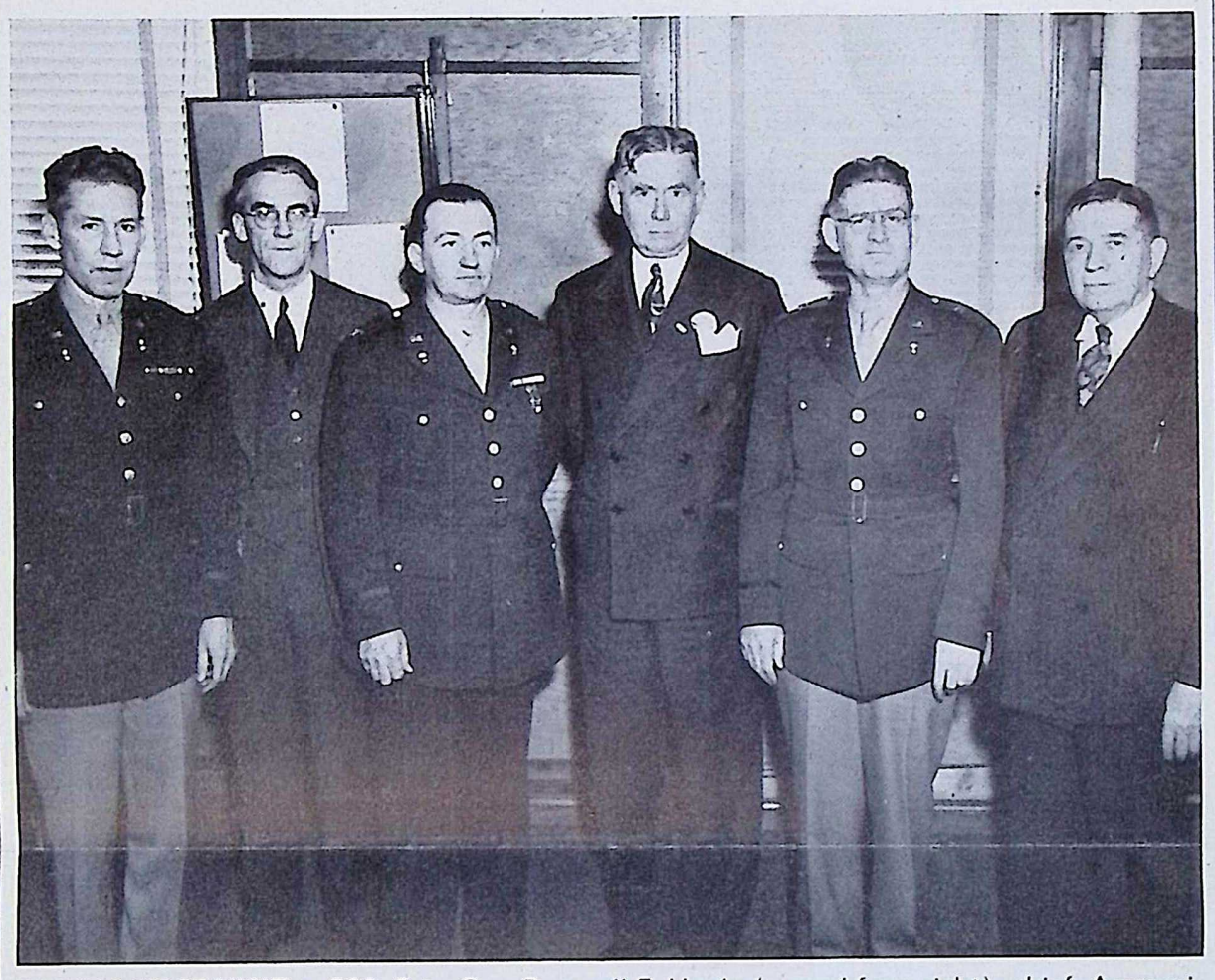
Representatives of the Internal Revenue Service of the Treasury Department are investigating EOP employees who did not file an income tax return. Letters have been received asking for the present address of a number of workers and whether they are married or not.

The income tax law provides that employers report to the Treasury Department the amount of wages paid to each individual employee. Those whose earnings make them liable to the tax and who do not file a return are investigated. There are stiff penalties for failure to make a return.

Fellowship Meet May 13

Chief Roy W. Mortenson is chairman of the next Fellowship's meeting, May 13, at the Mess Hall and Recreation Building.

General Hardy Pays First Visit to EOP



PAYING FIRST VISIT to EOP, Brig. Gen. Rosswell E. Hardy (second from right), chief, Ammunition Division, Office of Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., made an inspection tour of the plant April 26. Also here for a conference were Col. T. C. Gerber (third from left), field director of ammunition plants, St. Louis; J. S. Daley (second from left), deputy field director, and D. M. Compton (fourth from left), special assistant to chief of ordnance, Washington. In addition to those named Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, EOP commanding officer, and Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, also are shown here.

Names for Housing Units Are Sought

By E. C. Fortmann
Housing Manager

With the anticipation of early complete occupancy of the Government houses in Wilmington, Ill., we are anxious to secure an appropriate name for each of our two housing additions. It is our plan to have these names suggested by persons interested in the developments and then final selection made by the Housing Councils.

We wish to invite you to submit your choice of name or names for each site and mail to me on or before May 15. We suggest that you consult your co-workers or members of your organization and give publicity to this information in order to secure the greatest number of suggestions before submitting your final selections.

The following information is suggested as a possible guide towards making your selection:

(1) The names of living persons should not be used.

(2) It is preferable that names have local significance and be of such character not only to identify the development, but also to lend to its livability and attractiveness.

(3) Names that pertain to geographic terrain or historical significance pertaining to location are preferable to the names of deceased persons although this is a matter of local determination.

After a name has been selected for each of our developments, and approval of the regional director received, an appropriate sign will be erected officially naming each location.

Lt. Col. Rife New C.O. Here and at KNK

Official announcement was made May 6 of the appointment of **Lt. Col. Byron Rife** to the post of commanding officer of both the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works, the assignment formerly held by **Col. T. C. Gerber**, now field director of Ammunition Plants in St. Louis.

Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, formerly commanding officer at Elwood Ordnance Plant and recently temporarily in command at Kankakee Ordnance Works during the absence of **Maj. Donald M. Sibray**, returns to his office in St. Louis. **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber**, the popular commanding officer at EOP, will leave shortly for Washington to confer on a new assignment, the nature of which is unknown at this time.

Colonel Rife, who comes to the munition plant from the Office of Field Director of Ammunition Plants, was executive officer under Colonel Gerber, further proof of the importance of the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works in the picture of Army ordnance.

Prior to serving in St. Louis, Colonel Rife was commanding officer at the Missouri Ordnance Plant at Louisiana, Mo., from December, 1941, to August, 1942, having been transferred from the Baytown Ordnance Works, Baytown, Tex., where he served as executive officer.

In civil life, a consultant on problems of petroleum engineering, he was graduated in mechanical and petroleum engineering from Purdue University in 1916.

All Workers Offered Medical Service Here

Attention of all employees is again directed to the first aid, medical and surgical services maintained by Sanderson & Porter at the Elwood Ordnance Plant for the benefit of employees.

It is requested that employees suffering injuries or illness, however slight, contact their department head for permission to go to the First Aid Station or the Hospital for examination or treatment.

The plant Hospital and medical staff will furnish or arrange for first aid, medical and surgical services for all employees injured in the course of employment. **Under the Workmen's Compensation Law, an employee who elects to obtain his own physician, surgeon or hospital services will do so at his own personal expense.**

Gas-Tire Committee Meets Here Daily

Office hours of the EOP gasoline and tire rationing committee are from 8 to 9:30 a. m. and from 3 to 4:30 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday in the Administration Building. Employees who wish to avail themselves of the services of this committee are asked to do so during office hours only.

John J. Cole Named Asst. Gen. Manager

Appointment Effective May 4 Is Announced by Smith and Canniff

Superintendents and department heads were notified by official bulletin May 4 that **John J. Cole**, comptroller, had been appointed assistant general manager of Elwood Ordnance Plant by **W. E. Canniff**, general manager, and **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter.

The bulletin asked for a continuance of the co-operation of department heads with the new assistant general manager, whose duties were outlined as being of a character general to the work of managing the plant.

Mr. Cole was the recipient of congratulations from numerous employees who have learned to know him in the more than two years he has been at EOP. He was one of the first Sanderson & Porter executives to arrive on the scene after the firm was awarded the contract for the plant by the War Department.

It is recalled that he came to Joliet in September, 1940, and established EOP headquarters with one typewriter and two fast-working forefingers in the Elks Building on Scott Street.

A graduate of Cornell, mechanical engineering degree, Mr. Cole joined the Sanderson & Porter organization in 1925. One of his assignments preceding his work at EOP was as assistant to **Seton Porter**, in the latter's various executive and managing connections.

400 Laid Off As Schedules Cut

Elwood Ordnance Plant will experience a reduction of personnel extending through the early part of May and affecting some 400 operating employes, it was announced by **Maj. George A. Grant**, executive officer at the shell and bomb loading establishment. **Maj. Kenneth Haber**, commanding officer at the plant, released the announcement to set at rest rumors going through the plant that the layoff amounted to as many as 1,500 employes.

A downward revision of production schedules on some munitions items necessitated the small layoff, as it is the policy of the ordnance department to have no idle employes maintained on the payroll.

In co-operation with the War Manpower Commission and the United States Employment Service, every effort is being made to secure employment for the persons laid off. Workers will be retired in accordance with seniority rules, but a chance to find work elsewhere is being given to those persons who must suffer some hardships in traveling long distances.

Major Haber said that hiring of new employes will naturally be sharply curtailed, although hiring in certain lines may be required.

Major Grant declared that it was not possible to predict a change from the present situation inasmuch as production schedules are subject to revision overnight, depending upon the demands made upon army ordnance by the fighting forces.

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TNT . . . A Gentleman at Heart

When the ordinary person thinks of explosives, he thinks of them as things that go "Boom." The expert, however, recognizes all sorts such as detonators, boosters, progressive powders, used for propellants, and high explosives.

Some materials, such as silver aceytlide, are so sensitive that they can be tickled to death with a feather. These have no commercial or military use. Others, such as mercury fulminate, are not so sensitive, yet are too sensitive to handle in large quantities. In small quantities they are easily set off and are used as detonators to bring about the explosion of larger quantities of less sensitive material. Sometimes a material of intermediate sensitivity is interposed between the detonator and the charge to be exploded.

Propellant powders are used to fire shells from guns. They burn rapidly but are not considered to explode. Guncotton is the chief ingredient in this country and Cordite, a mixture of guncotton and nitroglycerine in England.

Shells, torpedoes, depth bombs, land mines and such articles which are meant to explode with great force are ordinarily filled with a high explosive such as TNT or a mixture of TNT and ammonium nitrate. They act in some cases as agents to cause concussion in a large area; in other cases their function is to tear the container into small fragments and propel them through the air with high velocity.

A depth bomb or aerial bomb does the former, a shrapnel shell the latter. Slow burning powders would not create the concussion or bring about the fragmentation desired in these cases.

The preference for TNT is based on many factors. It has high explosive power and is relatively cheap to make, the raw materials are plentiful and the process comparatively simple. It is a pure compound so that every particle, no matter how small, has the same composition as every other one.

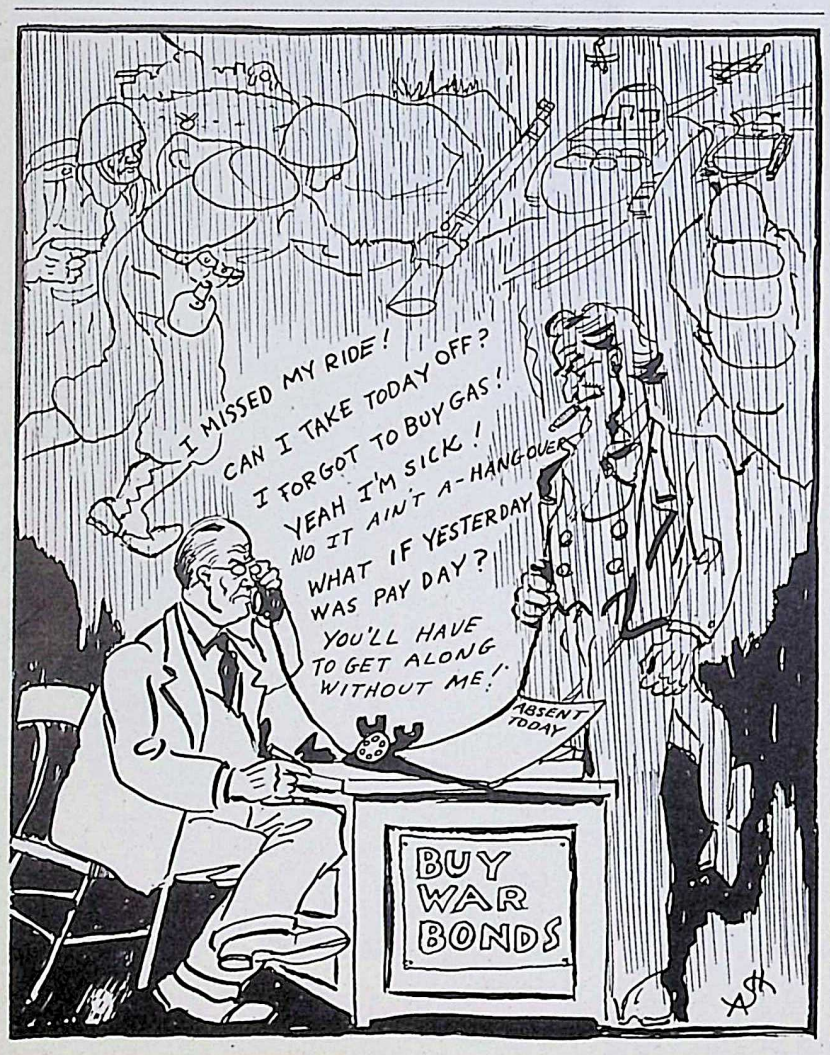
This is especially valuable in melting it for pouring into bombs since there is no possibility of separate layers being formed. It melts at a temperature low enough to make the filling process relatively safe. Being a pure compound its melting point alone is a good indication of its purity, and one lot always performs like another so its effects can be calculated.

The finished material can be flaked, crystallized, or cast in blocks. And last perhaps, but not least, it is the safest high explosive known. This makes it easier to handle all the way from the nitrator to Berlin and Tokyo.

The process of filling into bombs is relatively simple. The TNT is melted and generally mixed with molten ammonium nitrate. The temperature must be kept within close limits to prevent decomposition. The mixture is then poured into the bomb-shell until it is full, for small bombs.

For the very large ones, as many as five pours may be made. One reason for this is that the material contracts on freezing and a very large charge would leave a deep cup in the center, where the fuse is ordinarily located.

A fuse or detonator set in "safe" position is then put on the nose and the bomb is ready for shipment. Just before use the safety is removed and the bomb dropped. Some fuses are set to explode on contact, some after a definite interval of time, and some by clockwork, etc. The action of the detonator in the bomb explodes the charge of TNT and . . . **WHAM!**



The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

In the last issue of what has, since its birth, maintained its standing as the world's greatest newspaper, I promised an answer to my new and as yet unseen admirer, Euphelia, on the subject of "Scorchy for President." Her suggestion that your humble scribe might be a worthy candidate for that great office naturally fills my heart with a surge of gratitude and pride. Scorchy thanks Euphelia.

It is difficult to receive such encomiums and still retain the same old hat size, but, nevertheless, an innate sense of modesty prompts me to decline the offer in favor of other candidates who really need the job worse than I. There are those who might question the judgment of one who declines the offer of assistance toward such a lofty position, but, on the other hand, suppose I won. What then? All that white paint to keep clean. . . . And to have a bushy-haired coal-mining unioneer put soap on my windows and stand in front of the house all day making faces is just about enough to make the job completely unattractive.

It is very nice to hear such kind words, but there are other things to consider. Forgive me if I delve into a bit of personal history. Forgive me also if I become a bit philosophical on matters which may seem to you a bit commonplace.

It was not very long ago when the pass-word of the day around Joliet was "Times are tough." If you got a job, you worked like everything to hold onto it, and despite your zeal, it was altogether too often that the boss had to call you in and tell you the bad news. Business was bad, and there was no telling just when it would get better. There was not enough good news in the offing to permit him to carry you on, and so you just went out the door looking for something else that might be a bit more permanent.

Then came EOP and a lot of other similar activities. Your correspondent applied for a job and got it. He is sure that if the big shots really knew his incompetence they would have thrown in the sponge and told the government they could not go on any further with lugs like Scorchy around. But they didn't. The first boss I had was the unluckiest guy in the area, because, in addition to all his other troubles, he had me. Believe me, he had something, and why he and I are still alive today is one of those mysteries of mercy which go unexplained down through the years.

Despite their illegality and immorality, he had suicide and I had murder, and through superhuman restraint, neither of us took advantage of our respective weapons. It is more to his credit than mine. Had I used my choice, it could have been charged to ignorance, but had he used capital punishment on me, there is some reason to believe he would have been pardoned, and decorated by the community for good riddance.

The patience of the bosses at EOP was terrific in the early days. But as time went on their good counsel, teaching, and guidance seemed to help your ignoble scribe up out of the mud. There is still a long road from my daily stint to the top of the ladder and sometimes I get the idea that in me there is some real executive talent going to waste but, all in all, I don't want to go back to the old days when times were tough. I just thought you would like to know.

Alice Pichon Promoted to First Lieutenantcy

Alice Pichon, first EOP girl to join the WAACS, was promoted from second to first lieutenant April 16 and transferred to March Field, California, where she will be in command of the WAAC unit stationed there.

I have written . . . a poem!

The Backbone of Group 9

The Azide Gang is right on time,
They're called the "Backbone of Group 9."
They're on the job to the man each day,
And soon there's powder in each bay.

The powder is blended in Building 4
By fellows known as the Azide Corps.
They do their work with efficient care,
Hoping it kills a Jap, somewhere.

To Building 5 the powder goes
Where twelve smooth girls are on their toes.
They wheel it to the lines, and there
It's loaded into the "dets" with care.

A "det" is rather small—that's so.
But it's the "jigger" that starts the blow.

—**The Gang,**
Group 9, Building 4.

On the Midnight Shift

As the twilight falls over the light blue sky
We leave our homes with a latent sigh;
Across the country we make our way
To begin the work of another day.

And then when the shades of night begin to leave
We start our trek back
O'er the long, long way,
For we have finished another day.

—**Orville Rasmussen,**
Group 2 Progress Clerk.

Mother Nature

Old Mother Nature has commenced to cry,
As she watches the earth in its turmoil pass by.
When she sees her children groveling in pain,
Her crying is what we call the rain.
The thunder is her sobbing,
At the hate with which the world is throbbing.
To end her suffering we must all do our part,
To finish this strife a maniac did start.
On the firing line maybe we cannot be,
But there's work on the production line for you and for me.
So what do you say we give it all we got,
We can rest after Hitler has begun to rot.

—**George "Pat" Patterson.**
Group 4.

Is He Looking For You?

I am looking for one who worked
But has not yet received his pay.
For when his check was written out
They omitted one full day.
I don't know what his name is—
Or the color of his hair.
I don't even know his number
Or the kind of clothes he'd wear.
But nevertheless I'm doing my best
To find the one I owe.
So if it's you, the thing to do,
Is promptly let me know.

I am sure you must be loyal,
Whether woman, boy or man,
In helping me win the war
You are doing the best you can.
Now I realize the work you did
Was not so hard to do—
Just drinking wine and whiskey
Or perhaps some gin or brew;
Yet it makes me very happy
And my heart would fill with glee,
If I only had a million
Like the sort you seem to be.
They would all be very useful
To my leaders who are "in"
On the scheme of world dominion
By a race of "Supermen"
Your time card shows you didn't work
But that's not right, you see.
The day you lost for your Uncle Sam
Was the day you worked for me.
Signed—Adolph Hitler.

—**Marie Barnett,**
Group 1, Bldg. 13.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Subject No. 1—Burning Pit.
Subject No. 2—Scorchy.

I have in the past derived quite a bit of pleasure from reading the verbal rantings of the above mentioned Subject No. 2 who, through the medium of Subject No. 1, has, in his own peculiar way, managed at times to elicit from his readers what might be called compliments on his sense of humor. I have even heard some of the "high brows" say he had "verve," whatever that is. Now, mind you, I hold no brief for enthusiastic humor, but I think this latest attempt to enlist readers of "The Burning Pit" in a "Scorchy for President" campaign should be brought to the fore and I don't mean fourth.

Let me ask a few questions: (1) What has Scorchy to offer except a glib tongue and a lot of nonsensical day dreams which he has been able to get in print? (2) Are there people like myself who think the above items are humorous? (3) Why lose a good writer to the radio?

—**A. R. Chieny,**
(Duffy's Tavern)
Keep Scorchy Where He Is Committee

To the Editor:

Since our sagacious "Scorchy's" soporific satire has reduced the once belligerent "Boloney" to a slightly silly side-order of wilted lettuce, 'twould seem we have only the wearisome "Wotta mann" with whom to contend. He with that beautiful head of skin, those pearly white gums, and the schoolgirl complexion that flunked. (Once, years ago, he was gonna have his mournful map *lifted*, but when he discovered they *charged* for such mammoth WPA projects, he just let the whole thing *drop*. That's why his present persimmon-like puss would come in a bad fourth in a beauty contest with two bullpups and a panda.)

In his ragged - edged youth "Wotta" went to grade school, 'til he finally met a teacher he couldn't whip. (It's funny—in Mann's day the boys all wanted to thrash the teacher. . . . Moloney wanted to *neck* his. . . .) But, this mouthy, moth-eaten Inerter does hold one unique distinction—that of being the only lad in the county permitted to leave the fourth grade to go home and vote (for McKinley).

He did finally sneak into high school — through the tradesmen's entrance — where he learned to skip rope and classes. He was so thorough and conscientious that he took freshman English six years. While there he entered an oratorical contest and walked off with first prize; but the teacher was watching and made him put it back.

Although he is a born woman-hater . . . hating to be with more than one at a time . . . he is nevertheless an admitted authority on legs, being able to set up a bridge table in two minutes flat.

But there is one thing you'll hafta say about this "great big hunk of Mann," he's ingenious. The metal shortage never even fazed him, as he's now using his Adam's apple for a collar button, and the iron in his blood has changed to lead in his arch. He's a great believer in Victory gardens and free speech. Claims he always calls "A Spade a Spade!" . . . but when he smacked his shins with one out at 70, that ain't what he called it!—**Euphelia Roanebeck.**

Seabees Find Fishing Good in N. Atlantic

Others Praise Girls and Men, Urge All to Work Regularly

Seabees are finding that "fishing is good" in the North Atlantic, according to **Millard L. Neher**, now one of them, but formerly a painter here.

"I am not permitted to tell you where I am," said Seabee Neher's letter, "although I can tell you that I am in the North Atlantic and the fishing is good. Will you please tell the boys in the Paint Shop hello from 'Slug.' You fellows keep loading the shells and we will do the rest."

In a letter written from North Africa March 20, **PFC. Ray C. Hardwick** said he had received the January 29 issue of *The Bomb-Shell* that morning. He added that he had been in Africa for several months, but had received the paper regularly although about two months late.

Since Private Hardwick wrote his letter, distribution of employee publications to men and women stationed overseas has been stopped to save valuable cargo space.

"I sure do enjoy reading about the girls and fellows who have a most important part in this war," said a letter from **Pvt. Melvin E. Watters**, Camp Adair, Oregon, "and I know the boys all over the war zone are very grateful to these girls and men, who have done such a wonderful job to put out these products of war, because they know for sure there is never a failure.

Salutes Sanderson & Porter

"I give Sanderson & Porter a big salute for they surely deserve it for what they are doing to win the war and make Old Glory fly forever."

"Watching the honor roll of those going to the service of their country," wrote **Sgt. Rudolph R. Weise** from Camp Crowder, Missouri, "and observing that the women are keeping the military forces supplied with ammunition gives me a real thrill. Three cheers, girls; keep them rolling. Your work is just as important a task as our's."

Sergeant Weise, a cook and baker for a signal squadron, was formerly employed in the Timekeeping and Inert Storage Departments.

Congratulations to his wife and his former associates in Group 1 on the Army-Navy "E" Award were sent by **Cpl. Eugene M. Zuchowski**, Fort Bliss, Texas.

"I know they are doing a splendid job in their production of ammunition," said Corporal Zuchowski. "I also want to say to those who stay home from work for no reason at all, every time they stay home it may mean the life of one of the boys over there fighting for freedom. It may mean the life of a husband, sweetheart, brother or some loved one from their family. So tell them for me to keep up the good work. Every day lost in work means the life of some man in the armed forces."

Roy C. Wright, now a rifle instructor at the Naval Construction Training Center, Davisville, R. I., reported that the other 11 men in his Quonset Hut read his copy of *The Bomb-Shell* regularly.

Hopes to Return

"I think the fellows I used to work with are doing a swell job," wrote **Cpl. Claude S. "Whitey" Wheeler** from Lincoln Air Base, Nebraska. "It has been a long time since I left Group 62-S, but hope to be back there some time in the future. I never worked with a better bunch of men in my life.

"I have come a long way in the Army since I left EOP, but expect to go farther. I was graduated from Airplane Mechanical School here just five months and five days after leaving the plant. I was then picked as an instructor. For a while I taught new students what little I knew. Then I was transferred to Properties, which is the distribution of all supplies used in the Inspection Branch of the school. Since I have been there, I have received two ratings and expect to add to them, if possible."

"A few weeks ago, while listening to a program, we heard a broadcast from the plant," said Mrs. Elmer Metzke, who wrote from Oceanside, Calif., where she is living while her husband, **Private Metzke**, is stationed with the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton there. "It sure was a great event for us, especially when we heard some persons we knew slightly.

Proud of "E" Award

"We are also awfully proud to hear of the 'E' award being made, and we are sure proud to tell our acquaintances here of the fact. Elmer would like to hear from some of the men and women with whom he worked in Group 1."

"I was glad to hear that EOP was awarded the Army-Navy 'E,' wrote **Staff Sgt. Laverne H. Patterson** from the Army Air Base at Pyote, Texas, formerly of Bldg. 4, Group 3. "I am sure the good work of the employees really deserved the award. In a few months I will be using some of the bombs you are making. I am a member of a bomber crew on a Flying Fortress. Keep up the good work."

Congratulations on the "E" award also were sent by **Staff Sgt. Corbley H. Bowen**, Camp Blanding, Florida.

"As yet I haven't seen any actual fighting," said **Pvt. Paul M. Browman**, Fort Benning, Georgia, "but by the way EOP shells explode, I can see they will do the job. Keep up the good work so that when it comes my turn to distribute leaflets on the battlefield they will be there."

Private Browman, who worked in Bldg. 5-A, Group 3, under **Robert Foxx**, also sent congratulations on the "E" award.

"I am stationed here in Indiantown Gap, Penn., where I'm taking my basic training as a longshoreman," wrote **Sgt. Mike Bubetz**, who formerly worked in Bldg. 4, Group 1. "I find it very interesting and hope to find myself handling some of those shells I used to load."

Sergeant Dubetz, who worked here for two and a half years, sent greetings to **John Kusinski** and expressed good wishes for a successful EOP softball team this year. He played with the team last season.

Sailor Writes Poem

Bob Reitz, carpenter's mate 2/c, Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md., former timekeeper, sent a poem which he said refers to a girl whose boy friend is in the service. The poem follows:

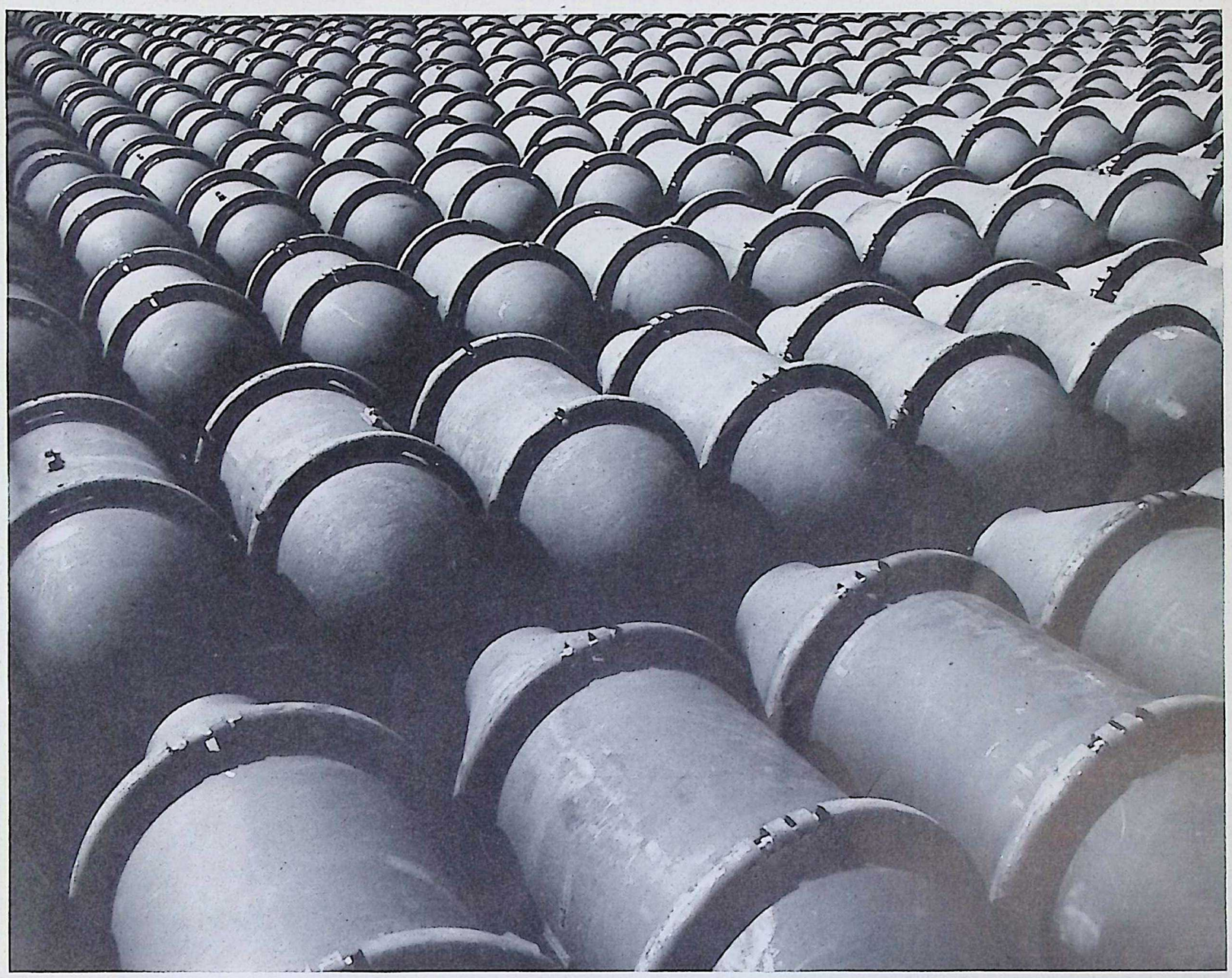
I want to be where you is,
Instead of where I be.
Cause when I are where you are
not,
It ain't no place for me.

I used to think the world was great,
But now I know it isn't.
For you have gone to where I ain't
And left me where you isn't.

Letters and cards also were received from **Lt. James H. Edwards**, Army Depot, Voorheesville, N. Y.; **Sgt. A. E. Gresham**, Ward Island, Corpus Christi, Tex.; **Pvt. Melwood L. Dammann**, Chanute Field, Ill., formerly of Group 61 and now an instructor in motorized equipment; **Lt. Lynn McCoskey**, Camp Wolters, Tex.; **Mrs. David M. Green**, Joliet, in behalf of her son, **Pvt. David Y. Green**, Lincoln Air Base, Nebraska; **Pvt. Donald Sutton**, Fort Casey, Washington; **Pvt. Leroy D. Baker**, Independence, Kan.; **Pvt. James Oliver**, Camp Millard, Bucyrus, O.; **Pvt. Harold T. O'Keefe**, Pendleton Field, Ore.; **Pvt. Ralph Kapchinski**, on desert maneuvers near Los Angeles, Calif.; **R. L. Plowman**, Pontiac, Ill., in behalf of **Pvt. Gail O. Plowman**, who is in Alaska; **Pvt. Joseph B. Lovera**, Camp Rucker, Alabama, who asked for letters from Groups 2, 4 and 5 and sent greetings to **John Lower, Edward Burns** and **Tom Nesbitt**, and **Tech. Sgt. Stephen V. Biro**, Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Q. Is it true that the pistol was named after an Italian?

A. No—but it was named after the Italian town, Pistoia.



"MILLIONS OF 'EM" . . . proudly boast EOP employees as they see this array of block-busters in the area. Soon these bombs, more deadly than they appear here, will be loaded and sent to the battle front of the world.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Group 68
By Elmer Zost

Come one—come all—to the Ivy Way Gardens, Marseilles, May 24, and hear Art Kassel and his Kassels in the Air. Everyone—young and old—is urged to attend and cut a rug or two. Tickets can be purchased from **Elmer Zost**. Advance sale of tickets is $1.00—tickets purchased at the door, $1.25 (including tax).

Every time it rains, Group 68 acquires running water — about two inches—on the office floor.

Anyone wishing to make a tour of Marseilles night spots may be personally conducted by **Andy Perino**. They didn't miss a "spot" when he recenlty conducted **William Reilly** around.

Chalon and **Gale Pickett** recently visited their father in Davenport, Ia.—considered the nicest city in this part of the country (personal opinion only).

Group 63
By Larry J. Dunda

Ray W. Gartke, one of Carpenter Foreman **Joe Umphrey's** "boys" and most recent contribution to the Army, wrote a newsy letter to Joe from the Army Engineering Camouflage Division at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. Ray is a little disappointed because he is still a private.

Plans for the dedication of the new medicine cabinet for first aid are being made. Carpenter **Chris Orbeson** built it and "Doctors" **Tony Togliatti** and **Leigh Tarbell** are in charge. It is open for inspection by visitors any time during the day.

Frank Ozbolt, a member of **Fulton Edmonds'** crew, left recently for Eva, Ala., to resume work on his farm. His two sons left for the service. Frank hopes to return to EOP in the fall after the harvest.

News of Charles **"Chuck" DiPeso's** skill in preparing Italian dishes certainly gets around. Chuck and **Rudy Schramm** were hosts to **John O'Connell** at a delectable spaghetti and cheese dinner. Ravioli, chicken and dandelion greens were a few other mouth watering delicacies served. Chuck will be glad to supply recipes or furnish suggestions on how to prepare these dishes.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Bob Stewart, Mailing Room, left this week and is to go into the armed forces soon. Bob made a lot of friends all through the building.

Fred "Brother" Leslie, Engineering, is back to work after a two months' illness. The entire department welcomed him back with open arms.

A. Allison of Engineering has been absent the last few days—on the sick list.

Joe Lezbetak is being inducted into the armed services soon.

Howard "Bud" Davey of the Field Engineers is due to leave for the Navy Air Corps between May 1 and 15. He enlisted December 8, 1942, and has been waiting for this call.

Veranice Quade of the Purchasing Department left May 1 and will return to her home in Spring Valley, Minn. The entire building is going to miss this little mite of mischief.

Maybelle Anderson, Purchasing Department, left the office of **E. C. Carlson** May 1. "Andy" will be remembered as the first correspondent for General Offices for *The Bomb-Shell.*

Q. Do parachutists in the U. S. Army get a monthly bonus in addition to their regular base pay.

A. Yes—50 bucks extra monthly. The reason for this is that parachute jumpers perform what is considered one of the most hazardous jobs in the Army.

OFFICE WORKERS in the Machine Shop include this quartet. They are, left to right: Edward Bick, draftsman; Erva Willford, assistant draftsman; Helen Mandzuk, stenographer, and Franz Miller, foreman.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

The fever of spring is rising and the call for baseball players for the Inerts is being issued. With all the changes in personnel since last season, there is an urgent need for groomed players. The boys who brought home the second place trophy last year are now in the armed forces. Edward Sheridan of Group 27 will be more than happy to have the Inert scouts give you a chance at your favorite position.

From his own lips comes the words of **John Wald** that his buildings are always clean, whether it is spring or not. John says the only thing they need is a little wax on the floor for a springtime dance. The animal doctor, **Charles Wardell**, thought that if a dance was given it would be a good chance to find happy homes for the tiger-type kittens which soon will be in the maternity ward of the modern animal hospital. With all the kittens, **Joe Baudino** wonders if the hospital could be moved for the duration.

Best wishes go to **Harold Zager**, who left to perform important duties in the Army. If he does his job there as well as here, it will not be long until he is promoted.

Chester Holt tops the meat program with buffalo steak and mushrooms.

Clarence Sluiter is on the mend from an appendectomy. All the squads are hoping for his speedy recovery.

Edward Zarley of the checking staff suffered a mashed finger while digging for lot numbers that meant a lot.

Donald McCauley, who has been stationed in the sunny South, will be home on furlough in a few weeks. Don hopes to visit his old friends at Inert.

Whitey Wheeler, formerly of South Inert, writes of his life in the service and says "Hello to all Inerts."

Ray Lee, the gentleman timekeeper of South, is training a cocker spaniel pup from the Argyle Kennel. Ray says he is good at snatching meat and papers from the neighboring porches.

Edward "Jerk" Jurjevich, the man with the lot numbers and yard stick, will go before the examining physician with a high hope of becoming a soldier. Ed has not as yet appointed a successor for the black dirt market that shows great gains on Decoration Day at the cemeteries.

The biggest question at South Inert these days is who gets there first . . . **"Leader" David Lardi** or **"Captain" Bill York.**

Marguerite Scott reports that the girls are wondering if **Estelle Glasshogel** hasn't won enough money in the last two weeks to buy a pair of overshoes so she won't need assistance to get through the mud at Group 27. **Mary Berg** claims that it is the weather that makes her feel bad on Monday mornings.

The girls surprised **"Tiny" Dorine Koerner** on her birthday last week and all enjoyed some of the cake. **"Midge" Amelia Mayo** spent the week-end at Galesburg with her parents and four of her five brothers who are in the service. The girls have chosen as their favorite Inert colors black and white, although some of them have a tinge of green.

In the April 9 issue of *The Bomb-Shell* much credit was given to a number of men who came out on March 28, a Sunday, and did a masterful job, but without the two bulkheaders this feat would not have been possible. They were **William Wiermann** and **Roy Arseneau** of South Inert, and they, too, deserve high praise.

Inert gardeners are at a standstill . . . **Owen J. Ralston** reports the mud is knee deep in the potato patch. **Richard "Dick" Ashworth** constantly laughs at the gardeners and claims he already has onions and lettuce on his table.

Martin Storm, Erlan Cobb and **Frank Clausen** are proud daddies of daughters, all born in the same week.

Sympathies go to **Harry Alderman**, whose son, **Harold**, was seriously injured in an accident.

Consider the Source And Be Kind

After reading in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* the "dirty linen" section it becomes more evident that the Inert side of this *Mann's* personality alone is more than adequate to counter the perverted prose set forth under the name of "Scorchy." The other day as I passed along on Chicago Road my eyes followed a sign which pointed off to the side and on which was lettered *The Burning Pit*. This of course brought to mind our handicapped friend, "Scorchy," and it touched a soft spot in my heart for him.

You probably know that *The Burning Pit* is a very abject and desolate spot reminiscent of a movie version of a depression hobo camp. The shelter is constructed in a makeshift manner from discarded boxes, boards, tarpaulins and miscellaneous junk. The pit itself is the final resting place of the unwanted rubbish and general discarded materials which have no worth as salvage.

One of the most useless and unwanted items (unwanted by everybody but "Scavenger Scorchy") to reach the pit was that purveyor of polluted palaver, "Euphelia Roanebeck," and "Scorchy" realizing this brain child of his was cut to the same ignoble pattern and from the same rejected cloth as himself, took her as his soul mate and alter ego in order to blow up his deflated morale.

Nothing of any value reaches *The Burning Pit*. It is the crematory for all the useless dross which has become a nuisance and a handicap in the course of operation. From such a sordid background, according to "Scorchy's" column heading, come his literary gems. So I naturally felt sympathetic toward our unfortunate friend and wish him courage so that he will continue to use his imagination to rise above his most uninspiring environment. And I hope that you readers, too, will forgive "Scorchy" as his literary gems fail to give off that sparkle which is a necessary characteristic of the genuine article. Because even the real thing becomes tarnished and loses its luster after it reaches *The Burning Pit*.—**Charles Mann.**

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK

Correspondent

Herman Guard's friends were pleased to see him back on the job again, after another operation and a week spent at home recuperating. All hope this will be the last time Herman will be compelled to inhale ether. He is considering sewing on a zipper to allow the surgeon to open and close as the occasion arises.

The Warehouse employees welcome the association of the following Government material checkers: **George K. Stevens, Thomas Wharrie, Jay A. Folk, William Peebles** and **Lonnie Richardson.** The Warehouse Department's policy is to cooperate and make their work a pleasure instead of a burden.

A woman truck driver invited **Perry Bruno** to put the gloves on, but as Bruno was busy at the time stenciling EOP on 4,000 pairs of gloves, he is still at a loss to know just which pair she wanted him to put on, so the bout with the truck driver has been postponed to a later date.

One of the timekeepers in Group 70 asked **Lester Patterson** one day if he thought the Cubs would win the National League pennant this year, but he failed to get an answer.

Another fellow asked Pat if he thought the White Sox would win the American League pennant and he, too, failed to receive an answer. Still another asked Pat if he thought the war would end this year and he is still awaiting a reply, but when your correspondent dropped in and asked if the fish were biting up on Duck Lake, he started off on a rampage and it was necessary to close all doors and windows so the people in Joliet could sleep.

The old billy goat, **Fred Nelson**, came very near "butting" his way into public office in Joliet in the last election. His campaign manager, **Oscar Horn**, tried to sneak him under the wire by instructing the voters to write his name on the ballot for police magistrate, thereby cheating the Campaign Fund Committee out of their usual donation and elevating Fred to office without spending any of their own dough.

It's a good thing the trick failed to work, or your correspondent would be sitting on the inside looking out.

Failure to Call Signals Results in Head Injury

Man Loses Finger Readjusting Guard with Saw Running

Benjamin Wollan, inspector, is in the Hospital suffering from a brain concussion as the result of an accident at Group 87 April 21.

Wollman, from a position on the ground, was helping to open a boxcar. A workman on a platform above him swung a heavy wooden mallet at the door catch, but the blow landed on the top of the inspector's head.

Two factors contributed to this accident. First, Wollan had stepped out of his routine duties. Second, there was an obvious lack of understanding between the two men as to their intentions. The adequate "calling of signals" between workmen is vital to their safety.

Everett Thompson suffered a severely lacerated hand, an injury necessitating the amputation of his left little finger, in a power saw accident at Group 3 April 22.

The guard of the saw had worked loose as Thompson was cutting 4 by 4's. He attempted to readjust it without first turning off the power. This is another example of the serious consequences of adding an unsafe act to even a minor mechanical misadjudgment.

The slogan, "Don't take a chance," applies with special force to operators of keen, high speed tools.

Shell Drops on Foot

A shell dropped on the left foot of **Kathryn Hayes**, Group 1, Building 3, April 14. She is losing time due to a severe laceration and fracture of the great toe.

She reported she had just finished loading shells on to a table, turned her head and a shell "from somewhere" fell on her foot. The very vagueness of the description suggests the probability of an absent-minded action such as dragging down a shell with her hand or arm as she turned her head.

The alertness that comes from constant stressing of safety is the best safeguard against such mishaps.

The arm infection of **Fredrick Rumney**, Group 62-N, is now said to be of unknown origin, not connected with the sliver puncture wound of a finger to which it had been attributed originally.

Horace Larder, Group 2, suffered a broken right leg in an accident in Bldg. 12 April 26. He was trucking skids of bands from a conveyor and was in the act of removing one skid when a second one rammed into it, forcing the truck forward and pinning the operator's leg between the truck handle and the wall.

The trip switch mechanism, designed to regulate the flow of material and prevent such accidents, was found to be insufficiently sensitive to the weight being conveyed. This indicates the importance of periodically testing such equipment under all conditions which might conceivably be encountered in actual operation.

Perry L. Weston, railroad switchman, missed his footing as he attempted to step on a moving car April 23. The injury, a bruised ankle, was not serious, but it might easily have been so.

There is no indication of an unsafe mechanical condition. This mishap to an experienced workman emphasizes again the fact that no action involving risk can, through sheer repetition, be freed of that risk. Constant alertness to such dangers is essential to continued safety.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA

Correspondent

A victim of bad luck is **Al Menozzi**, whose car was stolen. The unfortunate Mr. Menozzi has received no word of the vehicle.

By the grapevine came the information that, while fishing, **Luther Keirsey** fell into a creek.

It seems that several lads from Fuze & Booster and Group 61 have a little difficulty staying on Chicago Road. Maybe they should try cross-country driving, that is if they can stay out of ditches. Further information can be obtained from **Bill Hartman, Art Jensen** and **Harold Rouff.**

James Adams loves to dance. Mr. Adams may be seen, anywhere in Wilmington, "shaking a mean hoof."

Fred Varyel has a pig that escaped and plowed gardens all the way to Missouri. Fred claims he is still receiving checks from grateful persons.

Chief Engineer **Albert Amstien's** power house crew are valuable men. During an emergency, for eight hours, they operated the power house without lights.

Fellow workers are in the dark as to why **Fred Steinberger** does not throw stones any more—windows may be the reason.

A skilled man is **William Kilbride.** Besides being an explosive operator, he can operate a bus. Mr. Kilbride often drives for the famous "Kilbride line," operating between Essex, Ill., and EOP.

Henry Barber keeps the machine shop boys informed about all feminine happenings in Kankakee.

Tony Ganz has purchased a spotted pony.

Some time ago a collection was taken to buy **Joe Motta** a haircut. It begins to look like the same will have to be done for **Ray Carlson.** Co-workers are wondering if anyone noticed the new style bob Ray was wearing at the last fellowship meeting.

A hard worker is **James Condon**, who frequently gets his coveralls awfully dirty.

There is a young lady, **Ruth Nelson**, working at Fuze & Booster who says "Good morning, Uncle Vic," to **Victor Nelson**; both are about the same age. "You can fool some of the people some of the time, etc."

Frequently seen at the "Shack Restaurant" is **Willis Lee.**

The prize quotation of the month, **Clifford Kidney** saying, "I don't mind doing my share, but I don't want to do *all* the work around Bldg. 2."

Mrs. John Kelly is recovering from a brief illness.

Edgar Bartlett is the grandfather and **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Worth** are the parents of a seven-pound boy.

Bob Karges has been receiving publicity for his checker playing—word sure gets around.

A new addition is **Dick Pearson**, who is stationed here as a fire guard.

Clyde Townsend is placing newly painted fire extinguishers in the area.

From laborer to ambulance driver is **John Dixon**, who transferred to the Hospital recently.

Frank Webber takes a trip daily to the Hospital to have a bandage put on his injured eye.

If ever a mayor were to be elected at the Group, **Guy Ayers** would like to become a candidate.

It is rumored that **Peter Balma** likes to work in Bldg. 4.

James Morey is planning a big undertaking, but he won't mention what it is.

Bill Dooley, the white-haired philosopher, was at Sportsman's Park, and according to him it was a successful visit.

Walter Boughton of Bldg. 2 has a new way of playing horseshoes. He rolls them to the stake and is pretty good at it.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

The last column was dedicated to Spring. The next day an unlucky citizen lost his left toe because of frost-bite. This week's column is dedicated to good-fellowship because **Chief Roy W. Mortenson** has been selected as "head hostess" for the hungry horde at the next fellowship meeting. So, for both of you readers, here is news about the department's own Good Fellowship Sports Circle. First there is the boxing team: **Len Jessen**, flyweight, *raw but raucus;* **William Bolton**, paperweight, *flabby but fast;* **Dayle Pratt**, bantam, *cute but corny;* **Cliff Weiss**, lightweight, *best on a muddy track;* **Al Renn**, middleweight, *rare and rarin';* **Frank Rutkowski**, welterweight, *strictly a club fighter;* **Frank Scoma**, light heavyweight, *bad season — overtrained*, and **Kenny Brooke**, heavyweight, *too young and fluffy.*

Your correspondents expect to collect a name for themselves, plus a few lurid trophies, in some croquet tournament. To that end the nucleus of a ducky team in this ancient and revered sport has been formed as follows: **Ludwig Lazar**, first mallet, *underweight—but tough;* **Frank Pavlich**, second mallet, *steady—not flashy;* **Henry Stege**, Russian ballet, *dependable veteran;* **Angelo Amarose**, first hoop, *dark horse;* **Norm Heath**, second hoop, *white horse;* **Joe Vaccaro**, whooper-dooper, *an old story;* **Hopper Combs**, first ball, *lacks confidence;* **Larry Molck**, second ball, *ambitious — light on his feet*, and **Virgil Bell**, belle of the ball, *bawls out umpires.*

Forthcoming issues will present more teams, but before anything else is printed candy, cigars and chewing gum must be presented to those mentioned here to make up for any unkind things said about them.

Charles Davis will be a bachelor for a few days while his wife visits her relatives in Kickapoo Valley.

The Department dusted off the welcome mat and draped it over the smiling countenance of **Helen Gahagen**, who is now completely recovered from her recent illness. The clean-up gang at the Hospital must have misplaced the feather duster because fair Helen is now just one sweet little mass of giggles and gayety.

In days of old, the ancient art of horse-swapping led to much feudin'. A modern version of this deadly sport is being enacted here. **Sgt. Martin Hanson** looks very sad these days, — but it probably is just a sham. He made $15 on the deal and believes that revenge will descend upon the party of the second part as time and a 1930 Chevrolet go by.

The next time **Frank Goldenstein** goes visiting, and is wined and dined by his host, he should be told that there are no such things as ghosts, and that a short *solo* spin about the premises is the best thing in the world for everyone's nerves.

Bill Reichert, assistant chief, did *not* post the news of the Steger fire on the bulletin board.

The rafters at Central Fire Station still gleam with the reflection of the sunshine caused by the recent visit of **Irene Keenan, Lola Early** and **Pauline Morrow.**

Joe Motta of Group 61 started his Easter parading the Saturday before that rainy Sunday. Joey augmented the usual order of things with two beautiful girls and a handsome soldier.

"Captain" John Smith of Group 70 fame has purchased a north forty down yonder, and is preparing to go after potatoes in a big way.

Congratulations are in order to former Inspector **Francis Burden**, now of the Air Corps, upon his promotion to corporal. . . . The gang knows that the ultimate has not been reached by Francis and wish him much success as he continues that upward climb.

Word has drifted in that former Inspector **"Marty" Knowles**, now a member of the Navy Sea-Bees, finished boot-camp down Virginia way and was transferred east for advanced training.

The Fire Department maintains its record for meeting every emergency. Which will be verified by **Marie Cline** and **Helen Gahagen.**

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK

Correspondent

Line Department Lines
By Ray Curtis

E. E. McKay, substation operator during working hours, but a gay man-about-town in Kankakee in his spare time, announced he would be married about May 1 and will reside at 574 South Chicago ave., Kankakee, after a brief honeymoon. "Mac" offered hush money to keep this out for fear his Kankakee friends would make life miserable for him.

Ed Delach, substation operator, is passing out cigars and announcing the birth of a daughter.

Dewey Kendall has his 1-A Army classification and says he soon will be Private Kendall.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

William A. Buck spent April 22 and 23 in Chicago attending the U. S. Independent Telephone Convention which was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

John Brewer spent Easter week-end in Streator with relatives.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Harry Chayer was a wee bit absent-minded one day. He blamed it on the beautiful Spring weather.

A feud is raging on the relative merits of Joliet and Kankakee, with **Bill Sexton** a loyal booster for the Kankakee side.

Charlie Hagmayer has a nice habit of saving some chocolates from his lunch every day.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Fred Fredrickson has been busy moving Taylor Lake to a new location.

Elmer Dupree attended a banquet in Plainfield last week. Now he knows he has a good dentist.

Murray Jordan is an old hand at cooking squash.

Joe Kopski has gone into the chicken business.

Pep Frasco, the Spring Valley diplomat, predicts a mild winter for '43. He has no spats to half sole and is running short of No. 17 coupons.

Since the new fishing law permitting nets became effective, **Chick Spesia** hung up a sign "all sizes for sale."

Tony Vidmar's one ambition is to have his name appear in *The Bomb-Shell.*

Motor Pool Memos
By Frank Kern

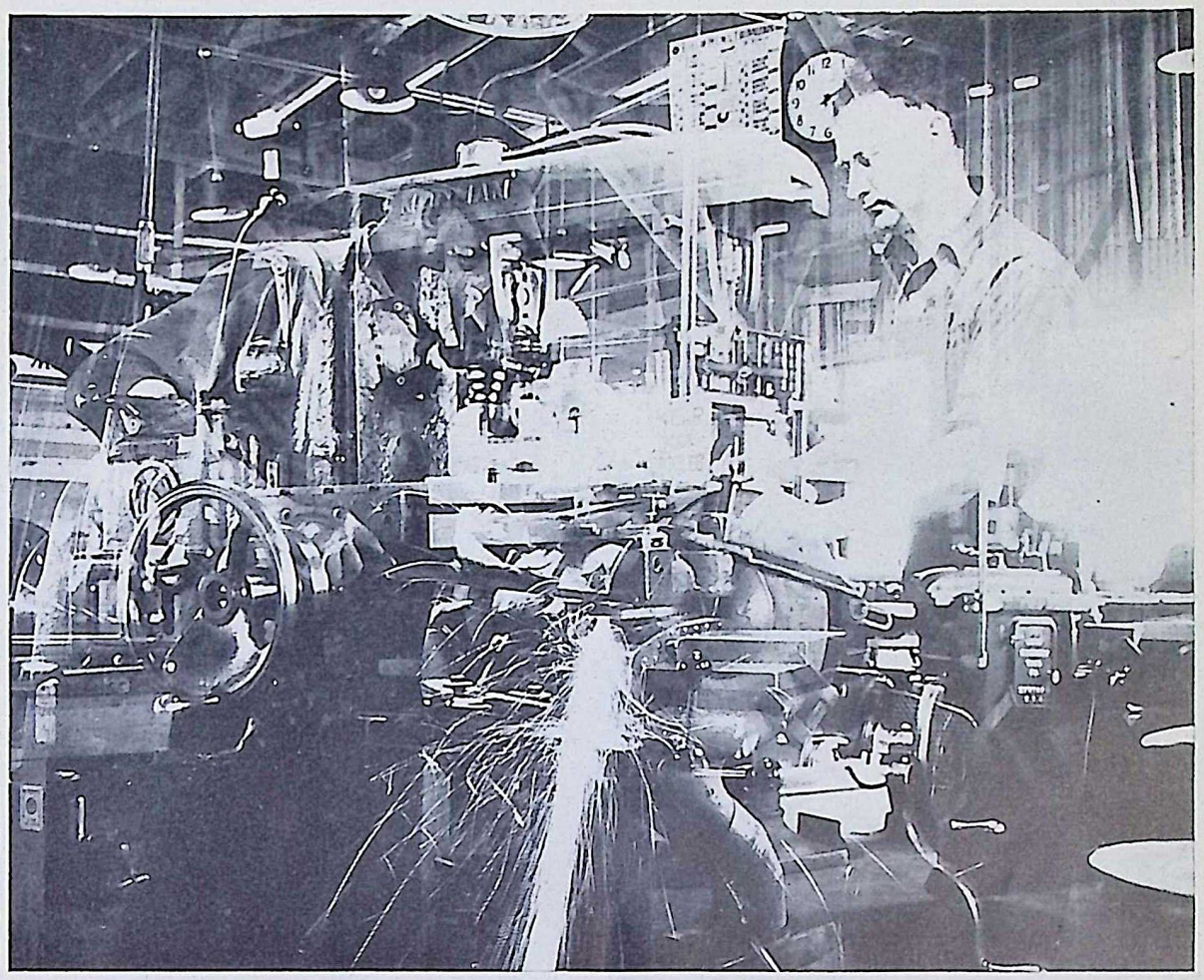
Another girl has been added to the pool—**Blanche Ginsler** is welcomed.

Two wrongs in one day made **Foris Bracket** president of the "Wrong Way Corrigan Club."

Shirley Van Gampler and **John Fisher** have returned to work after a vacation spent with the measles.

Jim Lovell, the last boy chauffeur, was called by Uncle Sam and left May 5.

Cards have been received from some of the Motor Pool boys in the service: **Chester Voss**, California; **Alfred Block**, Florida; **William Hatting**, Utah; **Delmar Jensen**, Texas; **Joe Elledge**, Florida; **Frank Zembruski**, Maryland; **Robert Cleghern**, Idaho.



MACHINIST'S NIGHTMARE might well be the title of this photograph which is the result of a double exposure made during a camera tour of EOP's Machine Shop.

Olive McDonald is responsible for the class in geography which took place between trips for a whole day.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

William Barnes was on the alert when noticing a blaze under a car coming toward the gate. **Paul Boucher, Ervin Lembke** and **Peter Antonucie** are the heroes who rescued the driver and extinguished the fire.

Many would like to have a picture of **Fred Aster** and his swivel chair in the new office at the Bus Depot.

Lawrence Anderson is proud of his Victory garden—he said he'll have potatoes next week. The rain helped.

"Canary" is the nickname for **Catherine Toune**, chauffeurette.

Seveno Leggero looks pale since his tonsils were removed. He said he is almost starved.

Harry Eaton acquired the name of "Horse Killer" on his way to work. A horse got into his path; the horse was knocked down; Harry was knocked out. The horse said to Harry, "You aren't going to eat me" and leaped for the field. The horse did more damage to Harry's car than Harry did to him, so that's a horse on Harry.

Paint Shop Patter
By Pat Stettbacher

Earl Whipple, C. Gustafson and **R. Keith Gale** are busy with new additions to their households. The recently adopted Boston bull pups from the Singer Kennel are doing fine in their new homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Wirth are parents of a daughter born April 29 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet. They are going to call her **Barbara.**

The Paint Shop was really in the swim after the rain storm last week. **Glen "Indian" Lamb** found he has other abilities than painting. It takes muscle and brains to push a mop and more practice is all he needs to become a perfect Atlas.

Thanks go to **Louis Hoffman**, glazier, for quick action. A semi-transport freight truck parked in front of the shop started to roll down hill toward the cars in the parking lot. Louie jumped in and stopped the truck just as it scratched a fender of **Bob Briese's car.**

Sign-painter **Heinie Johnson** is back here after spending the winter in the Service Garage.

Laundry Notes
By Lucille Morrissette

The ever-increasing population among the cats at the Laundry may have its advantages in view of the present meat rationing program. "Rusty," the Laundry mascot, has become the proud father of three kittens.

Fried rabbit is a daily item on the Laundry menu. This entree can be augmented by plenty of fresh vegetables, if and when the amateur gardeners under the supervision of veteran **George Slaughter**, come into their "own"; that is, if **Al Smeets** doesn't make the mistake of throwing out anymore Grade A seed potatoes or other culinary prospects belonging to the would-be gardeners. Incidentally, Al opened a carton, supposedly containing eggs, and found one dozen nicely rounded stones to serve with his bacon in payment for the destruction of the seed potatoes.

Rosemary Ellwood is trying to beg, borrow, or steal gasoline since one of her boy-friends is reported home on furlough.

All are glad to welcome **Edna Hyatt** back after a recent illness.

Betty Frazier's excitement reached a peak when her boy friend was home on a short furlough.

All are sorry to lose **Helen Murphy** and hope she will be happy in her new enterprise.

Service Garage Spares
By Jean Ann Evans

When the fishing fever gets you, it's really a serious case for which even the ablest physician cannot prescribe a cure. Only the presence of a body of water such as a lake, or a stream with a ruffled current can ease the painful thoughts of how thrilling it would feel to have members of the finny tribe dangling on the end of your line, and then a deft scoop with your landing net completes the picture as you proceed gently to remove the hook and place the fish on a stringer. What a glorious feeling!

Several members of the garage force succumbed to this malady and had to take the cure, so they went out to a very famous angling spot over the Easter week-end in quest of fish.

William "Barker" Booker led the parade with six northern pike, two wall-eyed pike and a mess of bull-heads.

Glen "Porky" Bitterman was next in line for top honors with four northerns, three wall-eyes and a mess of bull-heads.

Blanchard "Boots" Shepherd ran a poor third with only one northern pike and a small mess of bull-heads.

The last member of this fishing expedition was **Stan "Kelly" Kukulski** and his net result was just a plain mess, which proves that you cannot catch fish unless you *ACTUALLY* go out after them.

Coming back to work after the trip, various suggestions were offered by fellow workers, and here are several of the best:

Joe Szwaja—Follow **Bob Becker's** column; **Earl Goodknecht**—Don't follow **Bob Becker; Sylvester Learned**—Fish early in the morning only; **Norman Olson**—Fish late in the evening; **Bill Briddick**—Use live bait only; **June Wood**—Luminous baits for me; **Walter Knupp**—I'd use surface plugs only; **Leroy Stutz**—Spoons will surely get 'em; **Fred Elias**—Underwater plugs are mine; **Bill Rockabrand** — Bucktails are my favorite; **Harley Benge**—Spinners and feathers are best; **Louis Calcaterra**—Pork rind is a sure killer: **Paul Wood**—Don't take too many lures along; **Walter Sheridan**—Stay away from taverns; **C. L. Wilson**—Fish more and sleep less, and **Jim Hatz**—Don't fish where they ain't.

M. P. Group Registers Big Hit Here

"What a thriller!" was the comment made by the 160 or more who attended the fourteenth meeting of the Goodfellowship meeting April 22. And it was a thrill to listen to the large Military Band consisting of the soldiers of the 732nd M. P. from Camp Des Plaines. The band was under the leadership of **Sgt. Horace Henderson**, brother of **Fletcher Henderson**, the popular orchestra leader.

As a military band they kept the audience on their toes and thrilled every minute. Cheers greeted the finish of every number, then in less than a minute the combination would be changed to an orchestral setup, and what music, from swing to blues until everyone wanted to dance.

The entertainment followed a dinner served in the Mess Hall Among the guests were **Harrison Smith, Maj. Kenneth M. Haber, Maj. George A. Grant, Capt. P. D. Cooper, Capt. J. A. Hardy** and **Lt. C. R. Crandell.** Major Haber had as his guests the following officers from Camp Des Plaines: **Lt. Col. Amory A. Miller, Capt. Franklin C. Rogers, Capt. Oliver W. Lynen** and **Capt. Vincent L. Sullivan.**

Q. What does the reduced railroad rate for a serviceman amount to?

A. All depends how far you're going, soldier. On furlough you get a reduced railroad fare of one cent a mile on a round-trip basis.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS and photographers from five Chicago dailies visited Groups 1 and 3-A April 22 and obtained material and pictures for a series of articles concerning safety and health precautions for women workers at EOP. Pictured here after the day-long tour, they are left to right: Front row; Dorothy Hartung, Times; Tony Berarati, Herald-American photographer; Adel Hoskins Daily News; Edward McGill, Tribune photographer, and Neola Northam, Sun; back row: Russell Hamm, Daily News photographer; Jane Meyer, Herald-American; Jane McCarthy, Tribune, and Albert Westlin, Times photographer.

News and Notes from EOP Safety Engineers

Foremen **Charles Zogus, Lloyd Zenor** and **Gilbert Simmons** of Group 3-A have done a splendid piece of work in Buildings 16-A and 12 for the week ending April 24 with a no-major-or-minor-accident record, according to **Emory M. Akeman**, safety engineer.

Mr. Akeman said the entire line had a good record and that employees hoped to end the month with no lost time accidents, and put operations there for three consecutive on that basis.

John Connors, safety engineer, reported that **Bill Pyle**, inspector at Group 64, eliminated a hazard when he had a chute erected for the disposal of empty shell cases by an overhead route.

E. L. McCray, Group 66, is rearranging all of his igloos with a different piling system, which is creating an enviable appearance of neatness.

Paul Small, superintendent of Group 63, has been busy with the removal of dunnage which accumulated during the winter months.

The Safety Department at Group 3-A, according to **Don Crowthers**, safety engineer, expressed thanks to **Ned Belizo** and his boys for their co-operation in the quick change-overs required periodically in this group. Their job is to have the tables in Buildings 16-A, 16-B and 12 at the proper height for the operators.

Mr. Akeman reported that **Elbert Smith** of Group 3-A has missed but two days of work in the last eight months. Mr. Smith's record achieves more importance when it is understood that he arises at 3 o'clock each morning, walks a mile and a half to catch a 65 mile ride to work, and duplicates the trip in the evening.

An excellent safety record has been established by the men and women in Building 12, Group 2, according to **B. R. Bowden**, safety engineer.

Thirty-six days have elapsed without an accident in this building, and Foremen **Everett Bradley, Arthur Jennings** and **Roy Shepherd** are striving to continue this record as long as possible.

Mr. Bowden and **Lorin Cain**, safety engineer, discussed safety problems with the first women to be employed in Group 2, when they reported for work April 5. The talks followed the remarks of welcome by **Supt. James J. Murphy.**

Mr. Cain who had served as safety engineer on the afternoon shift at Group 2, has been transferred to day service at Group 1. He was succeeded by **R. F. Wieber.**

"Safety is just as important in recreation as in work," asserts **James "Gentleman Jim" Grady**, who cautioned his pin boys thus: "Don't let a ball *strike* **your** pins. it's liable to *split* 'em, and you haven't got a *spare.*"

"Well," says **Gerald "Whitey" Hall**, foreman, Bldg. 3, Group 3-A, "tain't so bad during the day to be constantly checked by Akeman and Crowthers, but when it comes to Saturday night, that's going too far. From 7:30 to 3:30, if I don't see Akeman in 3, 11-A, or 11-B, I am certain that Crowthers is just around the corner or coming down the ramp. But last Saturday I took my wife and the kids to Joliet. When I started into the Dime Store there was Crowthers, pacing back and forth, notebook in hand, ready to report me. Rather than face Don, I turned back, hoping to get into Goldblatts before Crowthers spied me. But it was no use, there I was to gaze upon Akeman picketing this store. Well, what's a feller goin' to do? Wait a minute fellows, here's **George Costello.** See you later."

When the bouquets are passed out for consistant safety and production performances, according to **Jimmy Hart**, safety engineer, you can save some of your choicest posies for **Alonzo "Red" Buehl** and his helpers, who, in a few months, have designed and built an "ice-tong" bomb lifter, safety drawbars for lift trucks, spring safety catches for bomb rack gates, safety cable slings and strap harness for hoisting loaded bombs, bomb striper and stenciler, traveling air hoist conveyors, time and labor saving thread cleaner and cavity reamer and safety "slip proof—break proof" tail plate toggle wrenches for 2,000 and 4,000 pound bombs.

William Reed, assistant superintendent of Group 3 has gone a long way in solving the housekeeping situation in Building 6 by assigning **Bill Agrue** to the clean-up position in the batting order, according to **Charles B. Harrison**, safety engineer. **Tony Gomora**, the efficient chief, has been busy oiling the snow shovels for next month's snow storm.

Believe it or not, there are two nurses in Group 3 with the same name, Lucille Nahas, reported **Crombie Schindle**, safety engineer.

The photograph of Safety Engineer Harrison, which appeared in *The Bomb-Shell* of April 9 and showed him at work in Group 3, was reproduced in the Kankakee *Republican News* of April 26. In his column, "Catching a Few Off First," **Orren Allain** commented that Harrison coached football at Kankakee High for 15 years and has a great reputation throughout the Mid-West as a prep school coach.

At one of the Army-Navy classics, Harrison was an honored guest. Two of his former proteges at Kankakee High were the opposing captains, so Harrison sat on one side of the field for one half and on the other for the second half. He appeared that night on the "We the People Speak" radio program as a result of the coincidence.

Breaking Rules Causes Accidents

Many serious lost time accidents have been due to breaking one of the primary safety rules. Bright yellow and black signs posted around machinery—safety rule books—posters—say **"Do not Clean, Oil or Repair Machinery While in Motion."** No excuse can be made for such accidents—none is sought—for excuses come *AFTER* the damage is done, according to **Harl E. Son**, supervising safety engineer.

It seems that neither calories nor points worry **Clem Eiden** and **Lou Walsh**, according to **Herman Beringer.** Mr. Harrison says that he and Herman had been detained at the barber shop and arrived late for the Will County Safety Council banquet. Just as Herman sat down, Clem remarked, "That's what I call a right smart of a meal and the seconds were really good."

"Better luck next time and be on time, boys," said Lou. Ten minutes after Beringer and Harrison had eaten a left-over plate, in came **O. K. Schreib.** Within a few minutes he rated a nice big steak supper. Does it pay to be late? "Yes," said Charley "if you're late enough." But Clem said, "The early bird gets the seconds in roast beef."

The Safety Department was represented by Safety Engineers Harrison, Wieber, Akeman, Crowthers, Schreib, Beringer, Walsh, **R. R. Jones** and **Clement Eiden.**

SCORCHY? No, wrong again! This is William A. "Bill" Buck, superintendent of EOP's telephone system, at the age of six years. He said he was as proud of his bangs as of his sailor suit . . . which is understandable.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

Production Planning is proud of the fact that they will soon have a girl representative in the armed forces. **Shirley Wessels** has joined the Marines and is now awaiting call to active duty.

Phyllis Clair would like to know just what technique is used to get stockings out of a bottle. She seemed to be having quite a bit of difficulty in putting them on one day last week. **June Kuglick** was giving instructions but somehow they just didn't seem to work.

Margaret Bruce of Wilmington is a new typist here.

Tommy Burns of the Navy reports that he is now stationed at the Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., and would like to hear from all of his old friends.

Joan Schwartz and **Gwenn Hannabarger** have started working days after a month on the third shift. The girls report it sure is hard to get up in the morning after becoming accustomed to sleeping late for so long.

Industrial Service

Eveline Mikuce is welcomed to this division.

It has been learned that **Dorothy Bollig** has a real talent for art—and, boy, what talent.

If you happen to see **Marge Gall** flashing a new and shiny insignia pin, don't get excited. It was a gift from her brother, who was home on furlough recently. His favorite name for Marge is "Skinny."

Mary Matesi is going to leave soon to resume her duties as mother and housewife.

Rowena Roberts is doing a swell job of taking over **Nina Horrie's** work while Nina has been transferred to Transportation.

A surprise came to **Bernadine Klausing** when she was called to the phone. At the other end someone was singing, "Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, you little devil you."

If you want a lesson on how to make smoke rings, just ask **J. P. Filips.** He knows how.

Many were disturbed about **Eleanor Goss** being so tired each Monday morning until they learned she always goes to a dance Sunday night.

Transportation

Harold MacFadden, who has transferred from Personnel, is the newest member of the Transportation Division.

Among those transferred from War Department divisions are **Charlotte Matheny**, whose husband is now attending Officers Training School; **Evelyn Dix, Frances Jursenvich** and **Frank Santri. Mary O'Connor**, former multilith chief, has also joined the little gang.

James Pavel thought for sure that he had another new girl to train. The cause of this disturbance was a very windy day. Miss Kuglick, who went to lunch with her hair-do nicely placed on the top of her head, but returned with nice long curls. A bit of help from **Mac Norem** helped fix the transformation. You see, girls, that's what a different style of hair-do will do for one.

Equipment Checkers

Have you ever heard the expression in the Traffic Audit office, "That's God's country"? Well, **Fred Legris** calls Burbonnais just that.

Tom "Pants" Nugent is packing his grips for a vacation back home in New Hampshire. **Frank Weston** said he just don't know whom he will be advising in Tom's absence.

While checking equipment one day a fellow-worker told **Pete Conroy** he was about the fifth fellow checking the same things. "That's nothing," he retorted, "there might be five more."

Jake Debri has been numbering equipment in the attic of the Administration Building, which he believes would be a hot spot for this summer.

Group 2

Back in the town where **Johnny Williamson** went to school there is to be one of the year's most successful Proms. The decorating is near completion and the tickets about all sold. It is wondered if Johnny will go, and who will receive a corsage.

One brisk, rainy day, **Cliff Fisher** said "Sprig has cumb." Everyone well knew spring was here—but they also knew no one could enjoy it with such a cold.

Group 3-A

All are sorry to hear of **Meoma Jett's** illness, but glad to know that she will soon be back at work as all miss her sunny smile and cheery "hello."

Mary Bertino is still looking for that bicycle she ordered some time ago. Or was it roller skates?

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Marjorie Hartong took the place of **Beatrice Merrick** for several days at the first aid station at Group 2. Mrs. Merrick returned with smiles and memories after a brief visit with her husband at his Army camp.

Thank-you cards were received from **Elsie Baer** in appreciation of the lovely pearl necklace, earrings and bracelet set given her as a farewell present by the staff.

Donated plants and shrubs given **Evelyn Doran** don't quite fit into her daily routine. Monday every muscle shrieked with pain as she twisted and turned about in her laboratory domain.

Swinging doors are a phobia with **Bertha Perush**—someone is always on the other side trying to get in at the time she tries to get out.

Frank Grosses was given K.P. duty, peeling potatoes, for the pooled roast chicken **Maurice Bremmer** brought for supper.

Dr. Jim Madurs's sliver was extracted with the help of three doctors and four nurses.

An unmarked uniform was posted before the eye of the feminine staff for several days. It was finally decided it belonged to **Veronica Kelley** as the one cut down from size 40 to 16 by her mother. You can see why she was so modest in claiming it.

Dr. M. L. Stern, Chicago, **Dr. C. A. Sharp**, Joliet, representing the Illinois State Health Department; **Dr. K. G. Brockman, Dr. T. P. Hickey** and **John Daniel**, of Kankakee Ordnance Works, were visitors at the Hospital recently.

Nellie Lazio was tickled pink when she was visited by a Seabee for several days—she spruced up with a fine permanent and a twinkle in her eye and awaited the arrival of her husband from the East Coast.

A tire blow-out caused **James Stiglich** a great deal of concern when he was stranded with several women out in the area. "Good Deed Dottie," alias **Ozro Blanchard**, helped him out and he went creeping back to the service garage.

A traveler from Arkansas paid a visit to **Helen Edwards** for a few days. It turned out to be her husband on furlough from Camp Robinson.

Marie Ulrich left the Hospital for the first aid station at Groups 6-7 the early part of the month.

A party was given for **Robert Anderson**, who is leaving for the armed forces, at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews.** Refreshments were served and all spent an enjoyable evening dancing. Those present were: **Dr. and Mrs. George R. Luke, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Richards, Dr. Andrew Bustin, Dr. Jacob Wechsler, Sgt. George Wells, Sgt. Edward Strickland, Gordon McCulloch, Mary Philbin, Miss Lazio, Miss Hartong, Myrtle Burris, Vance Cook, Helen Talbott, Bob Crane, Flash Gordon, Dorothy Busse** and **Lynn Catlett.**

Dr. B. Giel is puzzled as to how he is to care for a baby chick given him for Easter.

A talisman rose corsage was sent to **Dorothy Busse** by her husband in Africa.

Group 1

There is an explanation for **John E. Connor's** beaming countenance and it's more than just another No. 17 stamp. The reason is a seven-pound, one-ounce granddaughter, **Linda Frances**, born April 20. Both daughter and father, **Staff Sgt. Joseph Connor**, are doing nicely.

Grace Brereton, progress clerk, reports that her son, **Robert F. Brereton**, formerly employed in Group 3-A, is stationed at Kessler Field, Miss.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

The admonitory tone that **Helen Bardi** was using yesterday was toward Pearl. She's been a fixture on Helen's desk for about three months now and certain portions have been growing so rapidly that Helen is becoming worried about Pearl's appearance. Pearl is a cute young kitten! That she's made of china and painted with vari-colored polka dots doesn't seem to perturb anyone, but the fact that her cactus tail seems to have taken a new lease on life and is now three times its original length is of prime concern.

The pink-cheeked boy friend of the Personnel Department came back to work this week after a long sick leave. **James Barrowman** was welcomed by everybody who remembered his permanent smile and cheery disposition which has been brightening up the Personnel Building for almost two years.

Speaking about boy friends, **Helen McGinnis** was radiating smiles last week as she passed a recent portrait of her military interest to anyone who would verbally appreciate it. **Louis Awe**, sergeant in the Army, sent a colored picture up and now we, too, can enjoy the stories about "Looie." Helen is spending her annual leave in Excelsior Springs.

The department just received a group letter from **Clem Lambert**, former interviewer now in the "Seabees," to say thanks for his gift and make an urgent request for copies of *The Bomb-Shell*, starting with the month of April. Most recent recruit from the building is **William T. Pohlman** who left two weeks ago.

Jane Schnepper came into the building with one eye all red and swollen and muttering something about "Red" guessing wrong about the weather as she shivered. No one could discover the cause of the eye ailment, but the shivers were produced by a trip through Group 1 on a cold, blustery day in a spring coat when husband, **"Red" Carl**, had assured her that it would be warmer during the day.

Returning from the commissary one noon, **Charlotte Doxsee** was humming a lively tune when she suddenly stopped and another girl continued the melody. "Char" was delighted and halted them all with a glad "You knew what I was singing!"

Fred Cadwallader has reported that even he never could have believed how swollen his face was while suffering with an infected sinus last Thursday if he hadn't seen it. Diligent work with hot packs for the remainder of the week improved his condition so much that he was back at work bright and early Monday with a cheerful smile for all who inquired about his health.

Swinging gaily into the wash room, **Georgiana Flavin** energetically set about washing a pair of glasses and after a few minutes she returned to the reference room. Finishing powdering her nose, one of the girls turned to pick up her glasses and found them all wet. She dried them and proceeded to the reference room when **Byron Mills** was sitting working with her glasses on his nose. He did comment that they were a trifle weak.

Betty Lou Barkelew celebrated that anxiously awaited 20th birthday April 22. Girls from the Division of Investigation brought a cake replete with candles for the event. Bashful Betty blushed as they all swung into "Happy Birthday."

Primary interest for **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist** outside of office hours during the past two weeks has been unusual coiffures, and she has been receiving some queer looks from women whom she examined too closely. Exery time she noticed a woman with an upswept hair style, she would almost stare at her to discover just how it was kept combed so smoothly. Last Monday capped the climax however. Delivering a report in the room where "Dolly" was busily typing, one of the girls observed that she was searching for something. Inquiring if she could help, she heard the complaint, "I go down and get a new pencil and in two minutes I've lost the darn thing." It required only one glance to ascertain that the pencil in question had been thrust through the curl atop her head and was sticking out a full three inches on either side.

Bernadine "Bing" Keenan returned to work this morning after a brief session with the measles. Feeling rather ill for quite a few days, "Bing" came to work one morning with the conviction that she was coming down with the flu. About 10:30 o'clock she walked into the rest room to say she was hot. After a trip to the hospital, she had to agree that it was the measles which were about to pounce upon her rather than the flu bug. For a few days everyone in the building examined each tiny red spot which might appear on arms or neck with suspicion, but no one discovered anything amiss.

Those fateful words will be repeated May 24 in Grand Forks, N. D., with **John "Tom" Haigh** as one of the principal characters. On his thirteen-day leave, he will travel to Grand Forks, thence to his home on the Montana border. The rest of his honeymoon will be spent in the Black Hills, which is his idea of heaven.

While the romantic interest is the subject, **Rita "Rusty" Cushing** has a few days' vacation to spend with her boy friend, **Robert Gato**, home on an unexpected furlough from the Marine Corps in San Diego, Calif.

June Morgan and **Eugene "Jean" Erp** were comparing notes on new songs when the following skit occurred. In an attempt to illustrate the one to which she was referring, June burst into song. "Isn't that the way it goes?" Jean's only answer was, "Well, sort of—" With widening eyes she added, "Every time I open my mouth today I put my foot in it." June threatened, any more remarks like that and I'll put MY foot in it."

After five years of married life, **Katherine Smith's** husband presented her with a friendship ring.

Evelyn Melby is afraid to open her mouth as she claims to have a gold mine hidden there. After a special preview showing of the new cap and bridge, **Carmen Oldani** declared that "Evvie" was a human lightning rod.

Easter weekend found a few of the Personnel "gang" happily reunited with their distant families. **Darwin "Dale" Boitnott** chose those few days to travel all the way to Detroit, Mich., and there are rumors of a girl friend there. **Marge Lawhead**, formerly of this building, and **Dolores Courtney** journeyed southward with a gentleman who was driving to the far south. Marge jumped out at Champaign while Dolores continued driving to Carrier Mills, Ill. Dolores still blames the white side-wall tires for the blowout which frightened her so badly when it wakened her from a sound sleep. **Al Dearth** drove to be with his family in Bloomington, too.

Alpha Englehart, June Morgan, Frank "Mickey" Green, Donald "Bud" Kane and Ed Murphy of the Recreation Department officially opened the tennis courts for the year one extremely windy day last week. Eddie, the home run king, demonstrated he could still make tracks chasing the balls, for he just couldn't manage to keep them inside the courts.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Congratulations are extended to the 15 new corporals recently promoted. Hard work and a knowledge of their duties gained them this ranking.

Lieut. Owen McCarthy is busy rounding up recruits for his softball team. Any guards interested notify the lieutenant at once before the roster is completed. Qualifications include "No Smoking" (while at bat).

If his consultation is still required, **Lieut. Frank Harrelson** is planning to write a book titled, "From Bunnies to Rabbits." Harrelson, a former thoroughbred rabbit trainer, has been threatened by some officers who considered themselves thoughtful by purchasing for their children a real bunny for Easter. The chapters of the book, in accordance with the requests, will include feeding, breeding, training (including setting up exercises) and, last but not least, "One easy lesson on how to Build a Rabbit Hut."

Lieut. Edwin Selle is hard at work with his Drill School. Everything is running smoothly, with one exception, an argument over who is to have the concession for corn-pads.

Dispatcher **Ed Ritchie** has sharpened up his hoe, rake, shovel and finger-nails in anticipation of spending a week as a farmer.

Lieut. William McClellan laments that meat rationing has caused considerable reduction in his waist-line, which he cannot afford. It is understood that he will use this argument in making an appeal, along with the fact that his digestive organs are not accustomed to eggs and fish. He is a good marine (former) however and states if he is granted additional meat rations, he will forfeit his gas book.

Former Guard **Harry Hetzel**, now serving in the armed forces, paid a visit to Guard Headquarters recently, while on a furlough. Like all other service men, he looks fit enough to tackle the Germans single-handed.

FURS are required by those in the armed forces stationed in Alaska. One type is shown here, worn by Pvt. Gail O. Plowman, formerly of Group 4, now on hospital duty in Alaska.

Few appreciate the warmer weather more than the guards. No more heavy coats, wool socks, clumsy gloves, and, above all, colorful ear-muffs.

With the Women

Geneva Puckett has been a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Joliet. She is on the road to recovery and looks forward to when she will be back.

Mary Gardner left the department to join her husband in Missouri.

At last, after waiting for nearly a year, the women guards have a real honest to goodness bride. **Verla Chism** has changed her name to **Mrs. Jimmy Fisher.** The wedding took place April 28. Her husband was home on furlough after serving a year in Hawaii. He left for his new headquarters in Tennessee. Verla will remain as a guard and her co-workers congratulate her lucky corporal husband and wish her all the happiness possible.

Frances Dempsey bowled a 173 game recently.

Everyone tries to eat all of the eggs they can on Easter morn. **Jane Johnston** set out to make a record and ate 16 eggs in two days; then stopped.

Mable Graham is welcomed back to the department. She left last winter because of illness, but she is now her charming self again.

All of the women guards have been taken through the area by **Lt. Frank Pate.** They enjoyed their trips very much, especially the trips through Guard Headquarters and the Fire Department. Since the excursion several of the girls have been wondering just how the firemen can slide down that pole, take their shoes off and get into their rubber garments in such a short time.

TEN YEARS' RETIREMENT was ended for J. A. Cocker to answer a war call by coming to EOP December 1, 1940, as mechanical superintendent. Mr. Cocker, shown here with his secretary, Marie Studer, was master mechanic at the American Steel & Wire Company for 34 years.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Dick Gordon, Bldg. 4, came to work with a big smile on his face. The reason, yes, he now is a daddy and naturally very proud of it.

When **Charlie Harrison** and **Elmer Emanuelson** get together it sounds almost as good as when **Bing Crosby** and **Bob Hope** josh and jive each other.

Many wonder where **George Weber** is going to get milk to feed his cats now that there is to be no more milk issued. One of his pals said he would probably try feeding them vitamin capsules.

It's too bad it rained so much the last two weeks, for all have been waiting to see the Victory garden that **Tony Lanasky** and **Alvin Knowles** have planned.

Bill Siefert, who was injured recently, has returned to the fold.

Group 3 has acquired a man by the name of **Ed Spezio** who will, no doubt, prove to be very helpful toward the success of the softball team. He came over from one of the inert groups.

Everett Thompson had some very bad luck recently. Although he is a husky man, he didn't fare so well when he tangled with a buzz-saw. He had to have one finger amputated, but according to all reports, he is feeling fine. Everett had just enlisted in the Seabees, but this accident will hold him back for a while now.

John "Red" Boucher and some of his boys want revenge on the bowling team from Group 3-A. "Red" and the gang were beaten in their first clash with **Colby Erickson** and his team, but topped 3-A the last time by 75 pins.

"Scotty" Dalziel had the high game and high average of the series. He had 602 pins with 220 in the final game.

Did you know that **Ted Pollack**, carpenter foreman, made acquaintance with the strong arm of the law. Ted told the officer he was listening to a hot swing band and didn't realize how fast he was traveling. The officer said, "The fastest swing tune you will hear is this, eight bucks, please." So Ted dug deep in his money-bag and coughed up eight dollars.

James "Smoky" Moore, who claims to be a boss at home as well as out here, is having trouble with his shoes. It seems the "little woman" won't give up his number 17 stamp so he will probably have to buy some sandals or play shoes.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH
Correspondents

Sam Thomas, Coal City, Ill., met with an accident one evening about 8:30. It seems that Sam got his foot caught in the sidewalk when it was being rolled up for the night.

Cy Thompson, explosives operator and first class seamstress, can be seen each day mending his coveralls before starting to work. Cy doesn't wear the coveralls which were mended by anyone else.

Anyone having an excess amount of water in their Victory garden please call 2134 and ask for **Charles Mann** and **Bill Denver** They have a good supply of fish and will be able to stock the gardens which are under water.

Bob Sohan, "the man about Wilmington," hired someone to clean his wallpaper at home while he went out to plow Victory gardens.

Al Hintrager is just a kid at heart. At milk time he would amuse the girls by showing them tricks and converting his handkerchief into a mouse. Now that the girls have left, Al will have to talk to himself.

Welcome was the visit paid by **Lewis Schuck.** Lewis was escorted through the line by **Robert Schmitz**, key inspector of Group 2.

Supt. James J. Murphy was welcomed home after being away on business a couple of days. He was at work bright and early after his return, but forgot to bring souvenirs for the boys.

William "Jersey" Klegman is doing his best to get an introduction to **Tom Hedger**, a carpenter helper. Someone must have told "Jersey" that Tom carries nine sandwiches to work every day.

All admire the fine picture of **Asst. Supt. John Kelahan** in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell*. Looks like he is camera shy and is hiding behind **B. P. Bowden's** hat.

Dodo Veronda claims that he knows when a change in the weather is due. He has a goose and a lump forms on the neck of the goose when the change is due.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

Time don't mean a thing to **Verona Lamber** and **Mary Begler** of 4-14 when they went to **Jo Kaiser's** home one Sunday morning at 2 and got her out of bed to go out and have chicken with them.

It was quite a surprise, but a coincidence, when **Mary Percich** and **Deloris Wrick** of 4-14 received watches from their "Heart Throbs" at the same time.

Sophie Odenwlad sure is grand at remembering birthdays.

Mabel Woods, shipping room 4-14, seems to think that Arizona and New York are one and the same state.

Fern Darnell was called to Kansas because of the illness of her husband who is in the service.

At last the movie scout has traced "Lana Turner," known to her friends as **Bing Enger** of the Primer room. Her new coiffure did the trick.

Lidwina Wempe is missed by all the girls in 4-14, who wish her success in her new career.

Domonic Montanna, the curly-haired lad of the component room, really has rhythm.

The girls in 4-14 are very much satisfied since they've seen **Chuck Kaplan**, assistant superintendent, walk through the building without his hat.

Dorothy Stahler is contemplating a trip to Texas.

Letha Riberto, 4-14, is very seldom seen without gloves.

Wilma Dellibac is back to work again after a week's illness.

Pharmacist Mate **Eddie Merriman**, on leave from the Navy, said "hello" to his former co-workers while visiting the plant recently.

Rose "Oswald" Machak has a peculiar memory. She remembers names but not places.

Frances Niewinski had a gala Easter party at her home in Morris. Guests included many from "Primers."

So regularly does **Anna Marie "Mamie" Weir** hear from her soldier friend that a celebration is held when no word is received. "Mamie" intends to be his in "Apple Blossom Time."

Now that **Dorothy Eglin's** boy friend has gone back to college, she has settled down to the routine of riding the EOP bus line and working in Primers.

Edna "Red" Hedlin has been having some trouble with one of her red corpuscles. It appears in the form of a blush at the most inopportune times.

Helen "Cig" Bowler isn't bothered a bit by her nickname, in fact she eats it up. "Cig" is looking for a one-way ride to Kansas City.

Christine Capetta is an aviation enthusiast.

Pearl Spiers is an authority on liquid diets.

Minnie Haywood is deeply interested in the ballet.

Betty Eckhardt is soon to change her name to "his."

Evelyn "Porky" Bault received a lovely going-away present from her sailor friend, **"Buck" Davidson** of Morris.

Dorothy Nelson and husband have finally found a lovely apartment in Morris.

Harvey Sessi has focused his attention from Columbus, O., to Manteno, Ill. He plans to move there soon.

Mary Foster took a plunge Easter Sunday in St. Louis. Her new husband is **Cpl. Art Scorcia. Lois Schultz** and **Evelyn Tatro** were the envious bridesmaids.

Josephine Pilarick writes daily to her soldier friend, **Sgt. Jimmy Jones.** Another twenty-four-hour correspondent is **Frances Skul**, who writes to her fiance, **John Slavowski.**

Gerry Schuler will soon be wearing something other than finger-nail polish on her third finger, left hand.

Helen Nelson's Easter outfit included a pea green suit and a robins-egg blue hat.

Julie Howard has at last heard from the Army. **Pvt. "Sully" Sullivan** was the correspondent.

The "E" in **William E. Wheeler's** name stands for Elliott. Though he hates to do it, Bill has to go to Ohio every May 1—it's an anniversary.

Ronnie Carlson thinks that short dresses are to be preferred over long skirts.

"Madame" Marie Hodina admits that she is engaged, but won't disclose who the lucky fellow is.

Lt. Billie Burrill, former forelady in 4-14, visited the plant on her way to Fort Devens, Mass., where she will be stationed.

Group 5

By Cora Kay and Florence Schnebly

Marion Bennett enjoyed Easter at her home in Fairbury.

Another sign of spring . . . **Rita Legris** in pigtails.

Dora Forman suffered a bad fall. All hope she soon recovers from her injury.

If **John Bono's** garden is as large as his story about it, all of the people in the Paint Shop will be sure of fresh vegetables.

TWIN sisters, Clara and Clarice Lieb, left the EOP Laundry to join the WAVES together. They hoped to be assigned to the same station.

Gilbert Maloney is parading a new Easter bonnet.

Pearl Funk has heard from her son who is over seas. He is well and has many things to tell his mother when he gets back.

Helen Pasternak's sketches have won her considerable acclaim among the girls of the group and her sister, **Euginia**, is doing her bit at "palm reading."

It is nice to have **Marjorie Bennett** back after a week's illness.

Lena Colafello has a new hobby . . . "moth catching."

Gerry Morris and her soldier husband from Camp Crowder, Mo., spent a week's vacation with her parents in Springfield.

A vote has been taken to start a "Tall Story Club." The first members are **"Tiny" Dick Jensen** and **Johnny Dole.**

During the recent rain storm several of the girls were found to have talent. **Eva Coonan** sings beautifully and **Ruth Schaubel** whistles. **Marie Ustaski** whistles with Ruth.

Group 6

Why is that song "I'm Just Wild About Harry" so popular with **Dorothy Connor.**

Bea Merrick hasn't said one word about her trip to Indianapolis since she's been back.

Eddie Liebelt, foreman in 6-4, has formed the habit of taking other people's pencils.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Leona Krakar**, who is ill with the measles.

Group 6 said good-bye to two members of its Tetryl Room — **June Randolph** and **Geraldine Dammann.**

Jean Mowery, office girl in 6-6, went home to welcome her brother who returned from Guadalcanal.

Lillian Russell, 6-4, was the guest of honor at a combined farewell party and stork shower given by 18 of her co-workers. A miniature bassinet decorated in pink and white was filled with many gifts.

Clementine Stonehouse, 6-6, visited in Chicago with her brother, **Master Sgt. Steven Sitar**, who after six years of service in Alaska, is home on a month's furlough.

Group 8

A letter received by **Mike Molnar** from **Howard Pearl**, former EOP worker, is as follows:

Dear Folks:

I received your last letter the other day and sure was glad to hear from you all. The mail service is very good from here, at least coming from the States.

I am fine and sure hope you all are, too.

I get the paper from the plant. The first issue I received was in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, of all places. I see Mike's name in it quite often. I sure wish you a lot of luck there. I know you are doing a good job there, as always.

We get stuff from both EOP and KOW so you can see where it is going and doing a good job, too. I've been where it is made and where it is used. Quite a lot of mileage in between.

North Africa is rather nice, much better than I originally thought when I came over here. They sure have some powerful drinks here. They burn all the way down.—**Howard Pearl.**

Group 9

By Virginia Anderson

Marguerette Ruleson of the Clean-Up Crew doesn't worry about using her No. 17 Ration stamp. She has a new method of saving shoe leather.

Joan Burke returned to work after having spent two weeks in Maryland with her husband, who is stationed there.

Chemical Laboratory

"Three Cheers for the Navy" announced the arrival of **Ed Merriman**, former employee here. His boyish grin is missed by many.

Howard Brooks enjoyed the full benefits of a full moon with his best gal on his last trip to Ohio.

Any complaints about cuffless trousers should be taken up with **Paul Kreuziger** who has donned three-quarter length trousers.

Gardenias were received by **Clarice Petrelli** from a certain someone in Texas, and though they were too late for the Easter parade, they were greatly appreciated.

Jonquils were part of **Marie Planker's** Easter outfit sent by "her one and only."

Spelling EOP

E —very body on the job
L —earning to hold his position.

W—omen and men
O —ld and young
O —observe the rules and
D —ish out the ammunition.

O —ver there the boys are waiting,
R —eady to shoot the works.
D —ay by day they pound and pommel
N —azi — dago — rats with Rommel,
A —nzacs—aussies—tommies and yanks
N —eed shells, bombs, planes and tanks.
C —ome on, do your share,
E —veryone can't be over there.

P —re-war plans are now adrift,
L —eveled off by change and shift.
A —s the days come and go,
N —ew hopes, new worlds, will unfold
T —o the strong, the brave, the bold.

—**Melvin Neal,**
Group 27.

The Gang of Group 3

We are the loading gang of Group 3
Our number is sixteen,
Our bosses, who are Ted and Flip,
We really think they're keen.

Of all the groups there are
We know we are the best,
We all will work and do our part,
For the good and great U. S.

Russ and Art, they are a team
We name them both in rhythm.
While George beats John at telling the truth,
McGee finds time to sleep, at times.

Who's next?—Why Joe, of course,
We pin our hopes on him,
For he's the scrapper of our team
And fights with vex and vim.

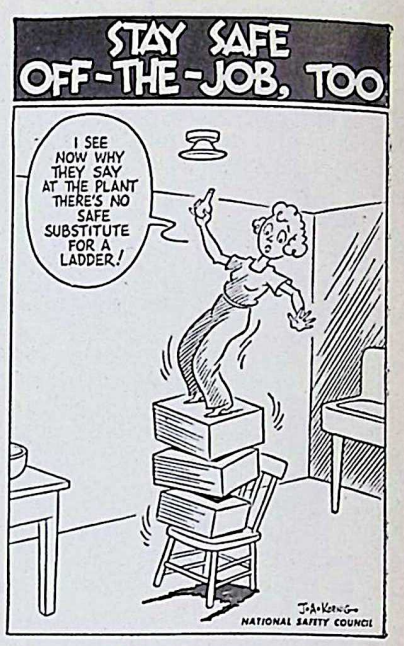
Then comes Clark in line
In mischief he doth abound
He likes to ring the telephone
As poor Atlas has found.

There's Frosty of Wilmington
And Vick of near Coal City
We name them now with due respect
In this, our little ditty.

Then Frank, and also old Slim
And Mike and others, too,
With Tony to end the lines, as
We must hurry through.

In basketball we had no part,
In bowling, the same old story,
In baseball we will put our heart,
But it's loading bombs, whence comes our glory.

—**Frosty McGowen,**
Carpenter, Group 3.



It takes an accident to teach a lot of people a simple lesson in safety. This girl, for instance, is a little late in realizing that safety lessons learned at the plant should be applied at home, too.

In a second she'll be on the floor. If she's lucky she'll just be bruised. But she may break an arm or a leg. If she does she won't be any good to herself, to the plant, or to her country's war effort. At least, not for many weeks.

Many off-the-job accidents occur at home. And about half of all home fatalities result from falls. Preventing falls will help keep workers on the job and their families safe too.

Falls from good ladders aren't nearly so common as falls from makeshifts like the one in this cartoon. Next time, if this girl gets out of this mess alive, she will use a genuine ladder. But even then she won't be safe unless she uses it correctly.

If she uses a step ladder properly, she'll never climb one, inside or outside the house, without first making sure the spreader is fully extended.

She won't use a ladder whose steps or rungs are missing or broken or whose side-rails are cracked.

She'll never carry heavy loads up or down ladders.

She won't lean out too far.

She won't do anything risky—if she wants to avoid injury.

Q. What is longevity pay?

A. It is an increase of 5 per cent of base pay, given to a soldier for each three years of active service in the Armed Forces.

Q. What is the derivation of the word "chow"?

A. Said to have been introduced in the U. S. with the first arrival of the Chinese in California in 1849. It is thought to be an Americanized corruption of the Chinese word "chai".

Q. Why do Germans call their submarines U-boats?

A. Because that's the abbreviation for the German Unterseeboot. submarine to us.

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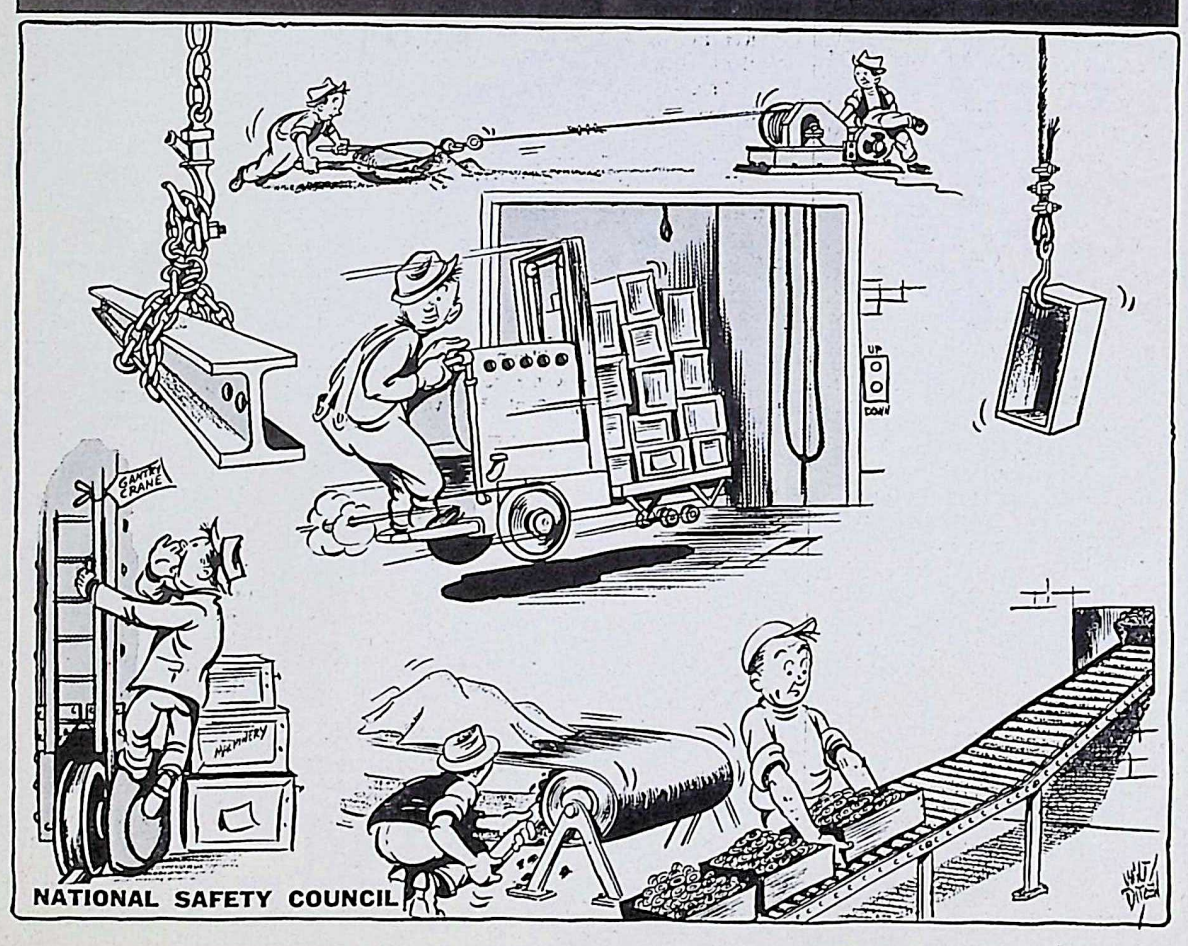


Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Well, barring all casualties — such as measles and whooping cough . . . your correspondent will endeavor to dish the dirt this time . . . her good friend and cohort in crime is now occupying the enviable position of Government worker in the big city of Chicago . . . this means **Geraldine M. Ward,** formerly with Safety and Security. . . . Ordnance wishes her well in her new venture.

Bess Moore seems to be overrun with bad luck . . . first of all she spent weeks worrying about her brother when he was missing in action in the Pacific Theatre and then her mother went East to visit her sister and didn't she fall down the stairs with serious complications resulting . . . now after getting her Mom set in the hospital in Philadelphia . . . she gets a phone call that her mother had suffered a heart attack and Bess had to plane back East again . . . that is what is known as "too much."

There were certainly some distinguished visitors here Apr. 26. . . . **Brig. Gen. R. C. Hardy, Col. T. C. Gerber, Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman, Capt. W. Swartzchild** and several more. . . . Certainly swell that EOP has the facilities for welcoming such dignitaries . . . makes everyone feel sort of "in the show."

Lt. C. R. Crandell had a party for the Administration Section that was a huge success . . . how else could it be?? . . . What with the charming **Mrs. Crandell** as hostess . . . of course Lieutenant Crandell is no slouch when it comes to hosting either. . . . **Kay Reubart, Mavis Emerson, Helen Harmon, Marion Yeager, Ann Melovic** and **Molly Baker** formed a group who helped entertain some of the military visitors at an impromptu dance in the Recreation Building.

Certainly think that picture of **Arthur "Boo Boo" Jensen** was a darb . . . heard the gals were singing "You must have been a beautiful baby" to him since the publication. Boy, oh boy, bet his ears are red.

Mara Puett, the cutie pie from Auditing, was seen waiting patiently for one of her riders . . . even in the early morning she looks bright as a dollar.

Charlie Di Lorenzo has all the gals teasing him . . . guess it is because he takes it so graciously . . . but sez he . . . why not? it doesn't do any good to go around with a grouch . . . wish more guys felt that way.

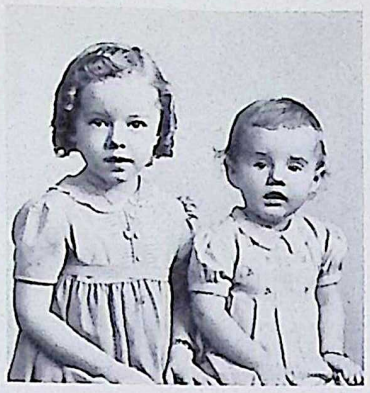
Clare Shols and **Ray Marquardt** are still woo wooing. . . . He's a busy guy these days now that **E. T. Bennington** departed for Uncle Sam's contingent.

Jeanne Baskerville is now Mrs. Lt. Baskerville, yep . . . her hubby, **Ted,** has them there bars now. . . . She went down to Camp Davis, N. C., to pin 'em on, too.

The War Bond campaign met with EOP's usual display of enthusiasm . . . guess the quota is made and then some . . . after all, it is mighty easy to say "Take 10 per cent out of my pay" . . . but those brave fellas at the front can't do that . . . they are stuck there and, believe it or not, that ain't all it's cracked up to be . . . so again EOP folks have shown the kind of stuff they are made of—God bless 'em.

Spring is here and so one and all get the spring fever . . . can't blame them a bit . . . this place down here really shows off to best advantage in the Spring. . . . The trees budding . . . grass nice and green and the whole plant taking on an appearance of being freshly scrubbed —in the vernacular. . . . "Swell place this Elwood Ordnance Plant."

Haven't seen **John Phelan** lately? . . . many wonder where he has been keeping himself. **Lois Dix** is recuperating from her operation and will be back on the job soon again. **"Tommy" Tomlianovich** of Inspection bowled high game in the women's sweepstakes. . . . Pretty nice!



DAUGHTERS of Ed Hasse, Group 61, are these two attractive sisters, Judith Anne and Marjorie Lou Hasse.

H. H. "Red" Bowler and his pa-in-law were being very good one night during Holy Week . . . sure 'nough . . . they were in church.

Johnny Odchodnicky and **Phil Hahn** are still feuding . . . now it's who is the best father?? . . . each one has his own theory as to how to take care of his offspring.

Emma Shea was taking the Easter bunny to town the other night . . . too bad it rained Easter. . . . Em couldn't brush off that new bonnet and prance down the street. . . . **Jo Kush** of Mail and Record visited her family over the Easter holiday.

Capt. Paul D. Cooper received some flowers from his very own garden in California . . . they arrived in not too good shape, but with the aid of some fresh water and aspirin they perked up somewhat and are now looking better.

Sadie Atkinson of Auditing looking right smart in a slick looking tweed suit.

Junior (meaning your correspondent) is going on a vacation . . . sure 'nough . . . taking off for the southern extremities . . . so expect to come back streamlined—sun burned and ready for another year's work.

With the Time Inspectors

Mary Kay Lohman, office cutie, recently transferred to the electrical department and has genial **W. H. White** as her new employer.

Since all the transfers have taken place, the time inspectors now have only two of the fairer sex left—one blonde and one brunette —**Betty Lou Page** and **Loretta Franke.** The blonde's likes are—walking in the rain—juke box music—luscious steaks—Chicago—and her greatest dislike is to have to get up in the morning. The brunette likes her soldier husband —bowling—fried chicken—soft music—her greatest dislike is Sunday work.

George Margetts entertained the office force recently with some interesting motion pictures.

Charles Newman Downes had the office agog the other day with some vivid tales of . . . logging in the north woods. It's difficult to imagine Charlie as a lumber-jack, but he seemed to know more about it than the learned **John Green,** who claims he spent five years in lumber camps.

Now that Easter has come and gone—and everyone has given a dress review of his best "bib and tucker"—laurels go to **Ed Reichert** —for his undefinable butterfly bow-tie.

Guard Is First To Donate Razor

Stanley Brown, guard, was the first EOP employee to donate a safety razor for the use of sailors who lost their razors in ship sinkings. Mr. Brown delivered his razor to *The Bomb-Shell* office, but it is preferred that they be sent directly to **Mary Barrowman,** adjutant, Joliet club of the Navy Mothers Clubs of America. Thirty-two thousand razors are needed.

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT
Correspondent

Catherine "Tomi" Tomlianovich recently visited the folks back home and got her first glimpse of her new nephew.

Bernice Shroba is back at work even though she is still slightly "spreckled."

Linnetta Parry has time on her hands these evenings since her hubby has gone to the old farmstead.

William F. Douville, chief Government inspector, is capably doing two jobs in one, since **Capt. A. G. Resch** left. Everyone misses Captain Resch.

Roald Evenson, Government Inspector in Group 2, and **Audrey Waldvogel,** Government Inspector in Group 7, were married April 16. Best wishes were sent by all.

Lois "Panama Hattie" Martin has recently acquired the new nickname of "Minnie the Moocher."

Clara Wehner has changed her hair style and donned earrings lately. There may be a special reason.

Vieana Wheeler is still dreaming of orange blossoms and lace.

It has become quite common to see **Warren Weithofer** with a patch on his forehead.

Many wonder what has happened to all those dreams of **Delores "Penny" Dagon**—and hope they haven't been shattered.

Group 1

Frances Rutkiewicz and **Ann Bolek** spent a very enjoyable Sunday in Chicago recently.

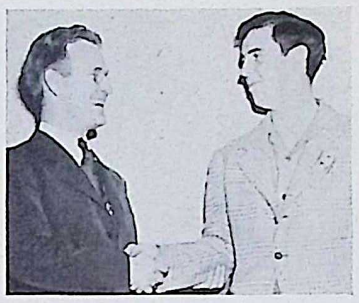
It was indeed a sight to see **June Baxter** and **Emil Bruni** deep in conversation one night during the midnight shift and to hear June, with her eyes half open, say, "you know, Bruni, some people live and learn—but some people live and never learn." Those who overheard wonder what they were discussing. Bruni came to work one morning bemoaning that he had to pay $7.50 to have his watch repaired and had to wait months to get it! Perhaps **Russell Cline** can throw some light on a very interesting story concerning the subject.

It seems like old times to see **Frances Ryan** back on the job. **Caroline Cleaver's** son has been ill at Silver Cross Hospital.

Anyone meandering about Group 1 recently may have imagined himself seeing characters from "Arabian Nights" cycling around, but it was just **Joe Strohl** making his rounds with his smock aflyin' in the breeze!

There is a person who plays an important rule in the lives of **Florence** and **Pete Golgin?**

Would you believe that tiny **Novella Sheppherd** is the mother of a 17-year-old daughter — and they say she's a honey, too!



FAREWELLS were exchanged by E. T. Bennington (left), stock room, and Robert Stewart, mail room, when they learned they both were destined for the armed forces. Mr. Bennington left April 17 and Bob was told to expect a call soon.

What some persons won't do to get peace and sleep during the day while working the midnight shift! **Ann Jansky,** for instance, takes her little Terrier puppy and stuffs him down at the foot of her bed, under covers and all, then has the audacity to laugh at him when he gets up groggy and dizzy!

Palma Weston started her Easter parading early this year by wearing a cute little tam.

Louise Huckstep did a swell job of entertaining the "G" girls at the change house one evening recently.

Grace Wilson sure was lucky that it was just a drop of water that splashed on the palm of her hand while eating in the change house one day.

Betty Smith, Marion Weber, Clara Lou Bush of Group 1 and **Rose Gigliette** of Group 9 attended the graduating exercises at Lewis School of Aeronautics recently. One week it's the Army and the next it's the Navy with these gals. How they do get around!

Fuze & Booster Chemical Lab.

Harriet Nadelhoffer and **Gladys Cain** were seen hoofing it out to the gate one night recently.

A motor scooter is the latest assignment to the Chemical Lab. It's a sure sign of spring, like kites, marbles, roller skates and new bonnets. The Lab. was all decked out in a new coat of paint for Easter.

Anyone needing some good hired help for cleaning walls contact **Bob Harbison.** He has finished his spring cleaning and might be inveigled into doing a little more, providing you feed him a couple of steak dinners in return.

Marie Plankar has a secret formula for obtaining a bottle of "Tailspin Cologne."

William Peterson works long hours each night in his garden and his sweet peas are already blooming and his potatoes are almost ready to dig.

Group 4

Seems like **Eddie Kluza** has been lost in a fog lately. His riders waited a half hour one morning while he drove around some of his favorite side streets in Joliet. Several say wedding bells will be heard soon.

Catherine Kemp receives some of the *niceat* letters from her fella in the Army.

Kathryn Vlasic is also known as "Curvacious Kathy." Her bowling may not be the only reason for the name.

Lucille "Red" Olson is looking forward to another one of *those* parties.

Group 6

Lorraine Barger spent the Easter holidays with her sister and family at Moline.

Friends of **Margaret Carter** are glad to have her back at work following an absence of several weeks because of illness.

Many wonder where **Mary Meaux** acquired her quiet efficiency.

Group 61

Al Weinstock and **Guy Gimbel** are having a big time with their motor scooter. They all agree it is quite an asset to the group.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison celebrated their silver wedding anniversary May 3. Their friends wish them lots of luck.

It is possible that **Francis Taylor's** car will start one of these mornings without being pushed, and **Floyd Barber** will be able to proceed home without performing this daily chore.

Not content with having to visit the Hospital periodically with an infected finger, **Marion Carter** became involved in an automobile accident out of which, fortunately, he emerged in one piece.

Q. Can my wife join the WAACs without my consent?

A. And how!

Q. I'm an alien and would like to know if I can ever rise above the grade of private. I'm waiting for my final citizenship papers.

A. Sure. You can be promoted up to the grade of master sergeant, if you're qualified. After receiving your final citizenship papers you will be eligible for OCS.

Q. Did commissioned Army and Navy officers receive increases under the readjustment pay and allowances act?

A. Yes; but only ensigns and second lieutenants received increases in base pay, and the higher ranking officers increases in living allowances. Ensigns and second lieutenants received an increase from $1,500 to $1,800 annually.

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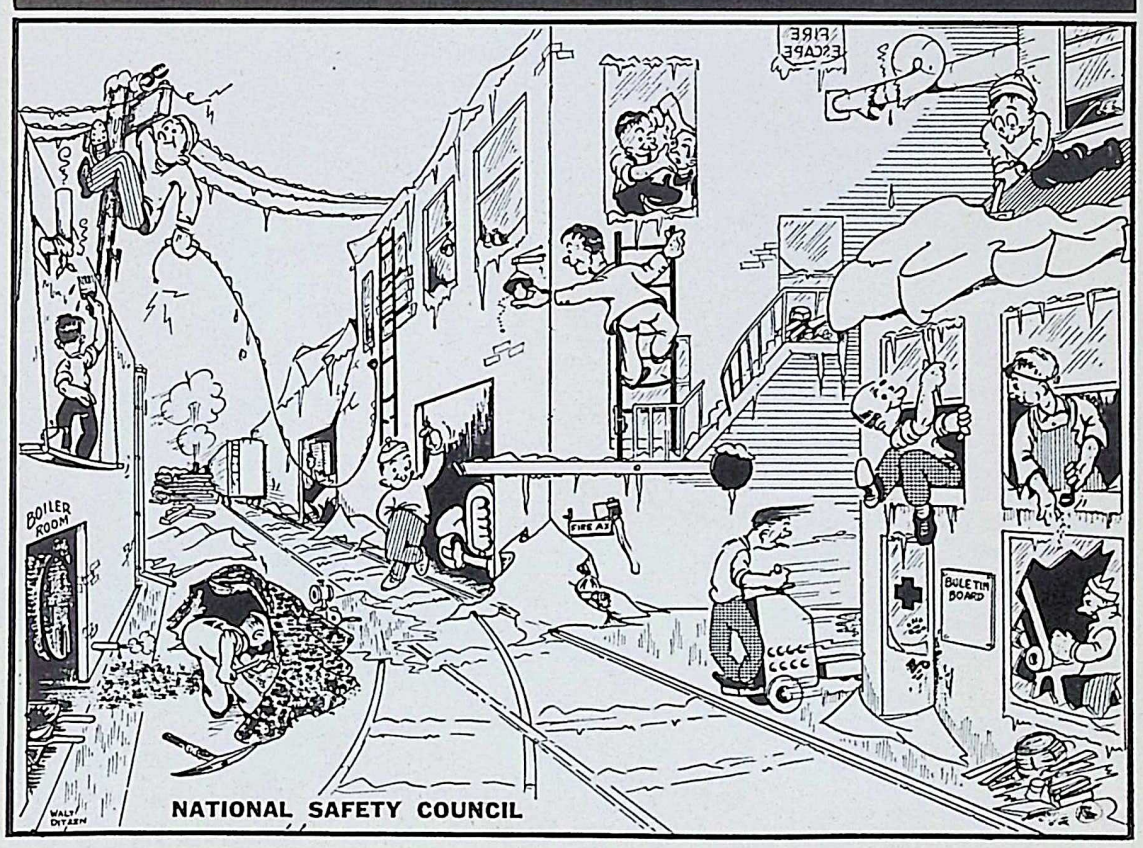
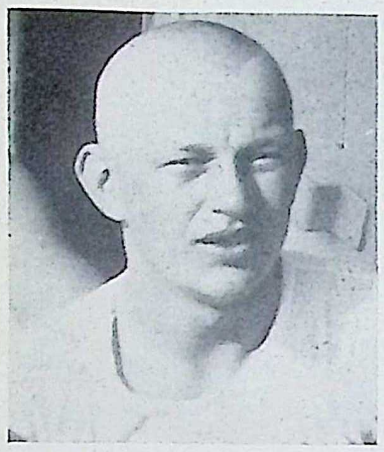




VETERAN of the Marine Corps is Carl Puswaskis, now employed in Group 61. This picture was taken aboard ship.

12 Teams Launch Softball Season

What promises to be a most successful activity this summer is the EOP Softball League for men. Twelve teams started practice for the opening of the season this week.

Games will be played every Tuesday and every other Friday during the summer. The schedule for next week follows:

Tuesday, May 11
Army at Group 2.
Fire Guards at Chemical Lab.
Group 61 at Bus Drivers.
Group 1 at Group 70.
Group 3 at Inspectors.
Group 3-A at Guards.

Friday, May 14
Group 2 at Chemical Lab.
Army at Bus Drivers.
Fire Guards at Group 70.
Group 61 at Inspectors.
Group 1 at Guards.
Group 3 at Group 3-A.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Although it isn't safe to talk about the weather, the Victory gardeners who congregate around the Recreation office have that as the most important topic for conversation these days. Many of the gardeners haven't had an opportunity to get their gardens started yet, but there is still plenty of time. Incidentally, another plot is being prepared and as soon as **W. B. Manchester** gets it plowed there will be a few extra plots available. There are about 300 gardens in the entire area, which should cut down on the number of blue ration tickets required next winter.

Tennis courts have already shown that they will be a popular place this summer. EOP should have an outstanding team for invitation play with such players as **Jo Donna**, War Bond Department, a Will county champion; **Lucille Venzara**, Personnel, another Will county champion; **H. H. "Red" Bowler**, War Department; **Clement Eiden**, Safety Department; **Supt. W. D. Whaley**, Group 9, and **Mrs. Whaley**. The Army is well represented among the players, too, with **Maj. K. M. Haber; Maj. G. A. Grant** and **Lt. C. R. Crandell. Donald "Bud" Kane** of the Paint Shop and **Frank Green**, guards, also are good players.

John Kusinski said the baseball team hasn't had much practice this season, but they expect to play their opening game at Statesville prison May 16. **Myrna Faris** thought it would be nice to have the game played here. (So do the prisoners.)

Many of the bowlers are asking where "Doc," the popular pin boy is. The answer is that **Harold Zenor**, better known as "Doc," observed his 18th birthday a few weeks ago and was called to the Army, another star for EOP.

Rosemary Kane, Accounting Department, and **Gerry Graham**, Timekeeping Department, are riding enthusiasts. Even though the April 26 rainstorm prevented them from riding they went out to the stables and looked the situation over and hoped for fair weather—but soon!

If **Lois Martin** of the Administration Building can play softball as well as she can play ping pong she'll be signed up without the slightest hesitation.

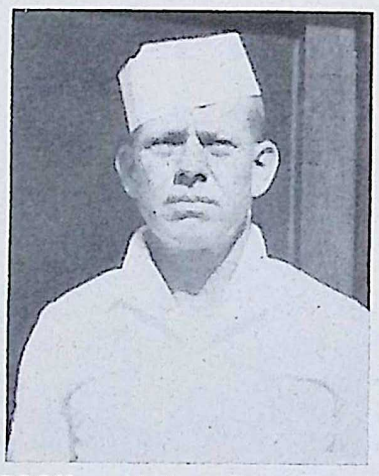
Margaret Fitzhugh, timekeeper in the Administration Area, is getting her tennis equipment together so that she can take advantage of that aforementioned fair weather.

Those white disc-like pills consumed by **Margaret Cavolt**, Woman guard, as she bowled, really did wonders! Many have asked what they were.

Lola Harnak, manager of the girls' softball team of Group 1, has a winning look in her eyes when she speaks of her team. Wonder if it could be the enthusiastic support she receives that creates that spirit of optimism. Those gals will be in there to win!

Helen DeLaney and **Barbara Greenwood** have been appointed co-managers of the softball team from Groups 6 and 7. That team will offer plenty of competition.

Don't forget the "spring dance" Saturday night, May 8. Admission 55 cents.



COOK and baker, first class, is the rating of Sgt. Randolph R. Weise, formerly of the Timekeeping and Inert Storage Departments.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Paul "Crusher" Rusher is now wearing a "grunt and groan" style haircut.

Things which are always amazing in Group 2 include:

Bob Conroy actually working . . .

Jack "Brute" Abraham keeping in condition while on densities . . .

The variety of fedoras, crushers and homburgs sported by **Bob Schmitz** . . .

Walter "Wally" Houdlett's interest in Bldg. 12 . . .

Sherman Smith's Cadillac eight on an inspector's income . . .

Bob Lehnig clearing the office without opening his mouth . . .

George Bryan drawing a full pay check . . .

Wayne "Poultry" Pegan's lectures in Bldg. 4 on "Increasing Egg Production in War Time" . . .

Lloyd Baughman giving up smoking so he can spend more time in Bldg. 12 . . .

Tom Todd tripping over a box car.

The group's best wishes are extended to **John Harter**, now in the Will County Sanitorium.

Louis D. Huston is really missed around Group 2. The "General" had been at EOP a year and a half before leaving.

Among those from Group 2 in various branches of the armed forces are **Robert Kelly, Carl Schmidt, Harry Miles, Leonard Rosen, Richard Conlon, William Casey, Russell Schmitz, Willard French, John Gill, Walter Moorehead, Jr.,** and **Raymond Herkert.**

Dan "Match King" Vicini looks quite rested after his enforced vacation.

Vassar Smith must have a relative on the ration board—he has a bulging "C" book—a new Pontiac sedan—and a new spare tire and wheel.

$116 in Prizes Awarded to 40 Bowling Winners

Second Sweepstakes Ended with Brilliant Scores by Players

Prizes totaling $116 are being distributed to bowlers who participated in the second sweepstakes for men at the Recreation Building. **C. Ochs** won first prize for high series and **J. Vaccaro** was high game winner.

There were 40 prize winners, including 20 who were awarded good-fellowship prizes totaling $25. Each winner was limited to one prize.

Winners, scores and prizes follow:

HIGH SCORES

Name	Series	Game	Amt.
C. Ochs	627	219	$15
T. Helling	623	217	10
G. Grant	619	223	7
A. Skov	611	288	6
C. Jiskra	611	224	6
M. Nelson	603	224	5
K. Bull	603	222	5
B. Bishop	594	222	4
A. Hesley	593	217	4
H. Melby	592	209	3
W. Aschenbremer	586	214	3
B. Hankes	578	217	3
E. Washburn	571	211	2
R. Eckberg	569	199	2
J. Hennessey	567	201	2
R. Mitchell	567	211	2
D. Matter	566	206	2
J. Truka	566	214	2

High Game

Name	Series	Game	Amt.
J. Vaccaro	594	243	$ 5
C. Hickok	575	237	3

Good Fellowship

Name	Series	Game	Amt.
C. Chick	505	180	$ 2
P. Ellis	551	204	2
B. Fahrner	427	158	2
C. Lenzle	423	158	2
G. Elum	512	189	2
W. Roth	511	194	1
L. Dupenis	393	133	1
R. Metzler	453	163	1
J. Whittenhill	425	162	1
R. Conner	540	201	1
C. Weiss	485	181	1
J. Gott	433	178	1
W. Bayer	502	177	1
W. Essington	549	201	1
C. Hinz	516	176	1
L. Changnon	453	168	1
R. Hill	419	154	1
J. Stark	497	211	1
J. Baudino	407	145	1
V. Brown	562	211	1

A personality contest is raging between **Theresa Seno** and **Ruth Holsauci**, with **Joe Keefe** as the admiring judge.

Shirley Magosky, Group 8, was absent a week because of eye trouble. Funny things happen—her boy friend was home on furlough at the same time.

The girls of Group 8 are wondering why the shift inspector, **Ralph Pratt**, is called "Professor."

Janet Bailey, Group 8, believes in conserving tires.

Did you ever see **Jim Nolan**, Group 7, go into his song and dance? He is strictly "hep." He makes *applesauce* out of the Big Apple.

Mildred Veach visited her boy friend in West Virginia last week.

Del Rider made his debut in Group 7 last week. He brought four of his inspectors along.

All wish the best of luck to **Sylvia Neilsen**, who has been with EOP for more than a year and will be missed greatly by Group 7. She is leaving to make her home in San Diego, Calif.

SEABEES of the Navy now claim the loyalty of Eddie Geeding and Clem Lambert (right), former pipefitter and interviewer, respectively

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

Lola Harnach looks as though she hit a jackpot lately. She asked if anyone wished to play softball (hoping to get enough players for a team) and she got enough for three teams. The girls have had two practice sessions already, but there is still time if any late-comers would like to play.

The boys in the component office were at a loss last week as to how they were going to write to their former co-worker, **Tom Shay**, who is now in the Navy Air Corps. As usual, their office was out of paper, so after some deliberation, **John Pate** rushed up to the change house and came back with yards and yards of paper. They called it onion skin, but the label on the roll said "Northern Tissue."

Andre Lombardi, quality control, took a long and tiresome trip last week and is still recuperating. The journey went along quite smoothly, but his return trip left him a wreck for several days. (Explanation—Andy rode a bicycle from Building 3 to Building 13 and the wind was against him.)

FRIENDS of Al Twardowski, who worked in Building 13, Group 1, for 14 months, will be glad to learn he is making progress at the Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho.

Just because the Group I stork saw himself mentioned in the column, he's trying to out-do this month's baby quota. **Mr. and Mrs. John Polincandriotes** were blessed by his presence April 14. He brought them a seven and one-half pound son, **"Tony."—Bill and Bernice McElroy** have a six-pound ten ounce daughter named **Bonnie Lee.—Donald Harry Bierman** (named Harry after his "Pop" in Building 16) arrived at 4:05 a.m., April 10. **Donald** weighed six and one-half pounds.

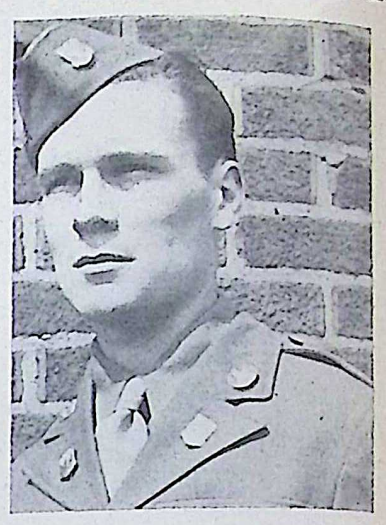
Harry Peterson, Building 3, brought his long-heard-of son **Francis Brown Peterson**, to visit the Group during his 15-day furlough. Besides having done 17 months' duty in Alaska, **Francis** was tall, dark, handsome, and looked like **Clark Gable** in uniform. The girls are still being treated for extended eyeballs and stiff necks.

Dottie "Shorty" McClellan left a couple of weeks ago and came back the envy of every single woman in the Group. **Dottie** "got her man" and is now **Dottie Milne**, wife of a sailor.

Bob Kay, well-known component juggler, had a back rub at first aid last week and kept returning for so many repeat performances that **Herman Beringer**, safety engineer, was forced to release him. Bob's feelings hurt more than his back does now, but he doesn't dare show up at first aid again.

The Group's sympathies go to **Marge Larson**, Government inspector in Building 10, whose father died recently.—**Lorraine Luttrell**, Government inspector in Building 16 is convalescing after a major operation. The girls send her their best wishes and hope to see her soon.

Ed Sullivan and **Bill "Wild Man" Dwyer**, Group 1 timekeepers, left for the Army last week. The Group wishes them the best of luck.



STUDIES at Cornell University were disrupted by Richard T. Egan, son of E. J. Egan, EOP railroad superintendent, when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Hobby Show for Employees Planned

Have you a hobby? Do you work in wood, metal, leather—do you build models, airplanes, sail boats, railroads, match stick houses—are you a collector of antiques, stamps, coins, curios, things from foreign lands—do you do painting, free hand drawing, photography—or work in ceramics?

Athletics keep the wrinkles out of your face, and hobbies keep the wrinkles out of your mind. Many persons have hobbies but never have an opportunity to show them, so the Recreation Department wants to know about your hobby and if you would like to participate in a hobby show. The classifications listed are just a few possibilities. There are many more.

Call the Recreation Department—Line 4109—and tell what you could contribute to such a show.

FORMER explosives operator in Building 12, Group 2, Pvt. Richard Fitzgerald, is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Q. Is there any way that I can get a divorce while in the Army?

A. There's isn't any Army regulation to prevent you. However, you may not be able to get away from your station if you have to appear in court.

Q. Will the premiums on my Government life insurance be refunded if I am discharged from the service with or without having incurred a disability therein?

A. There will be no general refunding of premiums regardless of whether injury or disease causing disability is or is not incurred in the service, because while in the Army you have the protection for which the premiums are paid.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

May 10

Herbert D. Buss, Guards; **William J. Byrnes**, Utilities; **Sammie Caldwell**, Group 1; **Mildred J. Chandler**, Utilities; **Violet Chapman**, Group 1; **William W. Conley**, Guards; **Albert O. Dahlenberg**, Group 1; **Fleda L. Davis**, Group 6; **Elmer J. Dellibac**, Group 1; **Joe Dvorak**, Utilities; **Daniel J. Ferry**, Guards; **John R. Frank**, Group 2; **James A. Glade**, Group 61; **Howard Griest**, Group 3; **Faire Hatchett**, Group 4; **Samuel Hoss**, Group 2; **Don Mason**, Group 1; **Lawrence O'Donnell**, Utilities; **Larry Padgett**, Group 1; **John Peterson**, Utilities; **Dewey Prisk**, Guards; **Edwin Schmidt**, Guards; **Florence Schnebly**, Group 5; **Edna Speaker**, Utilities; **Stanley Stinson**, Utilities; **William Scott**, Utilities; **Lorraine Storm**, Utilities; **Ray Tate**, Inert Storage; **Fred Tyler**, Group 3-A; **Olin Walston**, Guards; **Ethel Campbell**, War Department; **Capt. J. A. Hardy**, War Department.

May 11

Michael J. Barthelme, Guards; **M. W. Balbinot**, Group 5; **Ethel F. Butler**, Group 1; **Mary H. Burns**, Group 5; **Helen Gahagan**, Plant Protection; **Robert S. Conner**, General Accounting; **Harry M. Flint**, Finished Rounds; **James V. Foster**, Utilities; **Joseph Friedrich**, General Accounting; **Martin Grierson**, Group 3-A; **Vinteur Hebert**, Guards; **Howard Henry**, Guards; **Herbert Henn**, Guards; **Mara Jobe**, Group 9; **Harry Kahler**, Inspection; **Veronica Kosack**, Group 9; **Leonard Krantz**, Utilities; **George Kusnir**, Plant Protection; **Alice Lacey**, Plant Protection; **Veronica Lewis**, Group 9; **Dorothy McCormick**, Group 1; **Anthony Mooney**, Group 3-A; **Myrtle Schmidt**, Group 1; **Charles Seward**, Group 1; **Robert Stotler**, Group 3; **Dolores Sukley**, Group 9; **Jerome Foster**, War Department.

May 12

Raymond Anderson, Guards; **Leo W. Anselm**, Guards; **Alfred C. Baker**, Utilities; **Charles R. Brock**, Group 3; **Bert Canada**, Group 2; **William M. Cooper**, Group 1; **Marcella M. Corbett**, General Accounting; **Helen M. Earley**, Group 8; **John Grega**, Utilities; **Lewis Hagmayer**, Group 3; **Theodore Harrell**, Utilities; **Clarence Hassel**, Utilities; **Effie Homerding**, Group 3-A; **Alice McHone**, Group 3-A; **Charnick Hughett**, Utilities; **Adhemar Laford**, Group 61; **Leon Lambert**, **Ernest Legan**, Group 1; **Captain Leigh**, Utilities; **Fred Lestina**, Finished Rounds; **Velma Lemenager**, Group 9; **Gilbert Maloney**, Group 6; **Murt Moriarity**, High Explosives.

May 13

Phillip L. Anderson, Inert Storage; **Louise L. Ardolino**, General Accounting; **Harley Benge**, Utilities; **Elwyn E. Byers**, Guards; **Paul Crouch**, Group 1; **Frances Gilbertson**, Group 7; **Lucille Heine**, Group 7; **Paul Herrick**, Group 3-A; **Edwin Legg**, Guards; **Ivar Lettenstrom**, Utilities; **Frank Micklich**, Group 3; **Ruth Miller**, Group 9; **Wayne Nagle**, Guards; **Emile Raildean**, Group 2; **John Reid**, Group 1; **Silvan Strum**, Inert Storage; **Katherine Warren**, Utilities; **Benjamin Wolland**, Group 3; **Olga Yarmolek**, Group 1; **Betty Wilhelmi**, War Department.

May 14

Clifton Bartley, Finished Rounds; **Minnie Boles**, Group 3-A; **Mary Chebuhar**, Group 4; **Cela C. Churchill**, Group 3-A; **William D. Craig**, Inspection; **Secondo Donna**, Utilities; **Herbert Drummond**, High Explosives; **Russel Griffin**, Group 2; **William Hanlon**, Group 1; **Joseph Johnson**, Utilities; **Alvin Johnson**, Utilities; **Opal Just**, Group 1; **Eloise Lane**, Group 7; **Axel Malm**, Group 4; **John Nugent**, Materials & Stores; **Frank Popstein**, Fire; **Inez Ross**, Group 5; **Earl Ruby**, Group 61; **Claude Salisbury**, Inert Storage; **John Schmeh**, Production Planning; **John Schinella**, Group 3.

May 15

Lois M. Babbe, Utilities; **George D. Carswell**, Group 2; **William W. Crook**, Utilities; **John T. Davin**, Group 3; **Elmer C. Etling**, Utilities; **James Hoffner**, Group 1; **Esther Knauer**, Group 3-A; **William McCall**, Group 3-A; **Frances Moody**, Group 6; **Clarence Murphy**, Utilities; **Howard Pace**, Group 1; **Walter Petersen**, Group 1; **James Simpson**, General Accounting; **Thomas Sprague**, Group 3; **Hazel Tank**, Group 1; **Elmer Tucker**, Finished Rounds; **John Winter**, Group 3.

May 16

Dorothy Anderson, Group 8; **Duzilla R. Angus**, Group 3-A; **Felix Belisle**, Group 1; **Bert L. Benson**, Fire; **Thurman E. Blackburn**, Utilities; **Edward Butzen**, Group 3; **Harry Carlin**, Engineering; **Robert Carrington**, Guards; **Charles T. Davis, Jr.**, Guards; **William Evan**, Utilities; **Fred Geissler**, Utilities; **Jack Lawrence**, Utilities; **Floyd Kallner**, Utilities; **Robert Kelley**, Inspection; **Elizabeth Lyman**, Group 9; **Charles Mason**, Group 1; **Irene Meyer**, Group 9; **Clarence Nickel**, Inert Storage; **Armand Regnier**, Maintenance; **Hazel Ryan**, Group 3-A; **Harold Sage**, Utilities; **Robert Sapp**, Group 1; **Pile Scaggiari**, Guards; **Oliva Schulte**, Group 1.

May 17

Edward T. Beasely, Group 3-A; **Merle M. Bendeln**, Group 1; **Joseph Brouillet**, Group 1; **Charles A. Dinger**, Group 3; **Frank Faupel**, Utilities; **Charles Goudey**, Inspection; **Joseph Giraux**, Group 1; **Kathryn Johnson**, Purchasing; **William Keena**, Utilities; **Frank Keto**, Group 1; **Arthur E. Kidd**, Group 3; **Joseph Legerski**, Group 2; **Walter Long**, Utilities; **Marie Matthews**, Group 5; **Lee McCann**, Guards; **Beatrice Merrick**, Medical; **Ethel Pankey**, Group 4; **Melvin Peekin**, Group 3-A; **John Pekar**, Group 3; **Pauline Perush**, Group 4; **Theodore Pollak**, Group 3; **June Randolph**, Group 6; **Nellie Schofroth**, Group 1; **Irving Seeman**, Group 3-A; **John Kemankovich**, Group 3-A; **William Siefert**, Group 3; **Vera Timms**, General Accounting; **Charles Tyler**, Fire; **Lester Voights**, Group 3; **Ruth Welch**, Group 1; **Francis Wilhelmi**, Utilities.

May 18

Adolph W. Baum, Group 3-A; **Lyman L. Bessell**, Group 3-A; **Edward Burden**, Utilities; **Frank E. Caise**, Group 3; **Eldan M. Clark**, Group 1; **John Corneglio**, Railroad; **Frank Grinten**, Group 2; **Richard Jensen**, Guards; **Edwin Jones**, Group 3; **Jacob Keller**, High Explosives; **Arthur Lamping**, Utilities; **Dr. George Luke**, Hospital; **Augustus McGinnis**, Finished Rounds; **Vinn Memingn**, Group 1; **Louis Monson**, Group 1; **George Maran**, Utilities; **Wilma Stevenson**, General Offices; **Shirley Vangampler**, Utilities; **Herbert Warriner**, Group 2; **Lee Williams**, Utilities; **Frank Levanduski**, War Department.

May 19

Marie Armstrong, Utilities; **Harvey Bradford**, Utilities; **Finis E. Boult**, Group 2; **James Burns**, Utilities; **Mary Ann B. Cullk**, Group 5; **Carrie J. Enger**, Group 7; **Ernest Farrand**, Guards; **Charles E. Fields**, Group 3; **M. M. Fitzpatrick**, Group 9; **Harry Fowler**, Group 1; **Myrtle Hamilton**, Group 1; **Richard Hanley**, watchman; **Willis Hanson**, Group 1; **Laura Hunter**, Group 1; **Mattie Hurstik**, Group 1; **Harry Hunt**, Group 2; **Anne Johnson**, Medical; **Charles Kammerman**, Fire; **Alice Krzick**, Group 8; **Tego M. Larsen**, Group 1; **Robert Maren**, Group 1; **Leola Martin**, Group 9; **David Morrison**, Railroad; **Roy Nardine**, Group 2; **Helen Pennington**, Utilities; **Edith Peterson**, Group 3-A; **Charles Rathbun**, Utilities; **Ulrich Schuler**, Group 2; **Llora Thontlin**, Group 7; **Arbie Thomas**, Utilities; **Viola Trieb**, Group 3-A; **John Umble**, watchman; **James Vilt**, Group 1; **Emil Werner**, Guards.

May 20

Eugene T. Bennington, General Accounting; **Leo C. Bourn**, Group 3-A; **Laerne Conroy**, War Department; **Arthur L. Clary**, Group 3-A; **Harry Collier**, Group 1; **Mary Covington**, Group 4; **Erma Decker**, Group 1; **Paul F. Dillon**, Inert Storage; **James F. Dillree**, Fire; **Cecile S. Estes**, Inert Storage; **Ed J. Farnsworth**, Utilities; **Daisy M. Gardner**, Group 1; **Sarah Hilt**, Group 7; **Charles Hoagland**, Utilities; **Russell Huston**, Utilities; **Norbert Kinkin**, Utilities; **Laverne Lyons**, Inert Storage; **Dorothy McClellan**, Group 1; **Eli Milkovich**, Guards; **George Newton**, Inert Storage; **Rushen Nicholas**, Guards; **Della Norman**, 3-A; **Cecil Pearce**, Group 9; **Sylvester Priesser**, Utilities; **Frank Scaduto**, Utilities; **Floyd Schauland**, Personnel; **Naida Schwartz**, Group 6; **Ray Trimby**, Utilities; **Karl Ulrich**, Safety; **Myrtle Vickery**, Group 1; **William Walkup**, Group 1; **Nicholas Whitney**, Group 4.

May 21

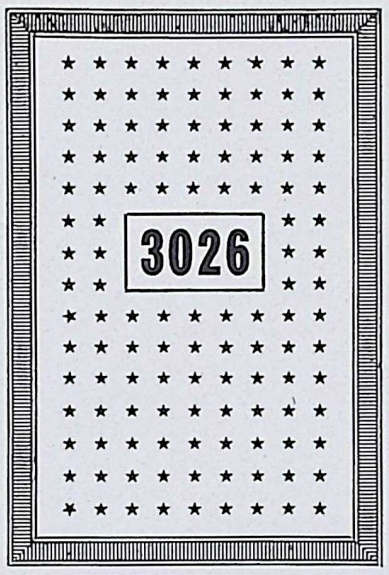
Robert E. Bailey, Group 2; **Eddie E. Bailey**, Utilities; **Luther M. Cobb**, Group 3; **John A. Cocker**, Utilities; **William Emanuelson**, Inert Storage; **Franklin F. Guest**, Group 1; **John Hughes**, Group 1; **Brenton Jackson**, Group 1; **John Long**, Group 7; **Preston Matthews**, Utilities; **Lenora Miller**, Utilities; **Frances Musich**, Group 9; **Stella Nanos**, Group 1; **Henry Oehlerking**, Maintenance; **Ina Pearson**, Group 3; **William Rethknecht**, Group 1; **Wilber Sanders**, Group 3; **Sarah Spencer**, General Accounting; **Stanley Tarmen**, Group 2; **Helen Zasada**, Group 9; **Franklin Bevan**, War Department.

May 22

Rosetta I. Anderson, Group 1; **A. J. Bernickus**, Group 1; **Charles H. Brinkman**, Group 3; **James R. Brooks**, General Accounting; **Joseph Conant**, Group 3-A; **Luz Diaz**, Utilities; **Frank Friend**, Group 3-A; **Ruby Franklin**, Group 1; **John Hammond**, Group 1; **John Kezerle**, High Explosives; **Robert Libersher**, Group 1; **Cassella Martin**, Group 1; **Antonie Miska**, Utilities; **William Owings**, Group 4; **Anne Ritchie**, Utilities; **Marvin Rodgers**, Guards; **Wilhelmine Roeder**, General Accounting; **Ernest Roff**, Utilities; **Loren Ross**, Personnel; **Elizabeth Russell**, Medical; **Cromble Schindel**, Safety; **Sophie Stalnecker**, Operations; **Hurchel Slagner**, Operations; **John Troutt**, Guards; **Ernest Ziemer**, Inert Storage.

May 23

Ralph Ackerman, Group 1; **John Atkinson**, Utilities; **Richard J. Brady**, Inspection; **Harold J. Champley**, Group 3; **William Chaney**, Utilities; **Leo Comerford**, Group 3; **Juanita M. Crain**, Group 9; **Ethel W. Davenport**, Group 3-A; **Eleanor K. Domagalla**, Group 1; **Charlotte A. Doxsee**, Personnel; **Don Foutch**, Utilities; **Mary Lampman**, Utilities; **William J. Hall**, Finished Rounds; **Mildred Hoffner**, Group 5; **Phyllis Johnson**, Group 7; **Christine Juricich**, Group 8; **Isabel E. Kropidlowski**, Group 9; **Glen Lamb**, Utilities; **Mattie Mitchell**, Group 1; **Mae Norem**, General Accounting; **George Pattison**, Group 9; **Violet Stanbin**, High Explosives; **Aileen Stilabower**, Group 3-A; **Howard Unruh**, Group 6; **Ida Mae Walsh**, Group 1; **Ray Wenglerski**, Supplies; **Ella West**, Group 3-A; **Betty Thompson**, War Department.



V— EOP Honor Roll

Robert Walter Awe
John Barello
William W. Barr
Robert Baskerville
Edward Junior Bedford
Leonard Berezowsky
Leonard M. Birkner
Bruce E. Boswell
Erwin Charles Bretzman
William Robert Broseau
Ralph Bryant
Robert Bryant
James Bryant
Robert James Burker
Alton Philip Caise
John C. Cannon
Stanley J. Chaffin
Norman Dale Conn
Clarence Eugene Condon
Dean Lyle Craver
Theodore A. Davis
Melvin Lee Day
Truman Alford Deatherage
Raymond John Depratt
Theodore Leonard Dhesse
L. W. Eichelberger
Walter A. Fang
Martin Leonard Ferro
Emory F. Fleener
Donald H. Fread
Gerald J. Fritz
Jesse Waldo Fugett
Jesse Arden Gerrish
Joseph C. Gilliam
Edward James Girot
Raymond LaVerne Glenn
Gordon Leo Graham
Merril Thomas Griffith
Robert F. Harsha
Robert Lee Hayes
Walter S. Herrick
Ernest Kenneth Hill
Thomas D. Hinton
Frank L. Jankowski
Alvin R. Johns
Dale Albert Johnson
Maurice L. Johnson
Gertrude Leona Jostak
Eman Walter Kaiser
Keith Leo Kavanaugh
James H. King
Donald Joseph Kueffner
William Kurkamp
Floyd Lee LaGesse
Howard E. Lopeman
James Patrick Marcozan
Lewis E. Maroney
Elmer Vincent Marx
Charles J. McKeown
Lloyd David Miller
Raymond Walter Moss
Kenneth Wayne Neblock
Elmer Charles Nesius
Willis Nichols
Paul D. Owen
Alec C. Perardi
Charles Richard Popejoy
Manuel G. Quiroz
Louis Rajala
Raymond Raycraft
Russell Burnell Reid
Donald Rhodes
Donald Charles Roberts
Clarence Charles Rowoldt
Harold E. Ruble
Robert Edward Rutherford
Francis C. Schade
Joseph Henry Scheidt
W. E. Schubert
George G. Schloetzer
James W. Sexton
Donald James Shepherd
Leland Parsell Sherman
Gifford William Shulenburg
Walter Wallace Sipe
Charles Allen Sooter
Gaylord Edward Spies
Lester W. Stame
George A. Strawkas
Robert Earl Tatro
Delame Orva Teague
Richard W. Tinker
Joseph Van Winkle
Joseph Thomas Weaver
LeRoy Earl Werner
John D. Wharrie
James Leo Wisniewski
Lloyd Herbert Worth
Stanford Eugene Workman

"Fancy a gang of blondes . . . lilac perfume . . . red slacks . . . keepin' 'em orange colored puddle jumpers from fallin' off'n these rails!"

Q. What are the official titles and rates of pay for non-coms in the WAAC?

A. The non-commissioned officers in the WAAC are the first leader, corresponding to a top sergeant, $864 per year; leader, corresponding to a sergeant, $720 per year; and junior leader, corresponding to a corporal, $648 per year.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Robert Waddell, Samuel Brioles, Bill Dwyer and **Edwin Sullivan** have been inducted into the Army. **Edward Hackbarth** fulfilled an ambition of several years when his enlistment in the Air Corps was accepted.

Candy and good cigars were the orders of the day when **Bob Balma** announced that his wife had given birth to a seven-pound son at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

Plans are being completed for a gala Timekeeping stag party at the Hotel Louis Joliet. A banquet and plenty of entertainment will hold the interest of all.

As part of a conversation on the way to work one morning, **Bill Seeley** was relating to **Louise Ardolino** an experience he had with several other boys in the raiding of a grape orchard the autumn before. When Bill finally stopped laughing after recalling the incident, Louise asked him very quietly, "Bill, do you know whose orchard that was?" Life's darkest moment occurred when he found out it was Louise's family orchard and that they had been looking for the culprits for a long time.

Pretty **Gerry Graham**, the girl who adds to the scenic beauty of the time office, loves to ride horses and next to dancing and writing letters to soldiers, it is one of her favorite hobbies.

Paul Zamkovitz had everyone believing that a person living in Joliet could not be buried in Kankakee. Very few persons are buried alive, he added.

Chuck Swanberg is getting strictly in the groove and cooking on the home burner in order to keep up with the cats in Group 70. In other words, he is taking dancing lessons in Joliet at a buck forty an hour.

Edith Cuno will be waltzing down the aisle with the big moment before long.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

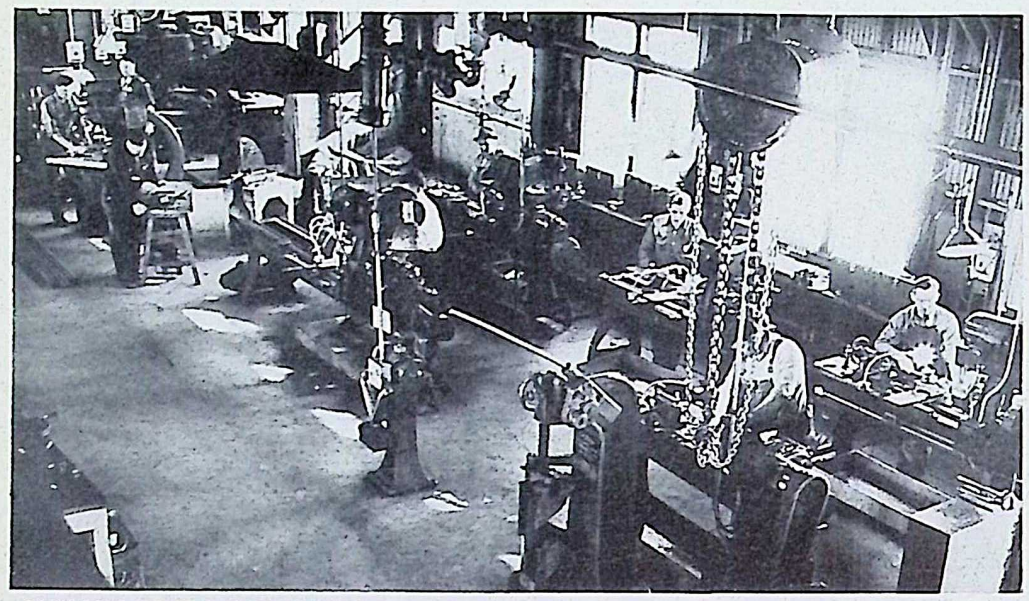
Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—Six cu. ft. porcelain refrigerator; living room suite in good condition; full size bed spring; Bissel sweeper; two wooden rockers; 413 sq. ft. carpet, almost new. Call at 1267 E. Maple St., Kankakee, or phone 2929.—**Mary S. Adam.**

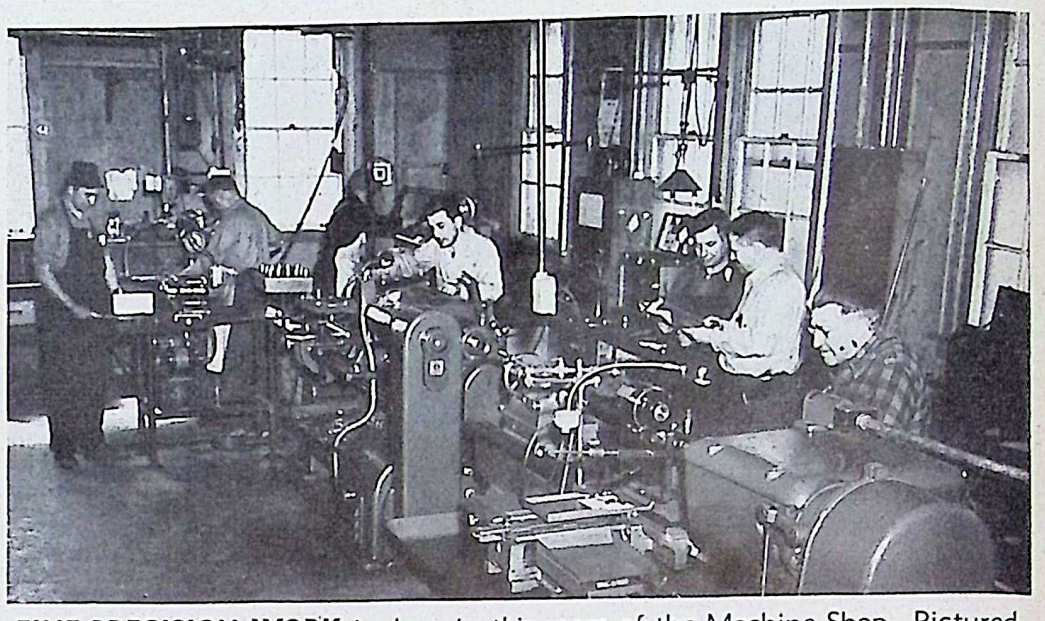
Wanted to Buy—One small girl's bicycle—20-inch size wheel. **J. J. Casey.** Phone 5145.

For Rent—A large, well-furnished room for gentleman or couple, with kitchen privileges. Call Joliet 4922.

ELWOOD ON PARADE



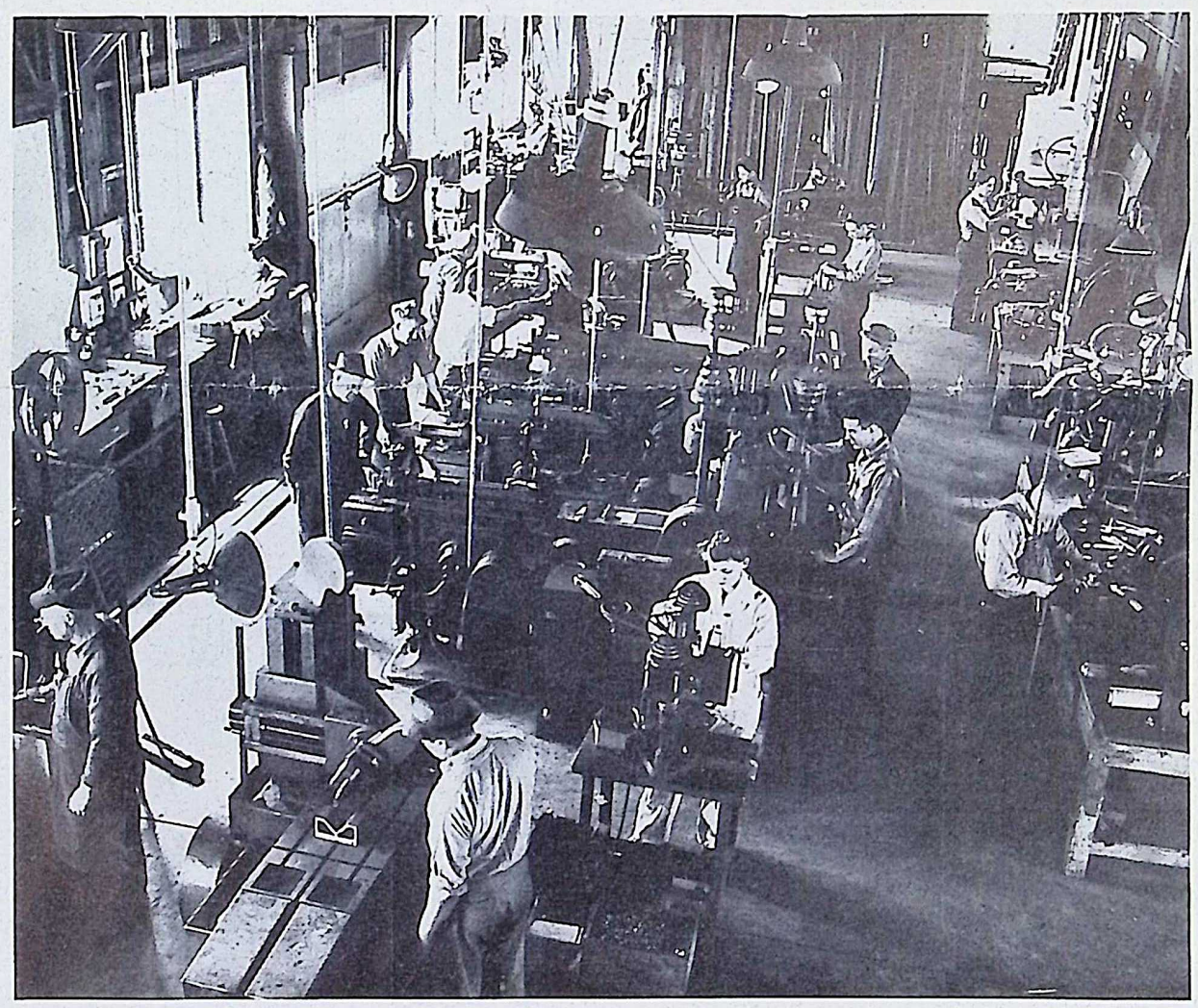
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT is shown in this corner of EOP's Machine Shop. Pictured, left to right, are Frank Rogel, Hurschel Stagner, Paul Becker, Bill House, Frank DeMarco, Tom Dooley, William Geddes and John Handorf.



FINE PRECISION WORK is done in this room of the Machine Shop. Pictured, left to right, are Willard Aschenbrenner, Ernest Egger, John Nilson, Delmo Govoni, Roy Widup, Ervin Schweizer and Ezra Buerlein.

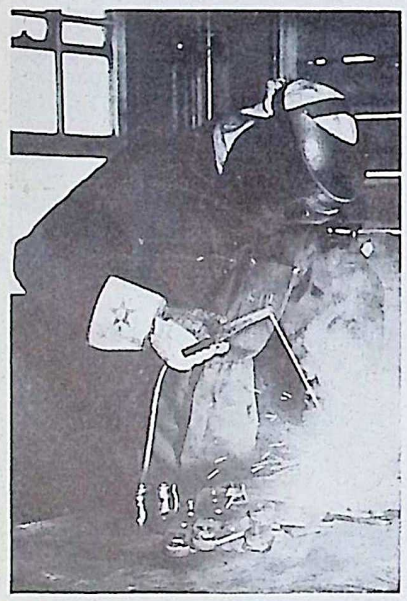
EOP Machine Shop Keeps 'em Rolling!

DO-ALL saw is used to cut patterns in steel plates by Charles Gollick.



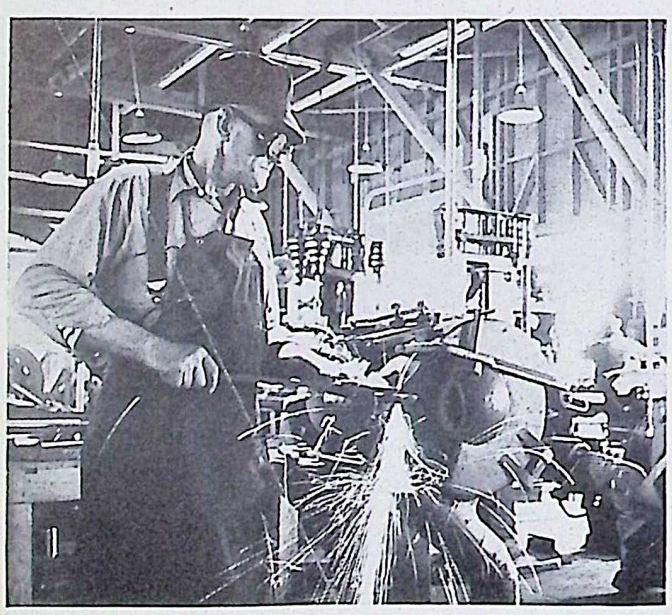
PANORAMIC VIEW OF MACHINE SHOP shows many of its busy workers and cleanliness of room indicates their respect for the equipment with which they work. Pictured at their jobs are Howard Hewlett, Thomas Dooley, James Kaye, Frank Sonnenberg, Bill House, Bill Dolan, Charlie Dobbs, Judson Fish, Clyde Hunter, Robert Mitchell, Ray Peter, Merle Jones, Frank Rogel, Irva Willford, Frank DeMarco, Joseph Reinhart, Jacob More, Franz Miller and Lou Haake.

PRECISION grinder for finishing gauges is operated by John Nilson.

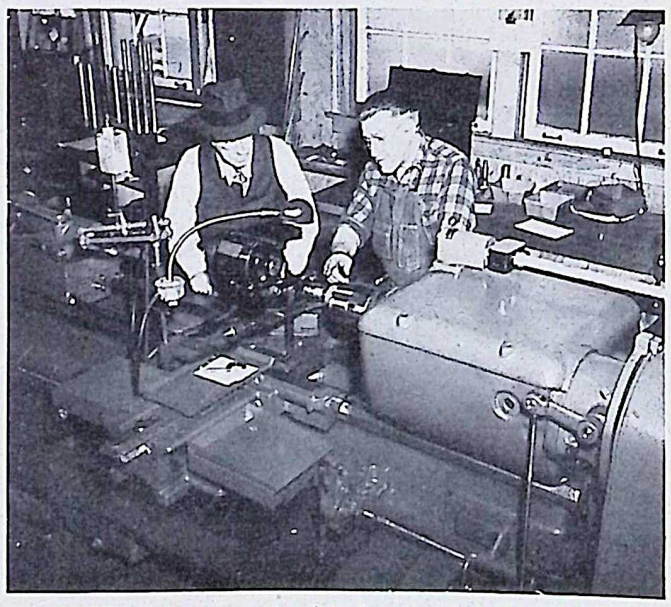


HELMET of metal and glass protects face of J. Merle Jones, welder.

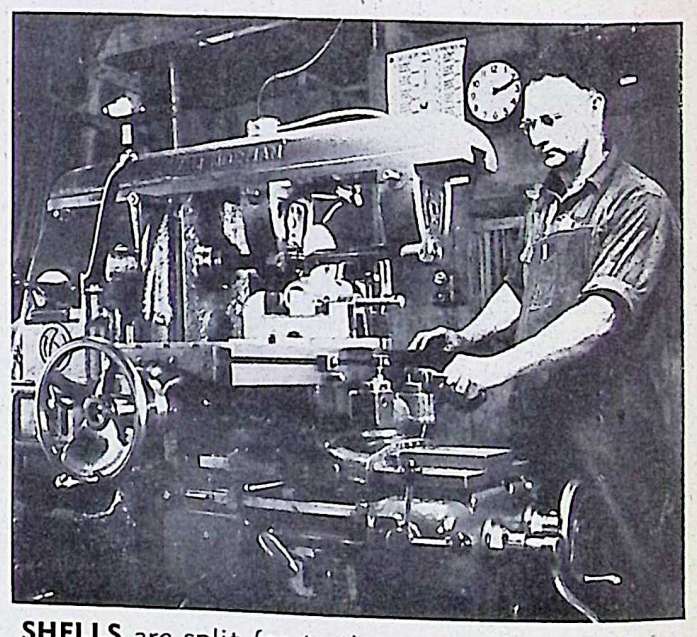
PREPARING for a field trip are Leroy Wilhelmi, supervisor, and John Fassio, welder.



GRINDING of heavy repair parts and other objects is done on this large machine by Jacob More, who obeys the sign to "Wear Your Goggles."



LATEST of its type is this heavy-duty lathe in the precision room. Supt. J. A. Cocker watches Ezra Buerlein (right) at the controls.



SHELLS are split for testing purposes on this large Van-Norman milling machine by Hurschel Stagner. The blade can be seen half way through the shell.

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Col. Byron Rife Active in Army and Industry

New Commandant Here Made Russian Rifles in World War I

Col. Byron Rife, new Commanding Officer at Elwood Ordnance Plant, who succeeds **Major Kenneth M. Haber**, comes to Elwood with an impressive background, both industrial and military. He has a broad grasp of ordnance problems as seen from his key position in the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants, under **Col. T. C. Gerber**, Elwood's former Commanding Officer.

Col. Rife, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, spent his early youth in Dayton, and entered Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, graduating in the School of Mechanical Engineering and specializing in the field of industrial management. Later post-graduate work was done at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received his basic military training at Purdue in the Infantry Cadet Corps and spent two years in the Indiana National Guard, a Field Artillery Unit, while at school.

During his summer vacations, he worked in tobacco warehouses and machine shops. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, social fraternity and was elected to membership in the local honorary engineering fraternity, Carzeuran, which later became a national affiliate.

In 1917, at the start of the First World War, he was a Junior Engineer with the New England Westinghouse Company making Russian rifles. He was commissioned in the Army and was assigned for duty at Springfield Arsenal where he was acting Quartermaster in charge of shipments of personnel and material to over 40 cantonments and camps. He also handled shipments overseas. Another of his duties at Springfield Arsenal was Motor Transport Corps Officer and eventually, he became Assistant to the Works Manager.

At the close of 1918 he was transferred to Washington, D.C., where he served for three months on the Claims Board and eight months as Executive Officer to the Assistant Chief of Ordnance, **General W. S. Peirce.**

At the close of the War, he went to the State of Kansas, there entering the exploration and producing end of the petroleum industry and by 1926, he was in West Texas occupied as a Consultant on problems of petroleum engineering.

From 1930 on, he made his headquarters in San Antonio,

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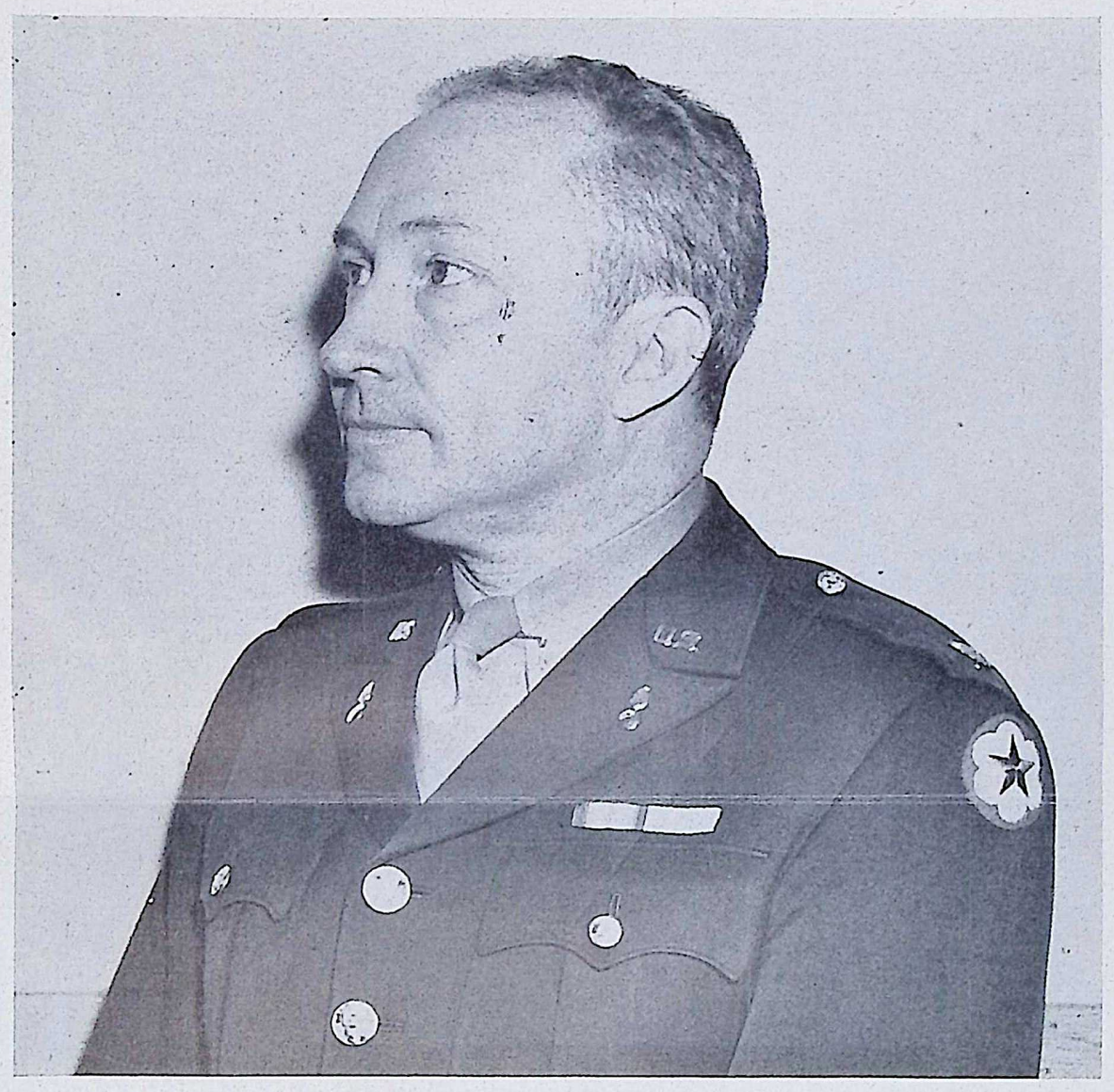
Ask for Paper, If You Miss It

If you fail to receive your copy of *The Bomb-Shell* as you leave the plant on the day of publication . . . either because of absence or for any other reason . . . stop and ask the guard the very next time you do go through the exit gate *on your way home.* The guard will be glad to give you one and all concerned desire that you have it. Please do not ask for one on the way in. Nuf ced!

EOP's New Commanding Officer



LIEUTENANT COLONEL BYRON RIFE

Commanding Officer, Elwood Ordnance Plant and Kankakee Ordnance Works

Group 61 Sets Fine Safety Record

By Rollin T. Read, Safety Director

From the day that operations began in January, 1942, up to and through April of 1943 not a lost time accident has been experienced by this group. This is indeed an outstanding record.

But there is a good reason behind all this. They have had something on the ball that no other group has equalled as yet, although some groups are pushing up close behind. What is it that these people have that other groups do not have? In our opinion, it is just that they *do not want accidents* and are willing to throw a great deal of energy and effort into their meetings, into their daily thinking and daily cooperation so that they *do not have accidents.*

And now that the group is shutting down for stand-by condition, this shows that the group can not only start up, train a whole set of employees, keep on training new employees as far as replacements have been necessary, carry on through the peak of operations for over a year, even through April of this year, and slow down without a lost time accident to mar the record.

All hats are off to the employees of Group 61 for a demonstration of performance of par excellence.

Operator Loses Fingers in Accident

Avery Emmerson of Group 61 suffered the traumatic amputation of the second and third fingers and part of the thumb of his right hand when they were caught between the blade and door of a graining kettle, May 11.

Since there was no evidence of a mechanical defect of any kind, it is most likely that the unfortunate accident resulted from a momentary lapse of caution in the performance of clearing and closing the kettle door.

Safety education aims at eliminating this type of costly shortcomings.

Thelma Keppen, Bldg. 16-B, Group 3-A, is under treatment in the hospital and will lose a week or more of work as the result of a fall from a table on which she was working as a breakdown operator on bombs. She struck against a bomb rack severely injuring her back and right leg.

The table-top was wet, a condition that is unavoidable under certain circumstances and one that should be the signal for increased caution on the part of those who must work on such a surface. If that caution is relaxed, the results are often serious and painful.

A hot TNT splash caused face and eye burns to **Dorothy Beaupre**, Group 1 "breakdown" operator.

A face shield would have afforded full protection from that mishap. Even the wearing of goggles would have prevented the most painful and serious part of the injury, the eye burns.

Delbert Bennett, Group 1, dropped a shell on his left foot April 30. An X-ray taken some time later showed a fractured bone and lost time began May 6 when a cast was applied.

Bennett was lifting shells from a conveyor in Bldg. 3 to skids. The accident probably resulted from too much hurry or from the inattention that sometimes comes from a simple, routine operation. It is one of the aims of safety education to guard against such inattention and the mishaps which it causes.

David Peterson, Group 27, sprained his right foot, May 6, and was unable to work for the next few days. He was pulling a truck along a plank runway when the sole of his shoe caught in a hole; before he could free it, the truck had run up on him, pressing his foot between the front wheel and the point where it was caught.

While the cause of the accident was partly in the condition of the runway, there was also a personal element involved. The flaw in the planks was of small dimensions and could have been avoided by alertness on the part of the trucker.

Scrap Lumber Available

Scrap wood from the cuttings and trimmings of the Carpenter Shop has been placed at the Post 18 Gate, Richards Farm, to be picked up by employees and the public without charge.

Shell Loading Meeting Here Attracts 24

Procedures, Methods Discussed at 3-Day Conference at EOP

Elwood Ordnance Plant was host May 11, 12 and 13 to the Fourth Shell Loading Sub-Committee Conference attended by representatives from various shell loading plants under the jurisdiction of **Col. T. C. Gerber**, Field Director of Ammunition Plants, according to **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, Commanding Officer.

The primary purpose of this, the fourth of a series of conferences, was to establish a standard practice throughout the entire shell loading industry.

The conference was opened by **W. E. Canniff**, general manager of the Elwood Ordnance Plant, who extended a hearty welcome to the visiting members. **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, operators of the Elwood Ordnance Plant, spoke briefly at a luncheon expressing hearty accord with the purpose behind the meeting and at the same time made available to the Sub-Committee, the complete facilities of this great loading facility.

The chairman of the conference for Sanderson & Porter was **Edward J. Walsh**, general superintendent of Shell and Bomb Loading lines. **Maj. J. N. Pearre**, assisted by **Capt. M. C. Sutton** and **Capt. G. W. Mulder**, represented the field director. All arrangements were under the direction of **G. R. Kintzel**, equipment manager at EOP.

Representatives at the conference included the following: **J. D. Williams**, Oak Ordnance Plant; **C. B. Burnette**, Kansas Ordnance Plant; **R. C. Harrell**, Kansas Ordnance Plant; **V. W. Randall**, Ravenna Ordnance Plant; **H. W. Manley**, Ravenna Ordnance Plant; **Capt. Geo. M. Cunningham**, Savanna Ordnance Plant; **A. J. Hunt**, Savanna Ordnance Plant; **Lt. A. M. Fisher**, Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant; **J. W. Donahue**, Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant; **F. A. Keniston**, Wolf Creek Ordnance Plant; **R. E. Bryan**, Green River Ordnance Plant; **E. F. Weston**, Iowa Ordnance Plant; **H. A. Meurick**, Kingsbury Ordnance Plant; **L. M. Summers**, Lone Star Ordnance Plant; **E. J. Walsh**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **J. Salmon**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **P. L. Deylitz**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **H. E. Hafele**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **A. J. MacLellan**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **Capt. J. A. Hardy**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **W. F. Douville**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **R. L. Nemanich**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **S. L. Eisler**, Elwood Ordnance Plant; **P. R. Smith**, Elwood Ordnance Plant.

The Bomb-Shell's First Year Ends

This edition of *The Bomb-Shell*, is Volume I, Number 26 . . . in other words, the last issue in the first year of publication, as **Jack Benny** might say. The next issue will be Volume II, Number 1, and will contain several first birthday anniversary features. Watch for them!

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Two Heads Are Better Than One

When you hoof it on the highway on the *right hand side* of the road, *you put your life in the hands of every driver who's going your way!*

That's not fair to them—and it's certainly not safe for you.

You owe it to the driver—and to yourself—to share the job of keeping yourself alive.

How to do it? That's simple!

Walk on the left side of the road, facing the traffic on that side.

Then *you* see the cars, and the *drivers* see you. It makes sense.

It makes sense because you have a chance to step aside in case the driver is drunk, is crowded over by other cars, is blinded by the sun, or for some other reason hasn't got his car under control.

It makes sense because at night a driver can see your face quicker than he can see the back of your head.

It makes sense, too, to carry or wear something white—a handkerchief in your hand or tied around your arm.

Two heads are better than one. Put your head *and the driver's* to work for your safety by walking on *the left.*

Look and Signal to Be Safe

Bill's been a good driver since the day he bought his Model-T.

But today Bill's *more* than a good driver. Since men and materials are mighty valuable, Bill's doing everything he can to save both.

Bill knows a crash can mean a lot of things to a lot of people. For one thing, he or some other war worker may be injured or killed. Then, too, cars may be smashed—and both parts and men to fix them are hard to find.

Money for car repairs or hospital and doctor bills can be better used elsewhere. Besides, doctors and hospital staffs are overworked today.

Bill knows carelessness may keep him off the job, which means no payday for him and no production of the stuff needed at the front.

So Bill's a patriotic driver. He obeys the rules and has good reasons for doing so.

There are a lot like Bill, *and plenty who aren't.*

For example, in 1942, says the National Safety Council, 27,800 persons were killed and 1,000,000 injured in motor vehicle accidents. Millions of tires were damaged. Many thousands of cars were smashed.

Of those killed, the Council explains, 18,500 were workers. Man-days lost from traffic accidents *alone* were sufficient to build thousands of fighter planes and tanks.

"You check 'em, Sandra . . . and I'll measure the dimension with my look-gauge!"

The Burning Pit
By Scorchy

You probably haven't noticed it yet but there are indications that these new vitamin pills that a good many of our fellow toilers are now taking will force certain revolutionary changes on good old EOP. As I wend my weary way through the loading lines in pursuit of my daily routine, I have noticed recently a certain acceleration of the erstwhile slow-motion of a good many of our more patriotic wage earners. If these pills really begin to have the effect that is promised for them, a little leisurely speculation offers some pseudo amusement with respect to the face-lifting that EOP is in for in the near future.

It is not difficult to envision the day when the cumulative effect of these little capsules will manifest itself in a mad race each morning toward the time clock with a resultant clanging of that bell instead of the more familiar tolling of recent weeks. It is not beyond reasonable conjecture to predict that this newly-acquired vigor may render obsolete and unnecessary such lazy-man's indulgences as conveyor systems, elevators and electric trucks. Our esteemed Wearers - Of - The - Cover - All will personally carry each shell and bomb to its appointed destination in order to utilize that vim, vigor and vitality which will spring from the daily vitamin.

Any possible shortage of locomotives can henceforth be dismissed on the predication that these victims of our new "pellets of pep" will push the freight cars when, where and as needed. We can all look forward to that novel experience of a worker pleading with his superintendent for more work to do in order to lighten the monotony of it all. It is true that the first few such requests will probably give some superintendents heart failure, but no great war is ever won without a few casualties.

All the ideas expressed herein are admittedly a bit fanciful but the basic idea is food for good imagination. There are terrific possibilities in the battle for supremacy of the Culotte over the Coverall, and the tide of this struggle may be turned by our new friend, the vitamin. Take an extra vitamin pill tomorrow and think it through from here.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I saw your item in the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* asking for safety razors for our sailor boys. I had two that I wasn't using or won't use and they were doing no good. I'm happy to donate them.

I believe if you'd publish an item such as this one but asking for new tooth brushes, etc., needed in their every day life, you would get quite a few from employees working here.

The price of a tooth brush is so small, also a comb, that I think a lot of people would be only too glad to buy one and send to the address in Joliet or to the person who has the job of sending these to the boys.

I have two brothers in the Army and I know they would appreciate such items if theirs were at the bottom of the ocean.

I'm going to see the editor of the *Braidwood Index* and see if they will print an item like yours.

We'll help to raise 32,000 razors. And how!

William Hall,
Braidwood, Illinois.

HOW TO BUILD A MODEL AEROPLANE
(a la "Scorchy" with no apologies)
By Scorchfree

While tending to our own affairs and minding our own business, the following valuable information chanced to fall in our lap and realizing the importance of aviation in this crisis of the World's History we felt obliged to present this timely guide to the air minded readers of *The Bomb-Shell.*

The first step in preparing for the adventure of building a model aeroplane is the simple task of buying a kit which is available at all better 10c, drug, variety and hardware stores. The hardware store is recommended because the *"keeper"* is one man you should get to know—he can be very helpful as you progress with your undertaking. The kit comes in an envelope complete with the necessary wood, wire, aeroplane cement, wheels, paper, and *full and complete directions.* The wood slivers (pardone me) panels are all marked exactly as to how they should be cut. On most cuts you even form the sides of two pieces at the same time (what a time saver Oh! Boy) . . . Oh! Yeah? You really should have a separate room in order to concentrate and work without distractions. If you have to take the pieces and sections down and replace them each time you will find your project considerably messed up and the total time required will be at least double. If you build the plane complete in 2 hours time you don't need the extra room providing you send the family, miscellaneous roomers and all callers to attend a double feature movie.

The next step is to procure a cutting tool to carve out the wood panels. Don't get it too dull or you will split the wood. Don't get it too sharp or you will overcut the lines and ruin the adjoining pieces. A pruning scalpel obtainable from your *"acquaintance"* at the hardware store is the recommended incissor. For best cutting results drink no coffee, liquor or other stimulants for three days before attempting the operation with the scalpel. Steady nerves are essential if you are to make the perfect slice which cuts the side of two pieces in the same operation. Remember you don't get an extra piece of wood with the kit—every cut is a major operation—and this Balsa wood is so soft and delicate. If you make a mistake don't worry about it—buy another complete kit—that's the proper way to buy—always get a complete kit—(there are no replacements anyhow)—so take the short cut and buy another complete kit *with full and complete directions.*

Now that all the wood parts are cut, we cement them together. This is no trouble at all, if you haven't knocked some of the pieces on the floor while cutting and innocently let them get under foot . . . a sad occurrence . . . especially if your working on a table that is too small but then all tables are too small—so you should select one that will be just a little too small and not a lot too small. Of course, you may have to hold some pieces tightly together by hand for 20 minutes while the cement dries, but then there are only about 1,283 pieces at 20 minutes per cementing. Naturally you are expected to spill or drop a little of the cement — who wants to be neat? And Eureka you have that long sought for varnish remover. But don't let the discovery interrupt your course of assembling the plane. Keep your mind on the job. Refinish the surface of the table later. You get *full and complete directions* right on the varnish can from your *"friend"* at the hardware store.

Now that you have carefully cemented the wood parts together you start working with the easier medium of paper for covering the wings and the fuselage. The contours of course will be stream lined omitting the possibility of any straight cuts. You clip around arcs, elipses, spheroids, and other geometrical figures. Get a steady bead on the lines similar to shooting ducks — you get a full and complete set of directions with each shot gun from your *"pal"* at the hardware store. After you have fitted the paper and glued it to the wings and fuselage you will naturally find a few wrinkles. So you remove these by sprinkling a little water on the paper to shrink it smooth. Of course if you get too much water on you will split the delicate soft Balsa wood and ruin the whole job. So you buy a spray gun which comes with *complete and full directions* on how to evoke an even spray for all purposes from your *"Buddy"* at the hardware store.

But now I'll bet you forgot something. Did you attach the tail wheel and the landing wheel structure??? Well, that's too bad—you'll have to cut the paper skin in order to attach these. But you wouldn't want a patched up job. Remember! no replacement parts —anyhow the paper is all stuck to the frame work and can't be removed without tearing it and splitting that soft delicate Balsa wood . . . so you start from the beginning. Lay out a little more money for a new envelope with all the parts and *with Complete and full directions.* You know you certainly couldn't afford not to protect your investment at this stage.

Our limited endurance does not permit us to give all the lessor hints such as attaching the wings to the fuselage at the official angle, or of trimming the propellor blades so they are counter balanced or of correctly fitting and joining the rudder assembly, and finally on how to bend the brittle wires for making the landing gear and the propellor shaft. The wire, you know, is not replaceable due to steel shortages, priorities, etc. And then there is a matter of that necessary vice . . . anyhow another complete set is always available *with full and complete directions* from your *"creditor"* at the hardware store.

If you are confronted with more of the practical problems on how to build a model aeroplane we suggest that you stop in to see—**Charlie Harbig** of Group 70 Warehouse or stop in at his Joliet Workshop — or as an alternative move see "Scorchy," the man who knows all—or as a last resort reread the *complete and full directions* which comes with each kit. ——Aw! Well . . . this is for young kids anyhow—you grown up kids should know better than to muddle in the affairs of the modern young generation.

L. J. Kessel Succeeds Cole as Comptroller

L. J. Kessel has been named comptroller of EOP to succeed **John J. Cole,** whose promotion to assistant general manager was announced in the last issue. Mr. Kessel arrived May 15 to assume his new duties and has taken over the office formerly occupied by Mr. Cole. Mr. Cole's office is now on the second floor of the Administration Building.

Mr. Kessel, who formerly worked here as assistant comptroller, came here from Pine Bluff Arsenal, where he served as comptroller for Sanderson & Porter, builders of the plant there for the Chemical Warfare Service.

Memorial Day to Be Observed Here May 31

Memorial Day will be observed as a holiday at Elwood Ordnance Plant on Monday, May 31, 1943.

Load lines, operating departments and offices will be closed for the day.

All maintenance and repair forces will be kept to an absolute minimum over this holiday week end and only such plant protection forces will work as are needed for the protection and preservation of plant property.

Boys Overseas Want to Know What's Cookin'

Interested to Learn How Those on Home Front Are Supporting

Interest in "what the boys back home are doing for us overseas" was expressed by **Pvt. Raymond D. Gaddos,** former EOP employee, in a letter from Australia.

"I have been transferred to Australia," said Pvt. Gaddos, "and would like for *The Bomb-Shell* to be sent to me here. I haven't received an issue since December, but I am hoping they will catch up with me. You don't know how much I miss it and I believe that goes for the rest of the boys who also are on the move."

"Not only am I glad to receive the issues, "wrote **C. E. Beverly,** formerly of Group 3-A, in a V-mail letter, "but it pleased me to note that you people are doing your utmost to increase production. There have been many improvements in the plant since I enlisted in the Navy. I am certain that the standards at EOP are high. We are doing a good job thus far and are looking forward to a speedy victory."

"As a present day **Marco Polo,** I open this missile to thou," wrote **Lucille Ambrose,** EOP's first SPAR and formerly employed in **George B. Pumphrey's** office, who has developed into one of *The Bomb-Shell's* most interesting correspondents. Miss Ambrose is now a petty officer, third class, and stationed in Washington.

"Now I'm in Washington, D.C., mingling with all the gold braid," her letter continued. "Am employed . . . or assigned (they say) . . . temporarily in the Operations Department, Small Boats Division. Work directly for **Lt. Commander Rhodin** (grand person) and indirectly for **Capt. Parker.** Just a few doors away from **Admiral Waesche.** Very interesting work.

"Last night we attended the initial Coast Guard broadcast which will be heard each week . . . coast to coast NBC. Admiral Waesche said a few words. All in all—a very interetsing program.

"We work these days from 8 a. m. until 4:30 with a half-hour for lunch. We take our lunch at the Post Office Cafeteria. Lovely food for cheap.

"We arrived at the Pennsylvania Station here about 12:30 p. m. Whom do you think I met? **Capt. D. P. Tunstall** and **Col. T. C. Gerber.** It was such a pleasant surprise. Felt great about it!"

"Did you hear of the legislation before the Senate that will permit SPARS to go to Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico? Wonderful, isn't it? Here goes Marco!"

Prior to her assignment in Washington, Yeoman Ambrose attended Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Okla., for special training.

Other letters and cards were received from **Harriet Sokolinski,** WAAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Fla.; **Pvt. Newton R. Hauswirth,** Norfolk Army Base, Virginia; **Mrs. Jack B. Mayfield,** Southside, Tenn., in behalf of her husband, who is stationed in Miami Beach, Fla.; **Aviation Cadet Howard E. Gustafson,** St. Mary's College, California; **Pvt. Daniel H. Stringer,** Manchester, Conn.; **Pvt. Jim Ventsias,** Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif.; **Pvt. John Dubrovich, Jr.,** who wrote a V-mail letter apparently from somewhere in the Pacific; **Pvt. Raymond J. Bartels,** Army Air Force, Kingman, Ariz., and **Aviation Cadet Eugene Suratt,** Gettysburg, Penna.

Q. Am I supposed to salute an officer if I approach him from the rear?

A. Not unless the officer looks at you.

ANTI-TANK MINES LOADED AT EOP last summer are shown here being placed aboard ship by troops in Australia prior to their departure for combat duty. This photograph was sent to The Bomb-Shell by the Bureau of Public Relations in Washington. It is an official Signal Corps photo.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

A. P. Balston, superintendent of Inert Storage, has moved into the area with his family, two dogs, and seven cocker spaniel puppies. All hope they enjoy their residence in the EOP community.

Cyrille Grandame was the guest of honor at a party held at the Oasis Inn. Cyrille bid fareweli before leaving for the service. Among those present were **Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ralston** with daughter, **Margaret Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zarley, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Lyons, Joseph Birsa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berro, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cherrie** and **James Brooks.**

Matthew Reay of South Inert and two members of the Inspection Department, **Paul Mosteller** and **Alex Stein,** are answering draft board calls for examination.

Herman "Clip" LeRette has a certain technique with the daily visitors to Group 27 . . . maybe it is the bag of candy he buys every morning.

Flood waters gobbled up **Jim Brooks** and a pair of **Fred Ford's** hip boots. Fred loaned him the boots to make a trip to the coal house and while returning disappeared . . . how he turned up at the office the next day is the mystery.

Clarence Sluiter and **William Hayes** finally climbed over the Hospital humps and are now back in the saddle riding high.

Pfc. Donald McCauley surprised all when he spoke the vows of marriage with **Margaret Lidstrom** of Joliet while home on furlough. The ceremony was performed in the rectory of St. Mary's Church May 10. Later a reception was held in the Colonial Tea Room. His friends at Inert wish him every success.

The name of the Victory garden has been changed to Victory lagoon. Since the tomato plants floated away there is space to float cardboard boats and model aircraft carriers. Landing party demonstrations have been given by **John Ney, Leslie Cloyd** and **Bill Denver** with great success. **George Newton** is wondering if it is too late in the season to put in a little rice.

Wilbur Galbraith was wrong. The only time there is any fish at Inert is when he is here doing his advance work. There *are* some fine kittens, and Mother Tiger Cat spent a happy Mother's Day in the clockhouse.

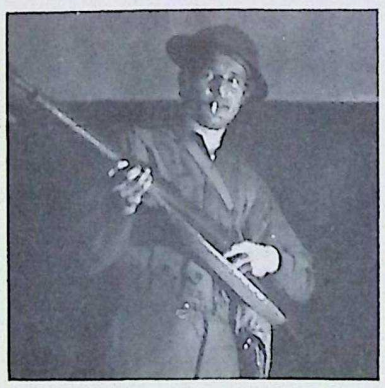
Sympathies are extended to **Ted Hintz** of Group 27 and **Albert Bunting** because of recent deaths in their families.

A wish for a speedy recovery goes to **Urbain Glapion** who was hospitalized for an operation.

Pvt. Larry Huster and **Pvt. Clarence Rowaldt,** formerly of Group 27, wrote to their old friends and expressed their satisfaction with Uncle Sam's treatment.

On the Side

A very humble writer sent in an article under the pen name of "Scorchfree," and it is highly recommended. This piece is no imaginative nor dreamed-up hallucination such as advanced by "Scorchy," that abscess on the neck of page two of each issue of *The Bomb-Shell,* but is a helpful and instructive article on "How to Build a Model Airplane."



ACTION is exemplified in this service photograph of Sgt. Mike Dubetz, former EOP employee.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN

Correspondent

George Costello, Jr., assistant superintendent, resigned April 24 to join the Navy Seabees. He enlisted as a first class petty officer and for six weeks will be stationed at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va. George was employed here since construction was started and after the construction of the group was completed he was transferred to operations. His adaptability to this work soon found him assigned as assistant superintendent. A farewell party was held in his honor and many useful gifts were presented. All wish him a good fight and a safe return.

Darline Maas received her first phone call in 17 months from 'Frisco and that ain't the only ring she got, either!

Nature certainly designed the perfect inspector in **Cecil Barnes.** Standing in his stocking feet, he can look right down an upright bomb.

Everett Brooks declared that the card he received from Uncle Sam stamped "4-H" does not pertain to hens, hogs, heifers or horse-shoes.

Arthur Thompson has taken the job as doorman of Bldg. 61 along with his other duties.

The boys of Bldg. 10 wonder how **John Semankovich** gets his feet out of his zoot suit after wearing his new shoes.

Pert little **Dana Ivec** has a new nickname since Easter. It's "Bunny."

Roy Castle reports that when Guard **Fred Haake** was on duty in Bldg. 3, two inspectors were heckling him so much that he finally shouted, "If you guys don't quit it, I'm gonna call an officer!"

The recent rain curled jovial **Martha "Topsy" Price's** hair-do into so many tiny ringlets it looked like a tightly tasseled top-knot on tetryl-headed "Topsy."

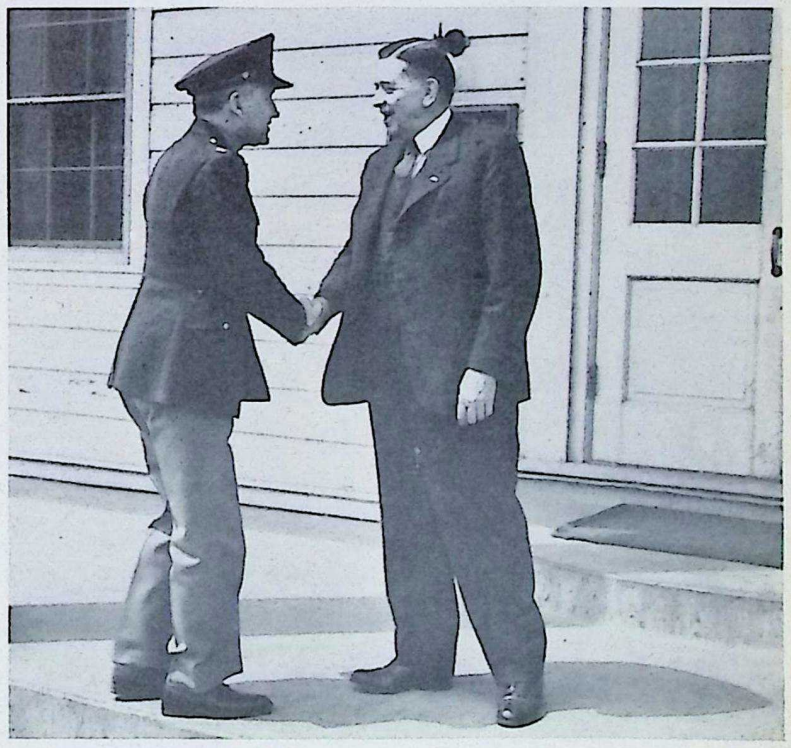
Another suggestion for Hitler's punishment: Force him to listen to the Nitrate Quartette composed of **Margaret Ficts, Emma Noel, Adeline Siebert** and **Mildred Rogers,** with **Thorwald "Swede" Jacobsen** directing.

Leroy Smith, Philip Hester and **Morton Grierson** left for the armed forces.

After receiving a phone call from Chicago and invoking the aid of **George Ricketts** and other kindly members of his office, **Patsy Jo Hawkins** of the superintendent's office was able to get to Joliet in time to spend a few hours visiting with her Air Force instructor brother who was on his way to Florida.

Dean Harrison, assistant superintendent, has decided to get a rowboat in order to hoe his potatoes since the rains came.

When petite **Ethel Lawrence** was asked how come the cut lip, she replied, "You keep wondering."



A SPIRITED WELCOME was extended to Lt. Col. Byron Rife, new EOP commanding officer, by Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, at the entrance to the Administration Building.

TRACTOR AND DISC HARROW are used by one of the farmers who leased EOP acreage for cultivation this year. As in other sections, their efforts have been hampered severely by the consistent rainfall.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

In all the rain of Monday, May 10, **Ray "Mother" Banker's** Packard decided not to go. The result was that some kind soul pushed her all the way to Wilmington. But there isn't anything that can daunt her spirits now as her husband is well on the road to recovery and is going to be homebound soon.

All are mighty proud of little **"Champion" Mary Strobel.** She wears a cute little gadget that has a miniature bowling ball and golf ball attached. She should be a match for anyone with whom she competes.

Freddie Mastin was recently honored at a wedding by the groom presenting him with the top tier of a nine-tier wedding cake. It's odd, but his department didn't see any of it.

Betti Welch is quite thrilled with having danced to **Tommy Dorsey's** music. This time she honored a lad from her old home town of Morris. **Don Butts** of the War Department danced attendance on her the night of the Spring Frolic.

All were surprised and pleased with the visit of **Lt. R. O. Nelson,** a former progress clerk at Group 1. In six short months he worked himself up to a second lieutenancy. Word was received from **Sgt. David Gianuzzi** in India. He was the former chief progress clerk at Group 1.

Something the movie scouts are missing is the jig **Phyllis Clair** puts on frequently — especially when she mislays her badge from one gate to another.

This rain really does things to a girl's curls, but **Frances Mores** was having more trouble with the pleats in her skirt than her curls. Many wondered why she sat at her desk most of May 11—the truth is now out—no pleats.

All were glad to see **Harry Brown** come in the other morning with his curly locks shorn. Several persons were thinking seriously of braiding it for him.

Lucille Brown and **Myrtle Cooper** seem to have money to throw around. It seems the trouble is one owes the other money and she won't accept it. Who owes who and for what can't be determined.

The department was saddened by the departing of one of the old gang, **Marge Gall.** Her ready smile will be missed and all wish her the best of luck in her new job.

June Kuglich has taken a two-week leave to visit her husband who is stationed on the West Coast.

"Little Gilbert and Sullivan" **Dorothy Bollig** came in with a two-way surprise. For one she was wearing lipstick, seldom does Dorothy do this, and then she had her hair fixed like a Miss Veronica without the Lake.

Eveline Mikuce has resumed her work after being on the sick list for a few days.

J. P. Filips asked **Rowena Roberts** to come to his desk, but she hesitated a few minutes. It wasn't known why until she reached to the floor to find her shoe.

If you ever want **Eleanor Goss** to show her French, just ask her to tie that kerchief of her's around her ankle.

Through the rainy season **Elva Thomas** dislayed a very colorful umbrella which could be borrowed on your word and honor to return it.

Helen Hausser has been waiting for her husband's return on a brief furlough, the first he has had since entering the service.

Little **Mike Murphy** put in his appearance May 10. The proud papa, **Jim Murphy,** property division, brought forth the usual candy and cigars. Congratulations go to Jim from everyone.

It has been rumored that **Jake Debri** has a new heart throb in the Administration Building—may be a picture show engagement is forthcoming soon.

George Sangmeister was a speaker at a flag raising ceremony at Lincoln Estates May 9.

Tom "Pants" Nugent has sent cards to the gang. He is back home at Groveton, N. H., for a short vacation. Before receiving these cards, **Pete Conroy** and **Frank Weston** thought **Tom** boarded the wrong train.

Fred Legris has been showing **Clayton Craig** around Kankakee. Oh yes, their wives accompanied them.

Everyone was greatly pleased to hear from **Dick Court** who is now stationed in South Brooklyn, N. Y. Dick reports that they have had a few WAVES in their division for a while, but that they are gone now.

James Thomson, William Custer, Douglas Wilkins and **John D. Hayes** are the new inventory clerks.

Suggested theme song for the Progress Clerks at Group 2 is "Don't Get Around Much Any More." There are a number of sayings that each clerk is always giving out: **Johnny Williamson** with "Precisely" when something is correct; **Paul Somerville** with "Oh! Boy!" when something exciting happens, and **Cliff Fisher** with "Golly" in the most harmonizing manner.

Everyone knows when **Orville Rasmussen** is around the assembly line, for his greeting "Hi ya, Doc!" is familiar there.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire.....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only)..Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Dorothy Touvolle, Payroll, was married April 24 to **Pfc. John Mulligan,** who is stationed in Florida. **Mrs. John Kratchovil** of Braidwood gave a shower for her April 11.

Rosemary Kane and **June Schick** are surely on the upgrade, according to their fancy hair-dos.

C. Harold Taylor of the New York office of Sanderson & Porter, formerly executive secretary here, was a visitor for a week on official business.

Signs of spring: **Clarence Malmsten** with his sleeves rolled up . . . new "coke" machines in the hall . . . wild crabapple blossoms (ask **W. B. Manchester** the scientific name for them) . . . a wide variety of colors in tulips . . . housemoving (**R. T. Read**) . . . office moving (**John J. Cole**) . . . talk of vacations.

Ann Baird has been transferred to the Stock Room. **Ray Marquardt** will soon be leaving for the Army—Uncle Sam has told him so.

Geraldine Almon has been transferred to the comptroller's office as secretary.

Cpl. Ray McGuire of Camp Brady, Michigan, was a visitor last week. He has put on weight and is in the pink of condition.

Eugene "Red" Bennington, formerly of the Stock Room, but now in the Army, is the proud father of a little stranger, named **Mary Louise,** born last month.

Veranice Quade, after leaving here, went to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to see her heart throb before she returned to her home in Spring Valley, Minn.

R. L. Hamill, Sanderson & Porter partner, was a visitor here last week.

Anyone who sees **June Kachler** in the hall when she wears that certain dress does not need to ask her name. Dozens of little "me's" are printed all over it.

Talk of glamor plus—did you see that certain sailor in the Administration Building May 12? He was none other than **Jack Comerford,** formerly of Payroll, on a furlough from Great Lakes. Jack says he is subject to schooling in officer's training. He is a lad who will go far. Many remember his patience in dieting, but he is in grand form now.

The Bond Department spread its wings the other day and moved across the hall to larger quarters.

A censored letter came from **Jack Knutson** somewhere in the Pacific. Like always, this former chauffeur now in the Marines, was honest and not one word had to be scratched. He wants to know why the boys in the Motor Pool don't do some writing. Jack doesn't know yet that that place is overrun with femmes.

R. P. Piper has returned to work at the Plant and is located in the office of **G. B. Pumphrey.** He replaces **Bruce Elliott** who left for Michigan.

Leo Gaffey of the Purchasing Deartment is on the sick list.

Annamarie Kinney, Auditing, underwent an operation in St. Joseph's Hosital. Best wishes are sent to this little miss and an early return is hoped. During her absence **Irene Millinger** of **John Platz's** office is taking her place.

Max Wolfson is the happiest man in the Administration Building. He finally got a house in Wilmington and moved from Chicago. He said he can catch up on some postponed sleep now.

Some of the girls in Purchasing received letters from **Emalie Mueller Voegtle** of Kankakee. Em will always be known as the "little bug" and is surely missed.

George Becker, Bond Department, has been appointed representative on the Employees Activities Committee to replace Mr. Bennington.

Being an ardent bowler and *owning bowling shoes* proved to be an asset to one little girl in the Administration Building April 11. It seems that she lost her balance while enroute from the Recreation Building and one of her slippers stayed in the mud. What did she do about the muddy slipper? She wore her bowling shoes the rest of the afternoon in the office while said slipper had a chance to dry. **Shirley Grassle** really combined work and sport.

Ray Shepley, that tall, handsome and strong former Administration timekeeper now in the Army, came from Camp Roberts, California, April 10 and 11. Ray is a 1-A corporal in Uncle Sam's service, and he will always be A-1 with us.

Edward S. Washburn, Engineering, that enthusiast for Victory gardens, is wondering whether the rains will stop long enough in August so he can rent a boat to gather his crop.

Ray Wengierski, Stores and Supplies, better known as "Windy," appears to be adding to his "V Man" physique. His swivel hips of football days show signs of "swivel chair." "Windy" is pouring on the coal.

Softball will start May 24 at 6 p.m. at Federal Trailer Camp, Wilmington, for all men in Wilmington. A good turnout will be more than welcome.

GRADUATED from the Navy's only school for Primary Flight Instruction at New Orleans, Ensign John F. Watson, former Group 1 foreman, has been sent to the Naval Air Station near Memphis, Tenn. Ensign Watson received his wings of gold as a pilot and his commission at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

The Garden Club is very grateful to **William Denver** for making a reservoir in which to store the excessive rain which fell May 10 and 11. We can irrigate all summer with the amount he has in reserve.

A farewell party was given May 8 in honor of **Cyrille Grandame.** Group 62-N, prior to his induction in the Army. According to reports, a good time was had by all who attended.

Robert Heuser and **Peter Klein** are the two new members welcomed to the staff.

Leslie Cloyd, Group 62-N, was a guest at the recent wedding of **Pvt. Donald McCaughly** May 10.

Walter Britton, Group 62-S, is paying off his bet with **Irvin Ramsay** in installments. Those pound boxes of Fannie May candies will be missed.

Jack Heavens, former Group 62-S employee, writes that he wished he could have had some of the present Florida heat in the warehouses last winter.

Alex Stein, Group 62-S, wishes that the passing motorist would have a little more regards for his car when it is parked at the curb. It is most annoying to have a whole corner of one's car caved in.

The inspectors of Group 9 are wondering why **Mary Brown** has been so happy since she returned from California.

Betty Meents, Group 9, is rather blue since **Wayne Fight** went to the Army.

Many wonder why **Gaylen Ford,** Group 9, has been singing lullabies.

Anita DuPuis, Group 9, is sporting several new hairdo's. The outstanding one is two long braids held in place with orange sticks.

Employees of the Inspection Department extend their sympathy to the family of **Theodore Hintz,** whose mother died recently.

The Fuze and Booster party proved that **Willard Vail,** Group 6, is trying his best to be a second **Fred Astaire.**

Congratulations are in order for **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marlette,** who are the proud parents of an 8-pound daughter.

Del Rider, Group 7, plays soldier boy every Tuesday night at the Armory in Joliet. He is in the newly-recruited militia, and from inner reports he is as cute as a button in his uniform.

Leona Brault received a car radio from her better half for Mother's Day.

Katherine Felletti, Group 7, left to join her new soldier husband in sunny California.

Dorothy Kinder has voted the "Marine Hymn" as the No. 1 song on her hit parade.

Roger Anderson, Group 7, is the one guy who is "flying high" with both feet on the ground.

STATIONED now at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Cpl. Stuart Marlette is a former component clerk in Group 2.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK
Correspondent

The Material Warehouse employees extend their deepest sympathy to Material Checker **George Morris,** stationed in the South Inert Group, whose mother died May 6 at her home in Evanston, Ill.

James Eib, material checker at the Hub, became the proud father of twin daughters last week and, of course, cigars were the order of the day. His fellow workers congratulated him and wish the father, mother and the twins health, wealth and happiness.

Harriett Guard, daughter of Material Checker **Herman J. Guard,** was married to **Pvt. Gordon James Osmondson** of Morris, Ill., May 9, in Chicago. Pvt. Osmondson is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Philip R. Park will never wear a hat with a large brim again. He cleaned the one he has one day and left it out side of the Trailer Camp at Wilmington to dry and when he came back to get it he found a robin's nest in it.

Now that Spring is here, the old water dog, **Frederick Doubeck,** has challenged **William Allison, Chester Abell** and **Otto Heap** of Group 27 to a swimming contest to be held any time they are ready, in any cornfield where the water is deep enough to hold the event. Ride your dough on Doubeck, he's a sure-fire winner.

Material Checker **Alexander Kravitz** took an excursion trip across Lake Michigan last summer. About half way across a storm arose, and when one of the passengers told Al the boat was sinking, he tried to sell a watch, worth $30, for $1.98. Who said Al's not a business man.

EASTER suit is the description sent in by the contributor of this costume picture of Joe Alberts of Group 2.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

Peter P. Lombardi, now of the Merchant Marine, but formerly of the Group 1 power-house, paid his old haunts a visit and the boys didn't even recognize him. Pete used to have so much grease on his face that **Bill Zerhoot**, his foreman, couldn't find him unless Pete showed the whites of eyes. It is rumored that Pete finally identified himself by showing them the big bump on his head invariably hit when he ambled along the boiler cat-walk. All jargon aside—Pete looked like a million, and he has the best wishes of all his friends.

If **George Gibson** rushed right out and bit a dog (and he's usually hungry enough to do just that) he could never make the headlines as much as **Bernice Skriner**, Bldg. 10, who, not only has a "knack for nosing out newsy names" but has more tricks up her sleeve than **Eleanor Roosevelt**. According to the latest report, Bernice's physician tried to charge her double for her "three-day" measles, 'cause it took two cases of measles to cover her generosity of expanse (a translation will follow in the next issue—by that time Bernice will have cooled of).

The first liar never has a chance—so the old saying goes—so when the usual prevarications start in the superintendent's office every morning immediately upon the entrance of the early-risers, **Robert Kelly**, superintendent of the graveyard shift, waits until last to brag about his Victory garden and says: "Well, boys, come on over and dig yourself a couple of potatoes. They'll last you at least ten days, but you may need a crane to get 'em up. It's been several days since I planted 'em."

Worth mentioning in Group 1 is the newly instigated "labor management committee" meeting once a week. The committee is composed of one man and one girl from every building.

Jack Burdette, component man and manager of the men's soft and hardball teams, has been heartbroken since Easter because he hasn't been able to wear his new bonnet. Jack figures that the weather may allow him to wear it long about next Easter.

Congratulations are sent to **Carl Sterlin** who celebrated Mother's Day in a big way . . . no, he was not a mother—just a grandpa to a seven-pound 12-ounce girl.

Ed Kein never stops at Bldg. 15 on his rounds any more. He stopped last week and someone cut his favorite tie off just below his Adam's apple. Ed feels that was close enough and he doesn't want the blade to get any closer.

Jack Reid, former clerk in **Supt. J. E. Salmon's** office, wrote that he is now in Army Ordnance at Camp Maxey, Texas, and all he does is fire guns. All of Jack's friends will be interested to know that he is now in seventh heaven because all he does riding to and from work is to roll down the car window, point both fingers at every crow that passes and yell "bang! bang!"

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT
Correspondent

Helen Boula, formerly secretary to **Capt. A. G. Resch**, has transferred to the offices of the Department of Agriculture in the Post Office building in Chicago.

Stanley Eisler is quite an amateur photographer. He specializes in technicolor pictures.

Bernice Shroba has experienced a few "bumps" on the road to romance recently.

One of the puzzles is why so many girls enjoy eating at the Mess Hall with **William Van Houten?**

The Government Inspection force was well represented at the Spring Frolic given by the War Department. From all reports a good time was had by all.

Helen Biernat of Group 7 recently received an orchid from an ardent admirer, which made her very happy indeed.

Evan Lewis of Group 3-A and **Basil Steinhoff** of Group 2 were observed having a rarin' good time at the War Department Spring Frolic.

Group 1

Congratulations are in order for **Bernice Ksiazak** who is traveling to California soon to become **Mrs. Leo Biernat.**

Now that all traces of laryngitis have left **Palma Weston** she is going in for some social entertaining.

If upon meeting and talking with **Catherine Fitzmaurice** recently you noticed a lack of interest, don't feel too badly. She has been "completely out of this world" since receiving a letter from Alaska.

A speedy recovery is wished for **Virginia Martin** recently confined to the Hospital here.

Group 1 welcomes back **Harvey Barrett, Arden Allgaier, Chalmers Wooley, Howard Fischer, David Jones, Paul Talbott, August Ash** and newlywed **Roald Evenson.**

It is rumored that **Kermitt Long** is taking up shorthand so that he can catch up on the inter-office correspondence between **Gloria Annunzi** and **Jeanne Steffen.**

Many wonder . . . if **Ann Bolek, Frances Rutkiewicz** and **Jean Erickson** had a good time one week end recently . . . if anyone can beat the tire changing record of six minutes made by Mr. Long, **Ed Vaughan** and **Russel Cliné** . . . who the two "lovelies" were that **Stan Maresh** escorted in the Easter parade . . . why **Betty Smith** isn't tired when she comes to work after a "jam session" . . . if **Nellie Lemke** had a good time while visiting her old "stomping grounds" in Rockford . . . how **Emil Bruni** got his lady-fair home after losing the keys of his car.

Group 5

Lottie Maloney's favorite tune has suddenly become "My Blue Heaven."

Ann "Junior Miss" Chorak is rounding out her adolescent years by having the measles and cutting a wisdom tooth.

Group 5 has added to its personnel **Dorothy Magolan, Sophie Mixner, Gertrude Beland, Nellie Hazzard** and **Marcella Morton.** All were formerly inspectors in Group 9.

Group 8

It was a happy surprise to **Margaret Kertes** when she received her first $100 War Bond recently.

Best wishes go to **Helen Ballack** who left recently to become the bride of **Edward Rozich** at Virginia.

The "welcome mat" was put out for **Alena Reimers** who was transferred from Group 9 recently.

Group 4

John Habes, line inspector, underwent an operation and is reported doing fine. His co-workers hope that he will soon be back because "it just isn't the same without Johnny."

Kathryn Vlasic, Matilda DelRose and **Catherine Kemp** were recently transferred to Group 5, and **Elizabeth Heim** and **Arah Lovel** to Group 9.

Mildred "Millie" Stutz soon will give up her boy friend to the armed forces.

Group 3-A

Congratulations and best wishes go to two brides: **Mildred Jean Ashley** is now the wife of **Sgt. Michael Boris**, and **Vera Peck** now answers to the name of **Mrs. Michael Johnston.**

Florence Farley is on the sick list and her friends hope that she will soon be well enough to return to work.

Things people notice — **Irene Giles**, Bldg. 3, looking very nice in blue . . . **Mary Taylor**, women's supervisor, asking the boys for a long-shot at the races . . . **John Pate** component man, in his new tan hat. . . . **Andy Lombardi's** new sport coat . . . **Walt Wilcox**, component man, taking vitamin tablets. . . . **June Gehris** and **Dorothy Parks** wearing bow ties.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Herbert Drummond, who has been holding down the Group 64 spot for a year and a half, and **Lloyd Decker**, timekeeper at Group 1, have been inducted into the Army.

Harry Knarr and **Ray Shepley** took advantage of their furloughs to pay a visit to friends in the Time Department.

Congratulations are in order for **Lawrence Ressler** who became a lieutenant recently in the bombardier division of the Army Air Corps.

Frank Skole, night timekeeper at Group 70, has two sons and a grandson in the service. **Pfc. Cyril Skole** has been in since March, 1941, and is stationed at Fort Dix, New York. **Cpl. Mike Skole** has been in since August, 1942, and is stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Grandson, **Wayne Skole Fisher**, enlisted in October, 1942, at the age of 17½ years, in the Parachute Troops and was assigned to Camp Taccoa, Georgia.

Sympathies of all in the Time Department are extended to **Angleine Gunnerson**, whose mother died recently.

Coincidences develop even at EOP. **Gladys Schofield**, charming young timekeeper at Group 70, and **Harry Carney**, supervisor of lumber, discovered, after working in adjoining offices for several weeks, they were related to each other.

Joyce Enger of Personnel worked in the main time office the last three weeks helping to compile seniority records. All enjoyed her company during her brief stay.

Marcella Corbett, keeper of the files, flew to Washington to visit her husband who is stationed there.

"Yes, dear, I have to go. It's a stag with the boss." With that and similar alibis, 30 fellows managed to get to the stag party at the Hotel Louis, Joliet, April 6. A banquet was served after which an old fashioned game of marbles, Rochester style, was played.

Amusing musings. **Cliff Northrup** finally worked for several days during Miss Gunnerson's absence. **Dwight Reitz** would like to obtain a pair of red silk pajamas with flowers on them. In view of meat rationing, **Bernard McShane** is finding it difficult to spade his Victory garden as those delicious worms are a temptation. **Emily Kexel** raids the flower gardens around Richards Farm. The Time Department now knows why **T. V. Brennan** likes stepladders. **Eva Sweda** is sporting another handsome guy. **John A'Hearn**, commenting on one of radio's favorite opera singers, said, "Don't turn her off. Wait till we find out what she is selling." While the boys use the boss as their alibi, what does the boss use? **Nick Eartly** is still "snowbirding" at nights. **Eddy Swanson** is learning how to drive a car. Why doesn't **Franklin Guest** change the address on his time card? Who is the new flame in **Bob Griffin's** life? What causes those shadows under **Bernie Smego's** eyes? At the stag **Milton Treitel's** absence was conspicuously noted. **John O'Connell** was showing **Bill Seeley**, original hep cat, how to cut a rug "New Yawk" style. **Leonard Bottomly** and **Ray Bryant** were keeping time together. **Arch LaBorence** was displaying his versatility. **Turner Albright** was playing a terrific piano accompanied by **Bill Prindle** on **Larry Prodehl's** cornet. Party aftermath—**Ira Combs** and a flat tire at 3:30 a.m. and all alone.

FIRST girl from EOP to enlist in the marines is Shirley Wessells, who has been with the Production Planning Department since last October. Her home is Gridley, Ill.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED to Howard Gueller (right), newly appointed acting assistant superintendent of Group 3-A, by Asst. Supt. Thomas Patton (left) and Safety Engineer Jimmy Hart. Mr. Gueller's splendid safety record was largely responsible for his promotion.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Sgt. John Dolan, capable and efficient guardian of Group 3, has been called to the service of his country. Dolan's call to the colors gives his family 100 per cent representation, as he has three brothers already serving their country. Sgt. Dolan will be missed very much by the department, as his work has been very good, but all are glad that his talents will be employed in the defense of our country.

Lt. Owen McCarthy is eagerly awaiting the golf season and the financial rewards he will gather on the greens by the courtesy of **Capt. Walter Bayer.** Capt. Bayer smiled at this challenge as he has a surprise for his lieutenant. The only tip he will give is that the new "balata" ball is rather dead.

Any guard concerned about shoe rationing might contact **Ronald Jordan**, as it is understood that he teaches the fine art of standing on your head. Have you noticed his stiff neck?

Rudolph "Rudy" Sandine is in the market for any and all information pertaining to the historical and geographical aspects of Chicago. So anxious is this self-styled expert to obtain new data concerning the product of Big Bill the builder's art that he will gladly pay up to and including $1 a lesson. He has already taken two lessons and it is suggested, after about three more lessons, he be nominated as guest expert on "Information, Please."

It is rumored, and this comes from a reliable source, that the fox which used to be seen around the Central Fire Station disappeared around the time meat rationing started. Shortly after its disappearance, "roast pig" appeared at a feast given in the vicinity of Group 25. Could be!

Received word, no name signed, that "Clem," the guard at the front gate, is a very serious looking gentleman lately. This must refer to **Herschel Clemons.**

E. O. Huey, superintendent of Plant Protection, **Chief M. C. Baughman** and **Chief Roy W. Mortenson** toured various plants in the middle west during the past week. From all reports so far, EOP is still tops, and they said that although the trip was well worth while, they were glad to return to the best plant in the middle west.

This is the proper time to make an explanation of a term used at the Guard-house, "High-Explosive Lieutenants." This term is used in designating the lieutenants who have charge of the High Explosives groups, and for no other reason. Now, **Lt. Clarence White, Lt. William Krueger** and **Lt. Joseph Trecker**, who come under this classification, can rest assured the kidding will stop.

With the Women

Mayona Nelson was the guest of her sister-in-law in Geneva, Ill., last week.

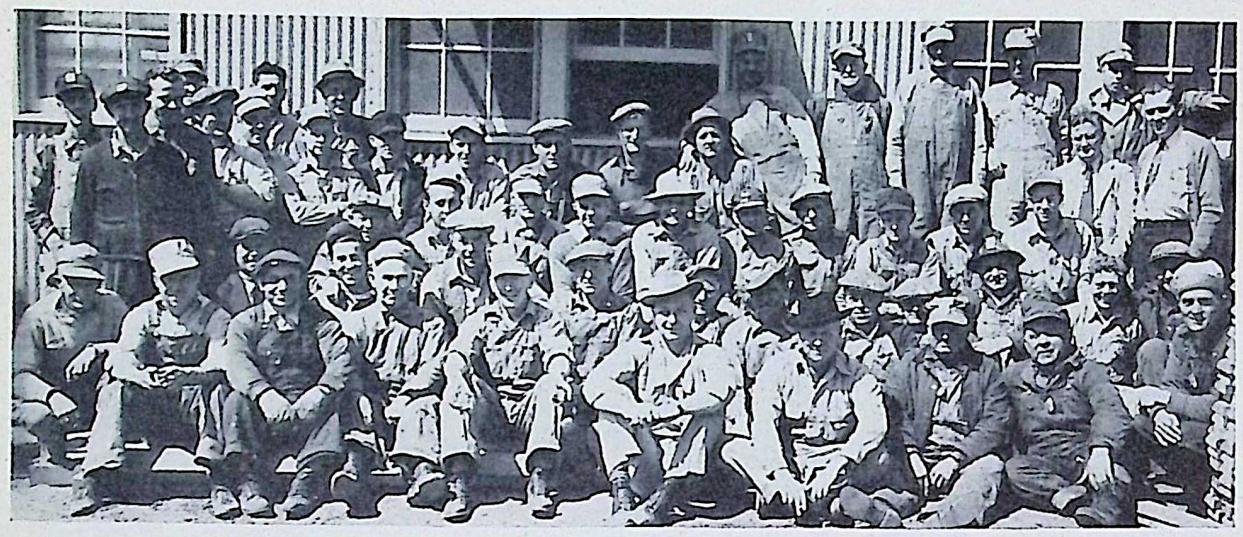
Sgt. Billie Taff has returned to work after a brief illness. All are happy to have her back. It is always nice to come into the office and hear her drawling "Hi Sugar."

"General" Villa Eggleston spent Mother's day in Dwight with her mother, **Mrs. Charles Gorr.**

Verla Chism Fisher will spend a week-end with her husband in Tennessee.

Margie "Canary" Bryant sang at the Good-fellowship meeting May 13. Her associates are proud of the two performances she gave during the War bond drive over station WCLS and her numbers at the dance in the Recreation Building May 8.

Lt. EveAnna Castle has been having rent trouble recently. This does not refer to landlord difficulty, but to a tear in her uniform skirt. EveAnna is now looking for the "perfect tailor" to do the repair job.



CARPENTERS BY SCORES responded to the invitation to assemble outside the Carpenter Shop for this group photograph. Other groups are shown on page 7.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Those bugles are blowing again. **Wilbur Monk** went up again for his Army physical examination May 13. **Walter Panian** completed his draft board physical.

Many wish **Len "Governor" Small** would learn to play pinochle so he doesn't get set whenever he bids more than 250.

Why Fire Engines Are Red!

One of the wise men of the department finally brought in the answer to that age-old mystery, "Why are fire engines always red?" Here's the way it goes: "Fire engines have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight are 12. Twelve inches make a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth was a ruler. The Queen Elizabeth is the largest ship that sails the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fight the Russians. The Russians are red. Fire engines are always rushin'. Therefore, fire engines are always red."

Some wonder if there is a "Ferdinand the Bull" among the fire inspectors whom **Clyde Townsend** tried to pacify with a posy.

The artistic talent of **George Zelke** is well known at EOP. He could be another "Petty" if he confined his drawings more to fact than fancy or desire.

Fire Inspector **Tom Billadeau** believes allied victory in Tunisia came about because of his impending induction into the Army. He said his notice for physical examination was whispered along the Axis front and so demoralized the troops that victory was simple.

Food rationing has no hardships for **George Collins.** When lunch time comes, he spies an unsuspecting human "lamb" ready to be "shorn" of his lunch, and engages him in conversation thusly: "Hello, there! I see you're going to eat. . . . Got a good tip today. . . . Yep, a hot one. . . . Nice sandwiches. . . . Will I have one? . . . Sure . . . you say cheese? . . . Well, that's O. K. . . . Nice ham sandwich you got there. Oh, that tip . . . yeah . . . sure. It's a dandy; can't miss . . . Yeah. Oh, you don't like ham. Then I'll take the ham and you can have the cheese. Now this horse. Bet him on the nose in the Derby. He's fast, runs like a deer. . . . The apple's wormy? Don't throw it away; I'll take it. . . . You say your lunch bag's empty? Well, I got to get along. Oh! the horse? It's Dave Pie . . . sure winner."

Frank Scoma has been on top of the world ever since he bet on the right candidate for mayor of Joliet. Until now nobody gave much thought to his skill as a picker of winners.

A late report came in that **Ralph Ruddy** soon will be in some branch of the armed forces. Right now his physical condition is 1-A.

Frank Rutkowski continues to deny persistent rumors that the Steger Fire Department was reduced to a pile of ashes. Some of his friends (both of them) suggest that he admit the whole thing and take up a collection for a new department.

Anyone desiring frostproof tomato plants contact **Lawrence Molck.** He'll furnish rubber coats along with them.

Helen Gahagen is wearing a 14 carat smile these days. This matches perfectly the recently received "rock" she is sporting.

Frankie Nolan's take-off of a restaurant owner is highly descriptive, touching and entertaining.

Mike Olson now realizes that the guy who broke out with "Figures don't lie" probably never had to figure out his income tax returns with only the aid of a CPA.

The beautiful new waves in **Joe Drazy's tresses** will appear rather small compared with the ones his wife is going to place in his spinal column when she comes home and finds out what that hair dresser did.

A phone call from **Lola Early** and a trip to the Administration Building by **Stu Moloney** was recently topped off by **E. O. Huey's** classic query, "Does anyone in the house have a camera?" "Bejabbers, I hope not," said Stu (his face turning a beautiful 'hot pink' as he picked up the three shopping bags). "But I'll tell you, Mr. Huey," he added, "I never had this trouble with **Fred Habing.**"

Personnel

DARA PREW

Correspondent

The calendar may indicate that spring has been in the air for the last few weeks and summer is only a month away, but the weather man has been a trifle stubborn this season in his age-old argument with that piece of numbered paper. Umbrellas, coats and even galoshes have been observed in the raiment being worn into the building. However, **George F. Bent,** is still a firm believer in Richard's Almanac and, to prove his point, brought a huge bouquet of violets last week. There weren't just a few as you would find nestled in a hidden corner, but a large bunch that led spectators to believe that he had discovered a large bed. Wherever they were growing, they made a beautiful bouquet and attractive hair ornaments for the girls in the building

Carmen Oldani went off in a dither to find that spring that she's been missing in the north and also to visit her husband, **Sgt. James Oldani** at Fort Pearce, near Tampa, Fla. Dreaming rather idly of visiting him on her vacation, Carmen received a telegram Wednesday night, called to find out about trains Thursday and was aboard a streamliner early Friday morning. Someone suggested she be given a medal as the "quickest vacation planner" or the "packingest girl," but the consensus of opinion remains that her return should be awaited, so she can defend herself.

A great injustice has been committed. Every time **Darwin Gale Boitnott's** name has been in this column, the middle name has been spelled with a "d," make it Dale. Effusive apologies are being composed, but the printed word will have to be sufficient amends for the present with the promise that in the future all references to him will be spelled as "Gale."

Rita Scahill Cooney burst into the building to surprise all her old friends here. Rita has been ill for quite a few weeks, and resigned as her doctor gave orders she should not work. Before her visit was over, she was sitting down before a typewriter helping make out transfer slips as one of the girls was at home for the day. Acting as chauffeur and guest of honor was her husband, **Lt. Kenneth Cooney,** at home on furlough after receiving his commission at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Rita will accompany him part way on his return trip and plans to join him there in the near future.

CLERK in the Carpenter Shop, shown here, is Robert Enger.

The moot question under consideration in the building is how **J. Thomas Haig** could have located three alarm clocks after a long search and still give the excuse that he overslept when he was late one morning. Perhaps an explanation should be forthcoming. Tom has rented an apartment as he is returning to North Dakota to be married this month. He and a boy friend have moved into it and they wound the clock and the alarm but overlooked the button which turns on the alarm. Now, is there anything wrong with that clock? Tom is inclined to believe that there should be some sort of an automatic alarm after the clock is wound.

As **Evelyn Melby** is in the office right beside the time clock, she decided to try an experiment. Hurriedly snatching one of **Loren Ross's** cigars, she thrust it into her mouth and leaned back in her chair as if she were smoking it. As the Personnel "gang" filed past the door after clocking out, some of them smiled a casual "Good night" and continued their way out of the building—for a second. Their expressions as they jerked themselves back for a better look ran the gamut of surprise and stupefaction. One of the unusual reactions was that of **Irvin L. "Jack" Moore** when he strode into the door with a full load of photographic equipment. He was way beyond the office door before the significance of what he had glimpsed penetrated fully. He paused with one foot in the air and backed up juggling cameras to satisfy himself that he wasn't dreaming. "Evie's" mother immediately inquired, "You don't think they thought you were really smoking that vile thing?"

Kathryn Smith is gaining fame as the knocking girl. Running to catch her bus one morning, she saw it pulling away from the curb so she quickened her gait and pattered along beside the moving bus knocking at the door. P. S It stopped for her.

With the delay in the spring weather has come sickness which has been evidenced throughout the building as almost every department has had someone ill. All back at work after a few days in bed are **Byron Mills, Helen DeLach, Evelyn Voitik** and **Cora Adelman.**

Henry Bale makes a practice of being methodical and meticulous and always carries his raincoat when he thinks there is any likelihood that it might rain. When the recent three days of intermittent rainfall began, Henry had his raincoat all right, but it was in the car and he was in the building. You can use your own imagination about the teasing that followed.

For weeks **Marge Bittles** has been dreaming about the day when she would have her hair cut off and a new permanent. Even though she warned everyone two or three days before her appointment, no one was prepared for the change. Marge sat down in the chair with her hair hanging below her shoulders and told the operator the she wanted it cut short. Then she dozed off. When she awakened, her hair was no longer than three inches and shorter in the back. After the first shock wore off, the crowd around her agreed that it was becoming.

Don't let anyone tell you that you must wait until you get to heaven to receive your reward for doing kind and thoughtful things while you're here on earth. **Helen McGinnis** has been writing to a soldier whom she knew casually in civilian life all the time that he has been on a lonely little island in the Pacific. While he was on furlough in Honolulu, he sent her a yellow silk Hawaiian blouse of which all the girls are envious. The gift came as a complete surprise and it fit exactly.

Don't let **Maurice Evans** know the secret has been revealed, but he's lost the knack of chewing tobacco, according to witnesses. He's been whispering to everyone that it was some fish that didn't agree with him, but others hint broadly that it was the tobacco that **George S. "Colonel" Blaydes** gave him to chew that gave him that awful feeling. Mr. Evans hasn't smoked or chewed tobacco for several years, so it may have been the combination of the two. It was the very next morning that he ran out of gas on the way to work; all his riders were late to work, and he got wet in the rain.

In case you sample some of the delicious baked things that the girls in the department can whip up now, there ought to be a warning posted about the first time they baked. Just for two examples, take the cases of **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist** and **Lorraine Nichols.** The first time Dolly made a cake, her family spread butter and jelly on it just as if it were bread. Lorraine's experience was just as depressing. She was making oatmeal cookies a long time ago and decided that if two teaspoons of baking powder would make them light, then three teaspoonfuls ought to make them rise better. She followed that misleading thought and felt so badly when they didn't taste good that her grandfather ate a good share of them to try to cheer her up.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON

Correspondent

Group 68

Attention! Don't *forget* to *remember* the dance May 24 at the Ivy Way Gardens in Marseilles featuring Art Kassel and his Kassels in the Air. Tickets can be purchased from **Elmer Zost** in Group 68.

Group 63
By Larry Dunda

The call to the colors has been answered by two more Group 63 men, **Merle Sulsdorf** and **Edwin Boulware.** Merle was given his exam in Chicago and left for Fort Sheridan May 17. Eddie went to Peoria for his checkup. Both men have the best wishes of the group.

Word was received from **Wendell "Wilkie" Overacker** of his transfer from Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis., to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. He is taking six weeks additional basic training in the Army Medical Corps.

Chris Ciluffo of Coal City is worried about his Victory garden located near Gate 9. He found out, but too late, that he planted his potatoes upside down.

Guard **Clarence Scott** was really puzzled the other day as to where his pencil disappeared. After considerable searching, one of the boys discovered it reposing in executive fashion on his ear.

Group 66-A

The Dead End Kids, otherwise known as the Wrecking Crew, have lost three more members to the armed forces. The steps toward Victory are **Mike "Muttsy" Ambrozich, Don Zobel** and **Lloyd "Big Slim" Walsh.**

In the group is a man all are proud to call a real American inasmuch as he took his savings, amounting to nearly $700, and invested in something which proves the type of man he really is. Hats are doffed to **J. W. Ryan** who bought War Bonds.

St. Elmo Stewart, better known as "Kansas," has become a Victory garden enthusiast since he found out it's cheaper to make a garden than to fish without a license.

The garage is built and ready. Ready for what? A scooter, of course. If you have a good imagination, you can visualize **Ben Sloan,** 270-pound timekeeper, better known as "Tiny," traveling down the road on a scooter.

Frank Larker and **Carlyle Guenther** have received Army notices.

THIS OFFICE SCENE from the Carpenter Shop shows, left to right: Supt. C. C. Hassel, P. G. Olson, clerk, and Clyde Nutt, assistant superintendent.

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

Quoting from a famous author, **Mark Twain,** "every one talks about the weather, but no one ever does anything about it," seems to be most appropriate at this time since torrential rainfalls have all but inundated the countryside.

With almost every one straining at the leash to get started with such hobbies as gardening, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, tennis, golf, baseball and many others, too numerous to mention, it is no wonder the grumbles against the weather man are justified.

As a matter of fact, some of the boys have asked **Orville "The Norge" Rasmussen** and **Johnny "Esthetic" Williamson** to hash up a short poem about "rain, when you gonna rain again, rain" . . . just to see whether or not it will make any difference. Orville and Johnny are two of the most promising poets since **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow** and **James Whitcomb Riley.** Esecially Orville's creation, "Midnight in a Mad House," which critics call a masterpiece of satire.

Heard **Ted Arens** picked up a good case of poison ivy while doing some fishing off the Kankakee River banks last week. Ted calls it "poison ivory."

After looking at the baseball standings in the American League **Bill Kane** was asked if he wanted to reverse his prediction about the outcome, to which Bill replied, "it's early yet, the White Sox will turn on the power before it's over." In observing the National League standings, **Archie La Borence's** choice is doing O.K. It has been rumored Archie is a first cousin to the Brooklyn manager, **Leo "The Lip" Durocher.** This probably accounts for Archie's ability to convince most that he doesn't have to sleep in the trailer parked near his home when he has been detailed to the "dog house."

Very encouraging and interesting were the letters from four former Murphy's Boys, **William Stanley, Pete Karolick, John Grimm** and **Thomas Reddy.** The boys reaffirmed their apreciation for and enjoyment of *The Bomb-Shell.*

With all the recent rain, **George "Minnesota" Evans** doesn't know whether there is more rain on a farm or at a summer resort.

For some good concrete alibis, **Helmer "Baby Face" Billquist** will pay $1 to $5 since he had his teeth removed. There has been much speculation as to why the ivories had to come out.

Before **Alfred "Boney" Ahern** went fishing he was accepting orders for all the fish he intended to catch. Coming back empty handed, Al said, "the river was out of the banks."

Henry "Hank" Prosser reported he had about six feet of water in his basement and had to tie the cellar door to keep the place from floating down the river. Hank said if the water didn't go down within a reasonable length of time he planned to open a swimming pool with swimming suits, towels and lockers furnished. Either **John "General" Johnson** or **Robert "Moose" Sohan** would be employed as life guard.

Can you imagine **Gridley "Paper Hanger" Wheeler** saying in a meek voice, "is tomato soup all we're going to have for supper, honey?" It happened after the last timekeepers' party.

John Kelahan has a new pal and an addition to his family. **W. A. Buck,** telephone superintendent, made John a present of a police dog named "King." All John needs now is a "Dog House," large enough for him *and* the dog.

Now that the time for vacations is at hand, voices can be heard saying, "Wait a minute, Joe, I want my vacation that week. Do you think you are the only one that knows there is a holiday in that week?

All await the return of **Ray Bell,** building foreman. Ray is resting up after a recent operation.

Taxi, Taxi. Anyone wanting a ride from the center change house to the superintendent's office contact **Willie Van Asdlen.** Girls are preferred, of course.

Joe "Contentment" Connors, a former building foreman, reported he is now one of the many. Joe enlisted in the Army and told all to address him as "Buck."

In a recent letter from **Leo Bell,** who is stationed in California at Camp Roberts, it was learned that the weather is just what the radio comedians joke about. Well, anyway, Leo tells us it is nothing to write home about. All are glad Leo is doing O.K. in the Army and hope to see him soon.

For deluxe hair swirls now-a-days, you might see **Nicola Altieri,** former hairdresser in Joliet. Nic offered to give one of the girls here a "super-duper" hair-do, 'tis said.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS

Correspondent

The prodigal has returned with a slight case of sunburn and that let-down feeling a guy gets when there is but a short vacation . . . but life goes on and if you don't stay in step . . . Wow . . . it passes you right by. . . . **Lt. Col. Byron Rife** has already established himself in the hearts of everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him as being a true Army man . . . stalwart . . . honest . . . sincere and most of all a peach of a smile. . . . Welcome to the place. . . . Such welcomes always bring the sad gesture of goodbyes though. and **Maj. Kenneth M. Haber** was one fine Commanding Officer and will be missed by all. . . . All wish him Good Luck on his new venture. . . .

Lt. R. E. Pinnick has that cute chick, **Mavis Emerson,** in his office now. . . . Wonder how her friend **Hazel Kossak** is getting along down Florida way???? She was supposed to write the column while she was away, but there you are?? . . . out of sight — out of mind — There will have to be a picket line for her when she comes out here to visit on her return. . . . By the way . . . she will not return to her duties as Adjutant here . . . Nope she is staying with hubby **Art Kossak** at his station in Florida until—.

Kay Reubart had that worried look during the campaign in Africa . . . can't say anyone could blame her . . . what with her heart-beat **Fred "Bud" Lancaster** right in the middle of it.

Didja see **Ginnie Harrod's** picture in the local newspaper a while back . . . ain't she the glamor gal though???? . . . Looks like a certain soldier is sure getting a break by putting that hunk of ice on the right finger. . . .

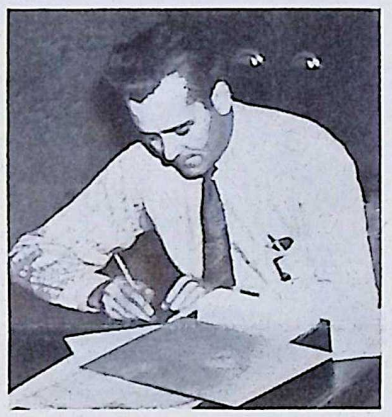
Saw **Ann Gubbins** and **Vi Donlan** strutting up the street the other day . . . or should say . . . twilight time . . . they were walking pretty fast . . . could be they were in a hurry to get some where or maybe meet some one?

A certain grower of rare and beautiful orchids pinned one on the Pass Desk Cutie Pie — **Rosemary Hebert**—the other day . . . 'Twas around Easter time??? . . . She didn't get by with the idea that the Easter Bunny brought it . . . Oh, no, the gentleman in question lives on the North Side of Chicago. . . . Course this is all in fun as Rosemary's big thrill is a soldier in Uncle Sam's Army who has her all in a dither . . . also has a priority on her by means of a "sparkler."

The gang from Personnel had a get-together the other night. . . . Their good friend **Bess Moore.** . . . is taking off for the big city . . . never no more to roam the wilds of EOP. . . . Wonder why it is that **Dara Prew** always manages to rib this correspondent about something or other and yet no one ever mentions that she is a daily correspondent with the former attorney **Chuck McKeown** . . . now in sunny California in the armed forces . . . and she is very faithful about it, too . . . or should it be mentioned where she has been seen writing these letters??? . . .

Patty Haley (Patricia to those who don't know her) and **Gerry Kestel** were having quite a serious conversation at the dance the other evening. . . . Also **Juanita Kliegl** looked pretty snappy in a black outfit while shopping in a local store recently. . . . Wonder what's happened to Mary Dagon of Payroll??? Haven't seen her buzzing around lately. . . . Does **Danny Considine** act as **Simon Legree** and keep his brood under his guiding hand??? . . . Dan hasn't shown up as a puncher-inner of time cards lately. . . . Via the grape vine:— 'tis learned that **E. Zagade** will soon be answering to "Grandpa" Congratulations. . . . **Phil Hahn** and **John Odchodnicky** haven't come to blows yet about the various methods of raising daughters . . . but there are hopes . . . really fun to watch them in action. . . . More romantic news from Auditing—**Mara Puett,** the friendly gal from that department . . . done up and married . . . she is now **Mrs. Mervin Blum.** . . . Ain't love the bestest thing. . . All the luck in the world goes to these two 'cause they are one fine couple. . . . P. S.: Good lookin', too!

WORK AT THE CARPENTER SHOP continues day and night and this group photograph shows the members of the night shift, assembled outside the shop.



ABSORBED in his clerical duties at the Carpenter Shop, John Campbell is shown here at his desk.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS

Correspondent

Dr. Andrew G. Bustin is in the dumps about his garden. He said, shaking his head, "Gosh, after I have planted my whole garden it rains and rains only to wash out the seeds. I tell you I'll not plant it again." He might do as the Chinese do and plant rice, as the land is already flooded.

W. W. Koepp was recently rated 1-A in the Army.

Ann Johnson wants everything quiet in the east wing of the Hospital when she has to add figures taken from orders. The staff wished her a happy birthday.

No one can make heads or tails out of the mysterious **"Sam," Margaret Gergovich** and **Mary Philbin** cry about.

Dr. Nathan Atovsky has a new romance . . . and she is a brunette.

Edna Rimmer started a chain letter to **Robert Anderson** who left for the Army. Each of the staff added their bit of news to cheer him up. Cartoon drawings were included.

Leslie Ross is growing canned tomato juice in his Victory garden.

"Jeep," the four-week-old chick was able to scare the usually unfrightened "Emogene."

The Army physical was passed with flying colors by **Ozro Blanchard,** who now awaits word from his induction board.

A letter from Juneau, Alaska, made **Lorene Motta** walk on air for several days.

A skinned knee was suffered by **Myrtle Burris** when she attempted to volley back a tennis ball and miss————ed.

Dr. George Luke's birthday was May 17. He had visions of a huge birthday cake and southern fried chicken.

One of the best records for attendance has been set by **Dr. B. G. Giel,** who observed his first anniversary here May 10, without being absent.

John Dixon is the new ambulance driver and has been having difficulty getting acquainted with EOP roads.

The News Tabloid

Note:

This Reader's Indigestion specimen of a newspaper is prepared in answer to your correspondent's complaint that the hospital "back offices" are as coy with news as a Casablanca conference. To save space, several typical newspaper departments have been combined such as:

Sports and Want Ads

Miss Philbin offers an attractive 2 for 1 trade. Will exchange 2 bowling shoes (uppers in good condition) for 1 first class tennis racket. Suckers please phone 5171.

Home and Gardens and Weather

The official statistician has it figured out that if all the victory gardens of the doctors, nurses and office help were placed end to end they would make an excellent course for a boat-race.

Book Section

The literary employees hereabouts make lunch time do double duty, they read while they eat. Sixteen sandwiches were devoured last week, paper wrappings and all, between paragraphs of "Conga Girl" and "Kings Row."

Song Hits and Personals

If "Mr. Bluebird" doesn't hurry up and tell someone around here "What's the Good Word," somebody else will go nuts (meaning Mr. Ross).

Movie Review—By Peg Gergovich

Best picture of the week: Sam Houstin in "The Lost Race," better even than Ronald Colman in "Lost Horizon," though the action is too slow in some spots.

Do You Belong?

For April, 1943

"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 3-A***
Group 4****
Group 5****
Group 6***
Group 7**
Group 8****
Group 9***
Group 45****
Guards**
Fire Department****
Group 60****
Group 61****
Group 27****
Group 62-N*
Group 62-S*
Group 65****
Group 66****
Group 66-A****
Group 68****
Group 70*
Richard Farm Util.****

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during February.

Make 1943 Accident Free

Pete Fleming, former truck driver at Group 2, who resigned to take up farming near Minooka, is the father of an eight-pound 15-ounce son, born May 13.

Lynn Carol was the name selected for the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs Louis LaChapelle,** born April 5. Mrs. LaChapelle is the daughter of **C. L. Utley,** former electrical superintendent here, and Mr. LaChapelle is an electrician at Group 7.

SUPERVISORS AND KEY MEN on the staff of Supt. C. C. Hassel of the Carpenter Shop are pictured here. Mr. Hassel is fourth from left in the front row.

INTRICATE GADGETS BY THE SCORE are found in the small lock shop conducted by T. L. "Tommy" Thompson in the Carpenter Shop's Building at Group 70. Repair of locks and grinding of keys are the main tasks in the shop.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

Since Clerk **William Custer** was transferred, **Howard Cadwell** has had trouble keeping his employees' names and clock numbers straight. Mr. Cadwell, will all his duties as assistant superintendent, does not have time to make out a new *list* every day.

Back to work, after a brief illness, is **Norman Johnston.**

W. C. Miller has named Group 61's nitrate, "Berlin Bound," considered a very appropriate title by the workers here.

Playing with the EOP baseball team are hard-hitting **Bob Plese** and **Steve Juricic.**

Back after two weeks vacation, is **Albert "Dink" Mattern.** "Dink" said "there is nothing like it."

From truck driver to farmer is true of **Louis Vitzthum** who was released recently.

The Goodfellowship meeting was attended by **P. L. Deylitz, James Decker** and **Harvey Steffes.** The men say they never have a dull moment at these suppers.

John Auberry shows promises of becoming a good horseshoe pitcher.

It is a known fact that Mr. Decker helps his wife with the family laundry. Mr. Decker has been teased by friends, but your correspondent thinks that this is a fine act on the part of James.

Interested persons are wondering whether **Lawrence Baudino** ever hears from his good friend **Harold Tease.**

While home on furlough **Sgt. Loren Horrie** was entertained by **William Brown.** Loren claims that Mr. Brown sure knows how to show one a good time.

Lawrence Johnson and **John McElvain** have named their maintenance building the "little home."

In their spare time **William Biggs** and **Paul Burke** raise rabbits. William has eight bunnies; Paul has six.

To the armed forces went **Al Pope.** Al is a veteran of Group 61; he was here when the Group was under construction. Mr. Pope was well liked and will be missed.

William Stilwell claims he needs more gasoline. Stationed in Utah is **Pvt. James "Scooter" Sinkular.**

Ed Westmeyer had dinner at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sala.** Ed says that "Mrs Sala can really cook.

Labor Foreman **Tony Ganz** said that **John Meyer** was one of his "best workers."

Evidently **Wayne Howard** has reformed; he doesn't pull any more tricks on his friends.

Lowrence Holz and *Mr. Steffes* flew to Chicago. The boys had a fine time in the City.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

A sight long to be remembered —**Rose Nichols** boosting **Tillie Watson** into a truck from Group 45.

Dominick Astorino announced the arrival of a new 1943 model. A daughter was born May 5. Mother and child are both doing fine.

Roy Anderson seems to be putting on quite a bit of weight since he has been drinking two quarts of milk daily.

Many did not recognize **Jack Murray,** the new assistant yard master at first, because he was wearing a white collar.

Some one remarked when engine 114 ran over **Tom Burns'** hat that it was fortunate that his head was not in it at the time. It might have caused a derailment.

Frank Lebo's son, **Richard,** who is in the Signal Corps at Harrisburg Air Port, New Cumberland, Pa., is home on a furlough.

Elva Thomas is not only a very good seamstress, but has developed into a good bowler and her favorite dessert is ice cream.

Joe Green, one-man night gang, is deriving a great deal of savage pleasure in reading the obituaries of the Axis in Africa.

Scott Soper says he has a den in his house, while other men just growl all over the house.

Art Voss believes that those Nazi generals who surrendered in Africa were typical hard-boiled eggs (yellow inside).

According to **Roy Barth** there isn't much to be seen in a little town, but what is heard makes up for it.

Swan A. Sandahl's definition of a traffic light is a little green light that changes to red when his car approaches.

Capphas Eads was telling how his home town was bothered one year with mosquitos. He had a belled cow and its calf out in the pasture. Hearing a terrible clinking of the bell he rushed out and found that the mosquitos had eaten the cow, and were ringing the bell for the calf.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

It seems that some opera talent scout finally heard **Jim Fagan** and decided to try him out as a beaming tenor.

George Weber was seen pushing a big wheelbarrow around the powerhouse. Everyone knows that the boys in the powerhouse certainly can dish it out, but don't know that it had piled that deep.

Ray Whalen of Bldg. 10 said he has a garden that would make a very good rice field, so he doesn't care if it rains for the next two months.

Leonard Gilmore, a former employee of Group 3, now in the armed forces, returned home on furlough and visited here.

Do you suppose **Jerry Clennon** has found out why his sub-formen smashed their fingers? The rumor is, they like to have these pretty nurses hold their hands.

Lou Evans walked into Bldg. 16 and saw so many new faces that he thought he was in the wrong building; however, **Alvin Knowles** made all the necessary introductions and now they have one big happy family.

Bill Testa and **Richard Fitzgerald** used to regard Bldg. 5-A as the busy spot of the world, but now have to regard it as a "ghost town."

Despite all the bad weather, **Tony Gomora** has forged ahead in his direction of the cleaning program carried on in the confines of Group 3.

Arthur Henson says, "Gone are the days of hunting empty milk bottles and rationing those white pints to the various buildings."

Olin Swartz, Government inspector, may have to leave EOP because of a minor health condition which requires a warmer climate.

News had leaked out that **Nick Ochodnicky** didn't like the size of a booster cavity so, after quite a bit of discussion, he was finally convinced that a three-inch booster won't fit in a two-inch hole.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

The steak dinners were on the losers of a bowling match held between **Lt. Wm. McClellan's** and **Lt. C. B. Baker's** guards last week. With only a few pins difference, they went into the third game and kept themselves and the spectators on the edge of their seats all through the game. Lt. McClellan's men lacked four pins to tie Baker's strong armers. The score was Baker's men 2082 pins; McClellan's 2078. **J. Gerkins** of the losers rolled high game 213. Other men on the team were **Claude Logan Ronnie Blackburn** and **Robert Crane.** On the winners' side **Paul Tucker** had high series with 505 pins. Others on the team were **Earl Short, George McTerran, Eller Brunskill** and **Lt. Baker.**

Elmer Layden, high commissioner of professional football asked the department to inquire if there were any professional football players employed at EOP or if any player was employed here who had been drafted, for professional football and did not report. A check was made of the groups, but if you know of any please contact the Recreation office.

Both the men's and girls' softball leagues have had to postpone their opening games for two weeks. However, the enthusiasm is still running high and the opening games will show some strong opposing teams.

Archery enthusiasts are watching the construction of the backstop, and anxiously awaiting for their opportunity to try out the new range. Three new horseshoe courts are being built in the Recreation Area in Group 60, and followers of "barnyard golf" hope to be able to toss Dobbin's worn-out shoes soon. With such great numbers of players, EOP should have a strong team to represent the plant.

Tennis players are requested to read the article on tennis in this issue of *The Bomb-Shell.*

A gay time was had by all attending the May Dance in the Recreation Hall May 8. Music was provided by the EOP Band under the direction of **George Zelke,** fire guard. An added attraction was vocalist **Marge Bryant,** woman guard, who captured the hearts of all present with her interpretations of popular tunes.

Decorations of pastel streamers and apple blossoms interlaced in the white picket fence surrounding the bandstand added to the spring motif.

Special guests for the dance were the officers of KNK and Camp Des Plaines.

For Victory gardeners; all weeds must be kept under control by thorough shallow cultivation or hoeing. Vegetable crops should not be cultivated deeply because of danger to roots that grow near the surface. The garden should be cultivated as soon as the soil is dry enough after each rain and as often as necessary to keep the weeds down. Avoid packing and trampling the soil so far as practicable. More than 300 Victory gardens are being worked on EOP property.

Little **Maxine Enger,** better known as "Bing" Group 4, was featured vocalist at the Mayon Prom May 8. She began to sing one of the most popular hits of today, "Saving Myself For Bill", but had to change it to "Massachusetts" because it reminded her too much of old times.

Evelyn V. Moore, Group 4, is reported to own a half cat and half rabbit.

Sadie Atkinson looked like a page out of "Vogue" at the time clock. That tweed suit is a honey and can Sadie wear it!

Lorraine Hilling has been taking a kidding about her hair do . . . but every one has to admit they like it. . . . It's cute as can be. . . .

Ya know, when a fella looks out the window and sees beautiful flowers and trees that **W. B. Manchester** and his workers have planted out here it makes him realize that even in time of strife and worry Nature has time for beauty . . . so why don't all take a cue from Nature and see the nice things in life instead of the silly, petty things that in the end won't add up to one.

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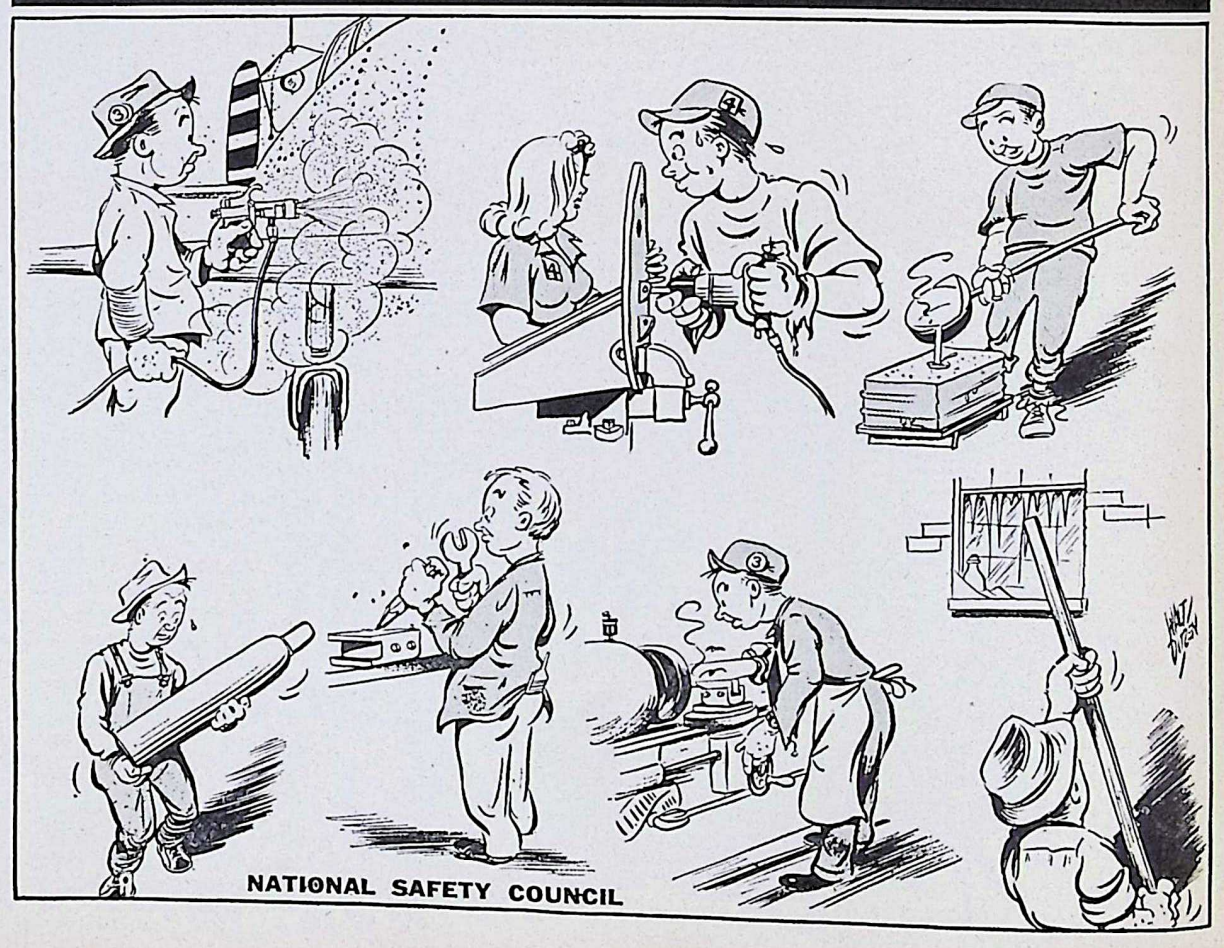


Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Radio Ramblings
By K. Richardson

Yep, the Victory gardens at last are started. Not saying what kind of crops they'll produce . . . gardeners just hoping with all their might. First time most of them have ever had a garden you know, so honest—they *are* hoping. Opinions of how the tiny seeds are to be planted vary. One person said never to go by the directions on the package. **George Knarr** advised them to plant potatoes with the eyes down and **Al Johnson** came along and in a slow, convincing drawl, said, "Aw shucks, I plant 'em with the eyes up." There you are! A few planted them with eyes down and some have planted them with the eyes skyward.

Enough corn to cover 50 acres was bought by **Larry Jack.** "Well, almost that much," Larry reported and said this is his first year of *farming.* A certain party was seen with knit brows searching in vain for tobacco plants. Three guesses and the first one's it—Mr. Knarr. If George was successful in finding tobacco plants, maybe he'll be treating that prize pipe of his before long.

R. A. Brown was the very first to get the gardening urge and is the proud possessor of broccoli, egg plants and other vegetables which have a good start and which most were a little dubious in tackling.

Percy Miller has settled for tomato plants and won't have anything to do with any other vegetables. Percy has a huge garden at his home in Carpentersville, so that is the reason he will settle for tomatoes at EOP.

Barney Johnson and **Gust Hahn** go for onions and are putting in a big supply. So that's why they both have been going around with tears in their eyes!

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

Here's a hearty farewell to a swell group of guards who were stationed at Post 2 (Richards Farm). They were all liked and respected at the Farm and will be greatly missed.

Rumor has it that **Ernie Raunser** is quite a drummer boy. It seems the other night while visiting one of the brighter spots in Chicago, Ernie played the drums with one of the top bands in that city.

Howard Stockum has no worry with food rationing. He not only brings his dinner pail to work for his dinner, but also takes home his relief dispatcher's full dinner pail for supper.

Congratulations go to Switch Foreman **Raymond Romans** who was married recently.

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

The latest member of the Tin Shop gang to receive "greetings" from the President is **Cliff "Jake" Hagen.** Jake, who is at Fort Sheridan, was given quite a farewell party before leaving.

All are glad to see **Leon "Polly" Parrot** back again after his long illness.

Walter Huntley would like to trade his car for a horse—reason, bad roads in the home town.

Water Division
By Ben Judge

Best of luck was wished for **Joseph W. Stark,** former superintendent of Water Division, in his new location.

Sam Martin, in charge of the "fish wagon," and his crew, are doing good work checking the wells. Sam always has a good story.

"Gopher" Bill Anglun had trouble finding glasses for the eyes in his potatoes. He believes in keeping the sun and dirt from them.

Mike Kuhorik can always find his boots—nailed to the wall.

Alex "Curly" Diminovich has one flashlight for sale. He's on the day shift now.

Harold Strohman has named his car "The Mayflower."

Ralph Wright makes toasted cheese sandwiches just the way he likes them—black on both sides.

Ben Judge is in the market for a motor scooter.

Motor Pool Memos
By Lucille McCabe

Eula Snell has learned through experience not to take too seriously the Motor Pool jokes. Raincoats are not furnished for the drivers.

Gene "Mac" McGrath, guard, was greatly missed while in the hospital.

Ed Heath is an artist at wearing beautiful belts . . . genuine leather and positive fit.

Frank Kern has decided to take the responsibility of the "Complaint Club" now after one sad experience.

A super-duper member of the "Wrong Way Corrigan Club" is **Dorothy Bick.**

Jean Swanson has received word that her husband arrived on the other side safely.

Lucille McCabe has at last learned there is more than one "Moore" in the Area.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

George Stratton took his family to the circus and from all reports enjoyed it just as much as the children did.

Ed Washburn and **John Trepanier** displayed unexpected musical talents when they played an improvisation of "Chopsticks" while moving a piano.

A little excess weight seems to be worrying **Buck Dale** so he is going to try dieting. He won't commit himself as to just what kind, but it is sure to be one that will permit him to eat as much if not more.

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Some of the employees have blossomed out in light weight sport hats. Quite a change from the heavy winter models.

Staff Sgt. James Kaye of the Army Air Corps, former employee of the Machine Shop, was a recent visitor. Jimmy thinks that Army life is fine, and would like to make it his life's work.

A very nice card was received from **Pvt. Gerald Utley.** Jerry is in the Signal Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Everyone at the Machine Shop was pleased with the pictures appearing in the last edition of *The Bomb-Shell.* Several of the employees are buying prints to keep in the family album.

Service Garage Spares
By Eleanor R. O'Keefe

Blanchard "Boots" Shepherd is known to have shot his neighbors' pet rabbits to keep them out of his Victory garden. However, **Jim Wilhelmi** thinks that meat rationing is the main reason for these shooting matches which always occur when no one is around.

From a very reliable source it has been learned that **Russ Benway** may leave for the South Sea islands to visit relatives whom **Dave Kreider,** Round House king, spoke to him about recently.

Fred "Star Gazer" Elias, amateur astronomer, personally welcomes all girl drivers at the garage, but many wish he would find some salutation other than, "Hello Baby"!

Ben Fisher is welcomed to the ranks. He is the latest addition to the parts department.

The rumor clinic now has **Ralph "OPA" Groll** contemplating a trip to California in the near future.

Joe Szwaja of vanished vacant lot (Victory garden to you) fame, had a plot cleared for himself at EOP by that gentleman of the soil, **W. B. Manchester.** This wonderful piece turned out to be a Louisiana bayou after the first rain. Now Joe thinks that he will be able to plant potatoes by July 4, if the ground dries by then. Otherwise he will plant fish so that the expert garage anglers won't have far to go this summer.

Genial **Clarence Murphy** tries to bribe the scribe to have his name kept out of this column. Maybe that is one way of getting it in.

Congratulations from the entire garage force went to **Glen "Porky" Bitterman** last week when he became the proud papa of a son. Cigars and candy were distributed by the smiling father.

Did you know that . . . **Paul Wood** is an expert tree surgeon . . . **Richard "Tall Corn" Miller** is a former Iowa farmer . . . **Leroy Hutchinson** used to train saddle and draft horses after the last war . . . **William "Wolf" Booker** is a former midget car race driver . . . **Milford Green** and **Walt Sheridan** are former truckers . . . **Paul H. Swisshelm** is a former airplane assembler and flyer . . . **Henry L. Johnson** was a window trimmer for large department stores in the three "I" states — Iowa, Indiana, Illinois . . . **Francis G. Rabe** gave up his service station to work at EOP . . . **Clarence Weidemann** does plumbing, carpenter and electrical work as a side line . . . **Bill Briddick** is a former railroad car builder on the EJ&E . . . **John F. Enrietta** is a cabinet maker?

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Arthur Green, guard at the Telephone Building, is recovering from an operation performed last week.

G. A. Peterson was on the sick list for a few days.

D. McLean, assistant chief engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., was a visitor at the Telephone Building May 11.

Line Department Lines
By Ray Curtis

Edmund Elias left for the Army and said, "It won't be long now."

E. R. "Snuffy" Bigham and **Dewey "Buck Private" Kendall** have just received their orders to report.

Charlie Hebert's son has been graduated from Officers' Training School at Washington, D. C., and is expected home for a short visit before leaving for his assignment.

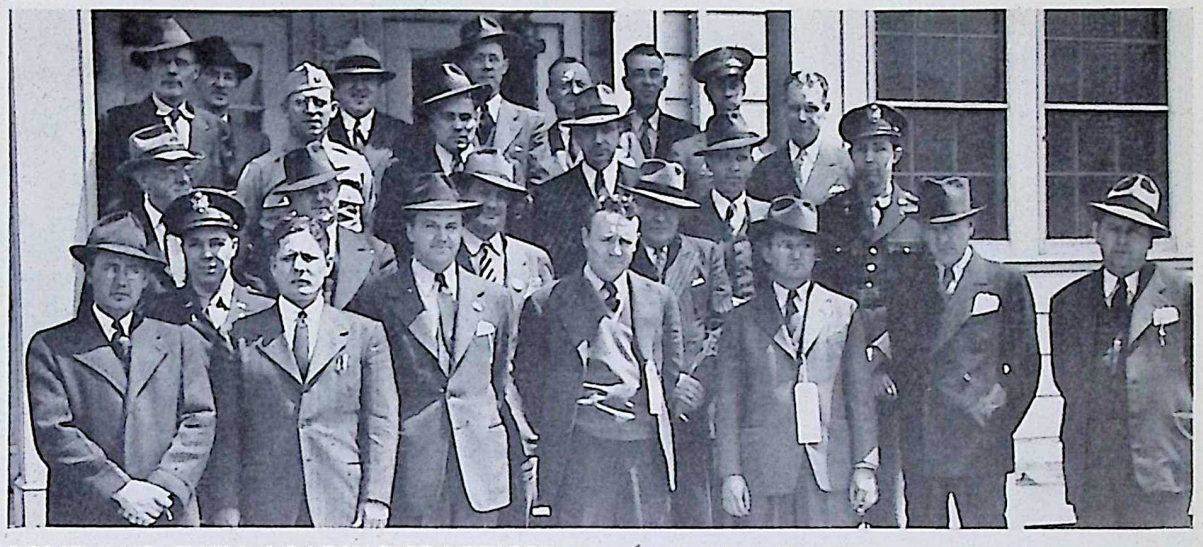
Web Willows, ex-lineman, wrote from a southern camp where he is training for glider work. The training is plenty tough, he said, but is no worse than climbing another 85-foot pole!

Paint Shop Patter
By Pat Stettbacher

Hope the rain hasn't dampened Scorchy's spirits to the degree of his giving up *The Burning Pit.* Referring to his latest bemoanings, if he's in need of still another ladder to climb, the staff will be happy to lend him an extension ladder.

Blackie Blackburn isn't drinking as much milk as usual. It could be love or a new spring tonic.

When the baseball season gets going, watch the Paint Shop battery stars. There will be **Harold Wagner** and **Louis Hoffman** pitching, and **Verne Lucas** catching their curves and fast balls.



BOMB AND SHELL LOADING PRACTICES in vogue at War Department plants throughout the country were discussed at a three-day conference here May 11-12-13. Additional details of the meeting and the names of the representatives attending are on page 1.

News and Notes from EOP Safety Engineers

Congratulations are deserved by **William Briddick,** foreman, Service Garage, who received a diploma for the completion of a safety course at the Joliet Township High School. Diplomas were given out at the monthly banquet of the Joliet Industrial Safety Council May 20, at the YMCA. He is also completing the advanced first aid course given in conjunction with the safety course, according to **Clem Eiden,** Group 70 safety engineer.

Al Hesley, safety supervisor, and Mr. Eiden, attend the Midwest Safety Council in Chicago May 6.

Karl J. Ulrick, ass't director of safety, visited the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant at La Porte, Ind., with **E. O. Huey,** superintendent of plant protection: **Chief R. W. Mortenson** of the Fire Department and **M. C. Baughman,** chief of guards.

Mr. Ulrich spent two days in plant inspection.

Due to sudden changes in operations it is necessary for foremen to be on their toes at all times, according to **Charles B. Harrison,** Group 3 safety engineer. **Lou Evans,** capable foreman, Bldg. 16, exemplified this by ordering 20 face shields to protect his men while loading bombs.

Superintendent **H. D. Dougherty,** Group 3 has had all buildings checked as to bonding, placing the group in excellent condition for the seasonal electrical storms during the summer.

Orchids go to **T. M. Burns** General Superintendent of Fuze and Booster groups, and his entire personnel for not having a single lost-time accident during March and April. This is an accomplishment of which all can be proud.

According to **Emory M. Akeman,** safety engineer, Group 3-A, Foremen **Tony Sarheim** and **Art Cleary** had a no-accident record in Bldg. 4 and the magazines during the last week. In Bldg. 10, the same record was made by Foremen **Crawford Kerr,** and **Steve Falletti.**

Safety Engineer **I. R. Olson,** reported that **Al Gierich,** general foreman of Group 27, is to be congratulated for his splendid cooperation in making safety meetings possible at Group 27.

Stop blocks have now been installed at each loading entrance which eliminates the danger of someone being caught between truck and building. This feature

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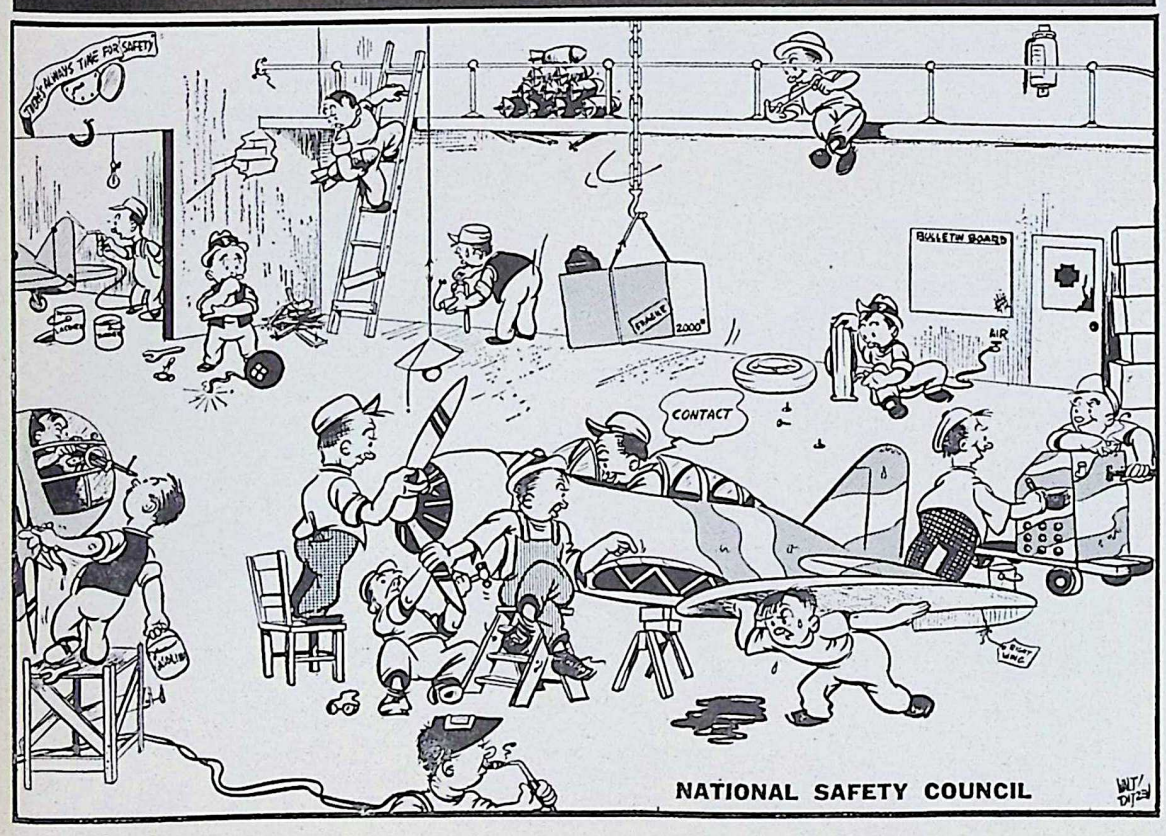

UNIFORMS were intermingled with informal attire at the plant-wide party held by the WAR Department Employees' Activities Committee at the Recreation Building May 2. There were numerous visitors from Kankakee Ordnance Works and Camp Des Plaines. These Random photos indicate the party was a complete success.

News and Notes From Safety Engineers

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also saves many doors from being broken. The suggestion was developed in a recent safety meeting.

Through the co-operation of Chief Mortenson arrangements have been made for American Red Cross first aid training for all EOP firemen.

The plan calls for training of the firemen in both the standard and advanced courses. Following these courses, an instructor's course will be conducted to provide the Fire Department with its own instructors for future training courses.

Twelve standard first aid course periods a week are now operating on schedules during days and evenings at the various fire stations. These courses are being conducted by **I. W. Hawes**, American Red Cross instructor of the EOP Safety Department.

Take Salt Tablets

Salt tablet dispensers throughout the Area will be serviced by the group safety engineers this spring and summer, it was announced. Workers are advised to take the tablets daily to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

The Shop Committee at the Machine Shop has been doing a swell job, according to Mr. Eiden. **J. A. Cocker**, superintendent, appoints a committee of three each month with a chairman in charge. The purpose of this committee is to submit a written report to Mr. Cocker of any unsafe practices or conditions which might prevail in the shop. A copy of this report is sent to the Safety Department.

The following have served as chairmen of these committees: **James Kaye, Delmo Groveni, Leroy Wilhelmi, Thomas Dooley, John Nilson, Ervin Schweizer, Ezra Buerlein, John Lagen** and **Claude Blessman.**

When Mr. Cocker has taken action on the proposed suggestions, assisted by **Frank Miller**, shop foreman, the date of disposition is posted behind each suggestion submitted.

O. J. Cartier, office clerk, at Group 66A, just a boy of 70 years, is as active as one 21 years old. He has two sons in Uncle Sam's Army, one of whom is located in Africa. Mr. Cartier surely keeps a very smart set of books, and his chief hobby is collecting old money. Stop in some time and see his collection, advised **John H. Connor**, safety engineer.

John Leahy is a one-man safety committee at the Pipe Shop and has accepted his duty with enthusiasm. **"Cal" Ashline**, foreman, and the whole shop are co-operating with him.

Ed Klein, clean-up expert of Group 1, started to work the other day wearing the usual Adam's-apple adornment, commonly called necktie, it was reported by **H. J. Beringer**, safety engineer. His wife immediately demanded an explanation, but she just couldn't understand that Ed was dressing for the sake of the line's appearance. Ed is still attempting to prove to his wife that the cleanliness of Group 1 is his first love—next to her, of course.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

By Marcella Hebert

"Sully" Sullivan's new theme song is "Show Me the Way to Go Home." **Mary Bauc** is anticipating a trip to Missouri—could be wedding bells. **Dorothy Murin** of the Shipping Room has a new romance. **Verona Lambert** is always complaining lately about the weeks going by too slowly. She may be expecting someone home soon.

Helen Buck is leaving May 28 for Leonardtown, Md. where she will be married May 30 to Cpl. **Harold Murphy.**

Ruth Henry of the clean-up gang, says she wouldn't mind the weather is the rain wasn't so wet. **Marie McLuckie** keeps her chickens busy laying eggs so she can boil them for her lunch.

Harvey "Butcher Boy" Sessi, transferred to Group 5, is missed by all his friends in Group 4.

The fellows at Group 4 are wondering if **P. Hoeller, Jr.** has been having any more trouble with his bird friends.

Many wonder if **Marion Matrella** got between the rain drops Monday night when she was shopping in Joliet.

Elsie Mattison is quite proud of a picture she had taken when she was a little girl. She had ric-rac on her petticoat!!

Georgia "Peaches" Hulse is the vivacious manager of the Group 4 and 5 baseball team.

Anita Sarowatz is lucky to have a husband who can keep house as well as **Al** can. Anita has been ill for some time and all wish her a speedy recovery.

It took a long time to get coveralls for **Marion Burke** but it looks as though they have finally succeeded.

The girls in 4-14 are all in Commander-All's (overalls) now—and do they look nice! They are all wondering when their service stripes will be added.

Harriet Porter of the WAVES was home over the weekend. She is stationed at Great Lakes for a month of training in the hospital corps. Harriet was formerly a forelady in Group 4.

Dorothy Guarneri plans to spend some time with her soldier friend when he comes home from Kentucky on furlough.

Edna Hedlin's favorite movie star is **Lew Ayres.**

Helen "Cig" Bowler got a permanent and a new outfit to see her boy friend in Kansas City.

Denny Elliott is now working in Group 4. The girls think he's "as cute as a button!"

Dorothy Berta travelled to Randolph Field, Texas, to visit her fiance, **Aviation Cadet Don Bryant** of Carbon Hill.

Bing Enger was the vocalist at a recent prom in Mazon. Her encores included "I'm Saving Myself for Bill" and "What Can I Say, Dear, After I Say I'm Sorry."

Georgianna Keir reprimands her soldier friend when his letters are a day late.

Evelyn Moore is very prompt—all her friends have to do is blow a horn (even when she is in church) and she'll be there pronto.

Oswald Marchak is now an inspector.

Mary Foster and **Lois Schultz** were seen robbing bird's nests.

Marie Viscum was a winner in a recent **Morris B. Sach's** program.

Kay Keliher had a rather expensive call from her soldier friend in Pennsylvania—it cost Kay $10.

Ramona Gilmore is enjoying her husband's furlough!

Theresa Svitek gave a farewell party for **Eddie Kluza** before he went into the army.

Mamie Weir plans to wear navy blue with red and green accessories at her wedding June 15.

Recent scenes at Group 4 . . . **John Chladek** busy in his reject repair shop. . . **Johnnie Woods**, alias Raphael, plies the brushes . . . **Don Leonard** minus a stomach . . . **Chuck Kaplan** still wearing his hat . . . **John Kinney** praying for his wings . . . **Jim Schayer** looking for a room stretcher . . . **Clare Hayden** working . . .**Lillian Malinske** sopping up all the heat and wishing she was in Arizona. (She'll be there real soon.) . . . **Ann Nicholson** still slave driving . . . **Lilla Clyne** still smiling . . **Mickey Sanson** listening to her barking feet.

Dorothy "Muscles" White says she can lift as much as a man. Just another "Atlas-ette."

Fun-loving gals in the component room swear by the saying "Don't believe it unless you see it in black and white." The girls stamp the lot number with white paint on black fiber containers.

Marcella Hebert (she hasn't seen this) added a new brown gabardine suit to her wardrobe. She dashed between raindrops (and she's tiny enough to do it, too) in Chicago to get it.

Group 5

By Florence Schnebly and Cora Kay

Irene Culyat is taking a week's vacation to be with her husband who is home on a furlough from Keesler Field, Mississippi.

Loretta Thorson, better known as "Daisy Mae," resigned May 1.

Helen Johnson was welcomed back after several days' illness.

The Paint Shop staff wishes **John Lyman** a speedy recovery.

Many wonder how much thinner **Elizabeth Drennen** would be if **Chet Heggen** didn't bring so much lunch.

Wonder what other small group can compare with the Paint Shop in percentage of War Bond purchases?

If anyone wants a contest promoted they should see **Walt Stassen.**

Marion Bennett, Jean Bolte and **Rita Legris** spent Mother's Day at Bloomington. They attended the "Passion Play" while there.

Group 6

Some people pay fines for speeding 53 miles an hour, but not **Edythe Krzich.** She got off with a warning—what a technique!!

All are glad to have **Eunice Fredericks** back after a siege of illness.

Group 6 bid good-bye to **Helen Camp.** She will be missed by her many friends.

Many wonder why **Dorothy Delaney**, forelady in 6-6, is looking so sad these days. It could be because Uncle Sam has a priority on her boy friend.

Deepest sympathy goes to **Cecilie Bologanini**, whose grandmother died recently.

The girls from Group 6 wish **Agnes Matis**, tiniest girl in 6-6 a speedy recovery from the measles.

Best wishes go to **Evelyn Sheridan** of 6-4 who became Mrs. **George Pulos** May 2 at a lovely wedding in St. Peters Lutheran Church in Joliet. **Barbara Greenwood** was matron of honor and **Arthur Jensen** was best man.

Everybody is wondering why **Eddie Liebelt** is limping lately. Could it really be a sprained ankle?

All in 6-4 have their fingers crossed hoping **Edna McFedries'** husband gets his furlough soon. Things aren't the same since "Red's" been gone.

Alice Cachilli returned recently from her honeymoon with **Lt. Fred Cachilli**, who is stationed in Georgia.

The group in Bldg. 4 welcomes back their forelady, **Betty Palmer**, or *is* it Palmer? There are rumors.

She replaces **Mary Jane Barrowman** who has gone to Group 7.

Why is **Domina Elich** called "Chubby"? Could it be that she is?

Group 7

Gladys Pulliam is leaving for the WAACS. All the girls will miss her.

Many have been wondering why **Maysie Chamberlain** has been so sleepy of late. Could it be a certain hero, **Pfc. Al Voight**, who received the purple heart? Maysie has been flashing a sparkler, too. Wedding bells—Could be.

A certain few girls like **Ida Pasel's** baked beans.

The girls on the Booster Line would like to know if Group 6 has any more foreladies like **Juanita Thompson**, and if so, would they please send them over.

Janice Holmes left for California where she will visit her boy friend, who is expected to leave for parts unknown in the near future.

Ida Koshak from "Jumble and Jolt" is now **Mrs. Edward Badka.**

Ray Sacks, truck driver, wore his coat an entire season without knowing that it was a reversible.

All are sorry that **Hazel Allen** is ill.

Group 9

The girls at Group 9 were very happy when they saw two women guards with smiling faces greeting them as they came in the door May 12. You can't help knowing who they were, as **Amy Gabel** and **Lorraine Guenette** are always seen with their smiles.

The Physical Examination

In endless procession, they come
and they go,
From any place Murphy can find
'em.
They strip and they strut from this
room to that,
Leaving their secrets behind 'em.

They pose for photos of liver and
lights;
Their ticker is stop-watched for
speed.
Their pressure is taken like air in
a tube;
They're jabbed to see if they
bleed.

They squirt in a bottle, they squint
at a chart,
They squat at the word of command;
They're measured and weighed
like beef on the hoof . . .
All they lack is the brand.

They tell their life-story from
cradle to now,
They are left no private possessions;
They cough up their secrets, exhibit pet scars,
They're heroes of True Life Confessions.

Who is to say who suffers the most,
In this peep-show of saint and
crook,
The actors who pass across the
stage . . .
Or the Doctors who *have to look!*

—**Leslie M. Ross,**
Statistician.

UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE MOTOR CORPS of the EOP-KNK Chapter of the American Red Cross, which holds regular meetings at the EOP Guest House, are shown here following a special meeting held Monday night, May 3.

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A. W. Beyer
Richard Lee Billings
Fred H. Blatt, Jr.
George Raymond Boyd
Bernard Gerard Brais
John W. Cann
Gerald Norman Coles
C. J. Cornelius
Howard Joseph Cox
Bennie Lee Coy
Charlie Russell Doyle
Brunell J. Dupuis
Peter Kenneth Eckman
James E. Farrell
Andrew Roy Favors
Elsworth Leo Haase
Earl Richard Hilgert
Everett Phillip Hilgert
Elmer Eugene Hinds
Virgil Henry Hornickel
Sam Jeffries
Darrell E. LaBounty
Archie Henry Lade
Leo F. Leser
Harry Langley Smith
James Rufus Littrell
Herman Lee Lowery
Harry L. MacRae
Robert McFarland
William M. McLean
E. M. Morrill
Donald Earl Morris
Norman Myers
Milton James Page
Edward Leonard Pekar
Leonard Eugene Plowman
Raymond C. Ruder
Henry J. Schiek
John Charles Snyder
John Ellis Trotter
Richard William Unmisig
Gordon J. Vance
Chester Voss
Earl A. Weakman
Kenneth R. Weber
Beverly E. Wynkoop
Walter C. Zybach

GIRLS at EOP were praised for their war efforts by Pvt. Charles Galster of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (shown here), when he visited Group 1. He is a cousin of H. S. Robb, superintendent of the Salvage Department.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

LeRoy E. Arseneau, Inert Storage; **Claude Blessman,** Utilities; **Elmer J. Cargle,** Finished Rounds; **Bernard J. Coomes,** Railroad; **James O. Dillon,** Group 1; **Ray Fry,** Utilities; **Helen Gibson,** Group 9; **Anthony J. Drab,** Utilities; **Alpha M. Englehart,** Utilities; **Robert D. Enger,** Utilities; **Otha F. Foley,** Group 1; **Dan Ivec,** Group 3-A; **Gust Lundberg,** Utilities; **James McCallum,** Group 3; **Columbus Milligan,** Utilities; **Helen Nelson,** Group 5; **Walter Niehls,** Group 2; **Robert Schroff,** Guards; **Wilton Rueck,** Utilities; **Edgar Swearingen,** Group 2; **Ed Sheridan,** Inert Storage; **Mary Tamko,** Group 9; **Roy Hallihan,** War Department.

May 25

Donald B. Baker, Guards; **Anna Broseau,** Group 4; **Dora Burgwald,** Group 1; **Margaret M. Campo,** Group 8; **Clarence Clark,** Group 3; **Victor R. Cole,** Group 3; **Basil R. Dillon,** Utilities; **Charles E. Gift,** Group 1; **Raymond Gilmore,** Utilities; **Sara Grate,** Medical; **Helen Haldorson,** Group 5; **Betty Johnson,** Group 4; **Albert Kenney,** Group 1; **Wesley Marlowe,** Group 2; **Albert Peterson,** Utilities; **Ray Pfeifer,** Inspection; **Jerome Phelan,** Group 2; **Edward Raskenkas,** Utilities; **Herbert Reeves,** Guards; **Juanita Reimers,** Group 7; **Edgar Scammahorn,** Group 1; **Dr. H. L. Schultz,** Hospital; **James Short,** Group 3-A; **Calvin Stratton,** Group 1; **Ruble Surface,** Group 1; **Tillie Williams,** Group 1.

May 26

Alice M. Cachilli, Group 6; **Louis D. Davis,** Group 1; **Logan Gray,** Guards; **Harry Ennis,** Guards; **Carlyle P. Guenther,** Utilities; **Paul Haul,** High Explosives; **John Gunderson,** Utilities; **Frank Hardesty,** Group 5; **Ruby Hoye,** Group 5; **Allen Hutton,** Utilities; **Constance Krause,** Group 7; **Mary Kunde,** Group 1; **Roselind Palmer,** Group 9; **Matthew Reny,** Material & Stores; **Lester Reinicke,** Group 3; **Fred Shoven,** Utilities; **Robert Stachely,** Utilities; **William Werner,** Group 5; **Leta Winslow,** Group 1; **Glenna Zimmerman,** Group 4.

May 27

Nicola R. Altieri, Group 2; **Lawrence J. Baudino,** Group 61; **Ernest H. Bennett,** Guards; **Harry W. Bloomquist,** Guards; **Eugene M. Bradley,** Group 2; **Patrick H. Brogan,** Group 68; **Pete Cheffoli,** Utilities; **Myron V. Champoux,** Inspection; **Ernest H. Cooper,** Group 3-A; **Tony E. Davis,** Group 1; **Clayton Fuller,** Guards; **Benjamin Goldstein,** Group 4; **Myrtle Y. Goyette,** Group 1; **Michael Granda,** Utilities; **Loin M. Early,** Plant Protection; **Harold Fowler,** Inspection; **George Hamay,** Group 3; **Margaret Huddleston** Group 7; **Amy E. Hunt,** Utilities; **Leonard Kiger,** Group 1; **Jens Lauridsen,** Group 1; **Leota Mattox,** Group 6; **Eugenia Pasternak,** Group 9; **William Reilly,** Group 4; **Gilbert Rittes,** Group 1; **Robert Stewart,** High Explosives; **Ben Thompson,** Utilities; **John Welch,** Guards; **Thomas Wheeler,** Group 3-A; **Chris Ziller,** Operations; **Irene Ziver,** Group 1.

May 28

Elmer J. Anderson, Group 1; **Stewart F. Anderson,** Group 61; **Frank I. Bossom,** Utilities; **Helen B. Butler,** Group 4; **Sherman Frost,** Utilities; **Charles A. Gore,** Utilities; **John Gott,** General Offices; **John Oblak,** Group 1; **William Guetel,** Finished Rounds; **Lester Hayden,** Group 1; **Samuel Heggie,** Group 3; **Charles Jones,** Utilities; **William Kegley,** Utilities; **William J. Leeland,** War Department; **Ruth Oleson,** Group 4; **Arthur Preston,** Group 2; **Adeline Roberts,** Group 3-A; **Mervin Shear,** Group 1; **Park D. Paxton,** War Department; **Virginia Smith,** Plant Protection; **Christian Sorenson,** Utilities; **Leo Strysik,** Utilities; **Chester G. Tomes,** War Department; **Dick Wicker,** Inspection; **William Wheeler,** Group 4.

May 29

Beverly M. Abney, Group 1; **Wyeth E. Beedy,** Group 2; **Walter S. Britton,** Inspection; **Lester J. Crook,** Group 3; **Iolene P. Croxen,** General Accounting; **Minta Curry,** Group 5; **Robert Morris,** Group 1; **Emile Heine,** Group 1; **Virginia Heintz,** Group 1; **Thomas Henneberry,** Group 3; **Murry Jordan,** Utilities; **Angela Juris,** Finished Rounds; **Raymond Kludovich,** Guards; **Laverne Moution,** Finished Rounds; **Eleanor Munn,** Group 1; **Joyce Olson,** Guards; **Janet Peterson,** Group 6; **Milton Ramser,** Group 2; **Dwight Reitz,** General Accounting; **Clara L. Bush,** War Department; **R. A. Shepherd,** Utilities; **Duward Thompson,** Inert Storage; **Carl Waeckerle,** Group 3-A; **Hilda Watson,** Group 5; **Lois Wingert,** Group 1.

SCORCHY? Could be . . . but very definitely this is a photo of John H. Walker, superintendent of Group 8, taken when he was eight months old.

May 30

Orean R. Adkins, Utilities; **Arch R. Bennett,** Group 1; **William V. Berlet,** Utilities; **Marion N. Bertolet,** Group 3; **George A. Besso,** Group 3-A; **Marjorie M. Bryant,** Plant Protection; **Evan J. Chaplain,** Group 2; **Thelma S. Crihfield,** Group 5; **Helen Degard,** Group 9; **Ed J. Delach,** Utilities; **Charles J. Dobbs,** Utilities; **Myrna M. Faris,** Recreation; **Walter Hathaway,** Guards; **Dorothy Henderson,** Group 5; **Wallace Johnson,** Utilities; **Fred Klein,** Guard; **Otto Krueger,** Group 1; **William Lindner,** Group 3; **Walter Luehrs,** General Accounting; **Virginia Mark,** Group 1; **Raymond McGrath,** Inert Storage; **Walter McGowan,** Group 3-A; **Francis J. Monroe,** High Explosives; **D. C. Morrison,** Group 3; **Alma Nelson,** Group 9; **Otto Olson,** Utilities; **Elmer Parrish,** Group 2; **Clementine Pillar,** Group 7; **Dickie Rhodes,** General Offices; **Grace Richards,** Group 7; **Lloyd Rynearson,** Utilities; **Robert Spivey,** Inert Storage; **Jack Vacca,** Utilities; **Evelyn Tecotzky,** War Department; **Audrey Waldvogel,** War Department.

May 31

Wiley R. Bell, Guards; **Marjorie L. Corneglio,** Group 4; **Anna M. Gibes,** Group 5; **Walter Harshbarger,** Utilities; **Russell Ingraham,** Group 4; **Harold Jones,** Utilities; **Mary Jursinic,** Group 8; **Charlotte Kelly,** Group 9; **Wilma Lehmann,** Group 9; **Esther Lutz,** Group 4; **August Manau,** Group 3-A; **Alfred Perley,** General Accounting; **William Platt,** Utilities; **Morgan Rowlings,** Utilities; **Floyd Sills,** Group 3; **David L. Hill,** War Department; **Eldon Stevens,** Utilities; **Wilda Willis,** Maintenance; **Olive Williamson,** Group 4; **Lawrence Wertz,** Group 1.

June 1

Hendrick Bakker, Utilities; **Loren Butler,** Group 6; **Chester Ferguson,** Utilities; **Clarence Goldhammer,** Utilities; **Samuel Gomora,** Group 3; **Howard Hancock,** Group 1; **Edson Heidlage,** Group 1; **Mildred Lavarier,** Group 7; **Rose Lawless,** Group 1; **Russell Malott,** Group 1; **John Ben Markley,** General Accounting; **Tony Marucci,** Group 1; **Robert McLeod,** Group 1; **Harry Morgan,** Group 1; **Dorothy Murin,** Group 4; **Howard C. Russell,** Group 1; **Cecelia Stenbach,** Group 7; **Alice Sullivan,** Group 4; **Rita R. Washburn,** Fire Guard.

June 2

Ambrose Allen, Group 3-A; **Dwayne Bilsborough,** Group 1; **Helen Delach,** Personnel; **Bernice Foutch,** Group 9; **Laura Gard,** Group 5; **Ralph Green,** Group 3; **Naomi Hack,** Group 1; **Elizabeth Haffner,** Group 3-A; **Betty M. Horvath,** War Department; **Henry Johnson,** Utilities; **Richard Jungles,** Group 1; **Richard Malone,** Utilities; **James Nash,** Group 1; **Edward Paulsen,** Utilities; **Reuben Powell,** Inspection; **Mose C. Stevens,** Group 1; **Thelma Talbott,** Medical; **Joe G. Fandy,** Group 9; **Leigh P. Tarbell,** General Accounting; **Walter A. Trepanier,** Group 2; **Louis Walker,** Group 3.

June 3

Andy Aschenbrenner, Group 66; **Roland Bennett,** Group 1; **Paul Coartney,** Group 3-A; **John Dolan,** Guards; **Early Ely,** Inert Storage, Group 3; **Lucille Fogarty,** Group 5; **Eugene Graveline,** Group 1; **John Jacklich,** Inert Warehouse; **Charles Jiskra,** Fire; **Edward Johnson,** Group 1; **Lloyd Klopp,** Guards; **Walter Knupp,** Utilities; **Frank Koch,** Utilities; **Joseph Koepsch,** Group 1; **Odessa Lawson,** Group 3-A; **Ervin Lembke,** Utilities; **William Maskel,** Guards; **Herschel Martin,** Group 1; **Flossie Marshall,** Group 3-A; **Mildred Mihelich,** Group 8; **Herman Osman,** Group 1; **Lydia Owens,** Group 1; **Albert Pelletier, Sr.,** Maintenance; **William R. Perry,** Guards; **George Quigley,** Group 9; **Lillian Russell,** Group 6; **Antoine Seme,** Maintenance; **Peter Serak,** Group 3; **Victor P. Smith,** Group 1; **John Wood,** Group 66.

June 4

Eunice Beutlen, Group 1; **John Brooks,** Group 3-A; **Margaret Burzawa,** Group 1; **Francis Conerton,** Utilities; **Howard Decker,** Utilities; **Francis Doyle,** Guards; **Henderson Gibson,** Group 6; **June Guardia,** Group 7; **Delbert Harvey,** Guards; **Paul Jackson,** Inspection; **Coy Lentz,** Guards; **John Metzger,** Guards; **Florence Netter,** Group 1; **Frances C. Rager,** General Accounting; **May Robertson,** Group 7; **Harold Rudd,** Maintenance; **Charles Rude,** Group 3; **Theresa Setraycic,** Group 9; **Irvin Shelby,** Group 61; **Fred W. Styck,** Maintenance; **John Thill,** Group 1; **Harold Whitehurst,** Group 6; **Louis Wondrasek,** Group 2.

June 5

Charles Andrew, Utilities; **Bonnie Andrade,** Group 7; **William Baer,** Group 3-A; **Lenmore Barber,** High Explosives; **Esther Barnes,** War Department; **Clarence Brett,** Group 3-A; **Virginia Buza,** Group 8; **Roy Castle,** Guards; **Jean Erickson,** War Department; **Rose Frank,** Group 5; **Leo Gaffey,** Purchasing; **Bernadine Jones,** War Department; **Glen Kelly,** Utilities; **John Kelly,** Utilities; **Alexander Klemit,** Fire Guards; **Albert Kowalczyk,** Utilities; **Fred Lamb,** Watchman; **Alice Lee,** General Plant Protection; **Frederick Lewis,** Group 4; **Edward Nelson,** Utilities; **John Pearce,** Guards; **Olive Regas,** Group 1; **Lonnie Richardson,** War Department; **Willard Sheedy,** Group 3; **Chester Siegmund,** Group 3; **David Sime,** Plant Protection; **Genevieve Smeets,** Group 1; **Mildred Stalhem,** Group 4; **Raymond Strahm,** Maintenance; **Raymond Thorp,** Group 1; **W. E. Canniff,** general manager.

June 6

William Anderson, Guards; **James Casey,** Group 3-A; **John Chladek,** Group 5; **Herman Coder,** High Explosives; **Edgar Coffey,** Material and Stores; **Emile List,** Group 1; **Norman Fitch,** Guards; **Cecelia Follen,** Group 1; **Leroy Glotfelty,** Group 8; **Earl Hartmann,** Group 1; **Albert Hillcock,** Group 3-A; **Clarence Keller,** Guards; **Howard Kerchenfaut,** Group 1; **Donald Lukas,** Utilities; **Edward Remus,** Group 2; **Dean M. Robinson,** Purchasing; **Dorothy Robin,** Group 1; **Hilda Tennant,** Group 7; **Alice Ward,** War Department; **Wayne West,** Group 3-A; **Charles Wiech,** Group 3-A; **Walter Williamson,** Operations; **Robert Wilken,** Group 3-A; **Deloris Wruk,** Group 5.

Col. Byron Rife Active In Army Industry

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Texas, where he married **Roberta Caffarelli,** also of San Antonio, in October of 1938. His son, **Byron, Jr.,** was born August 13, 1940, in San Antonio.

In January of 1941, he was ordered to active duty as Lt. Colonel and was assigned as Executive Officer to the Baytown Ordnance Works, Baytown, Texas, a toluol plant under the command of Col. **John G. Booton,** who was also Commanding Officer of two other military establishments, San Antonio Arsenal and Camp Stanley located near San Antonio.

In November, 1941, Col. Rife was transferred from Baytown to command the Missouri Ordnance Works at Louisiana, Missouri, an ammonia plant operated by the Hercules Powder Company.

In August, 1942, the Colonel was transferred to the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants as Assistant to **Colonel Gerber.** His main duty there was to co-ordinate the activities of 20 chemical plants. In September, 1942, he became Executive Officer to the Field Director, still retaining his interest in the chemical plants in addition to his other administrative duties.

Col. Gerber's confidence in Col. Rife secured for him the important post of Commanding Officer of both the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works two of the country's most important ordnance facilities.

The Colonel is making his home in the Commanding Officer's quarter on the Kankakee Ordnance Works Reservation with his family.

Q. Who are the "Armoraiders"?

A. "Armoraiders" is the nickname for the steel-clad legions who strike the enemy in tanks and other mechanized weapons.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Rent — Furnished two-room apartment. Modern, steam heat, excellent laundry facilities, garden spot, garage. Call Gardner 3681.

Wanted to Buy—Folding baby carriage. Reasonable. **R. J. Withey,** Line 3110.

For Sale—7-Passenger '31 Pierce Arrow. Perfect condition. New Radiator Core, new generator, new batteries; rubber perfect. **Harold Long,** Bldg. 10, Group 1.

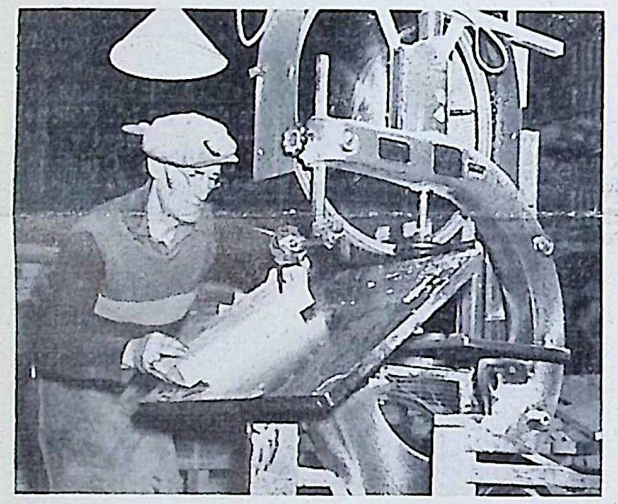
Riders Wanted—from Joliet to Group 70 or vicinity, on 7:30 to 4 shift. Call **Ray Curtis** and **Wayne Ireland,** Line 5115.

Riders Wanted—Four to six living in Plainfield, Joliet or vicinity. **Robert J. Eyman,** Lines 3256 or 3195 or Plainfield 2217.

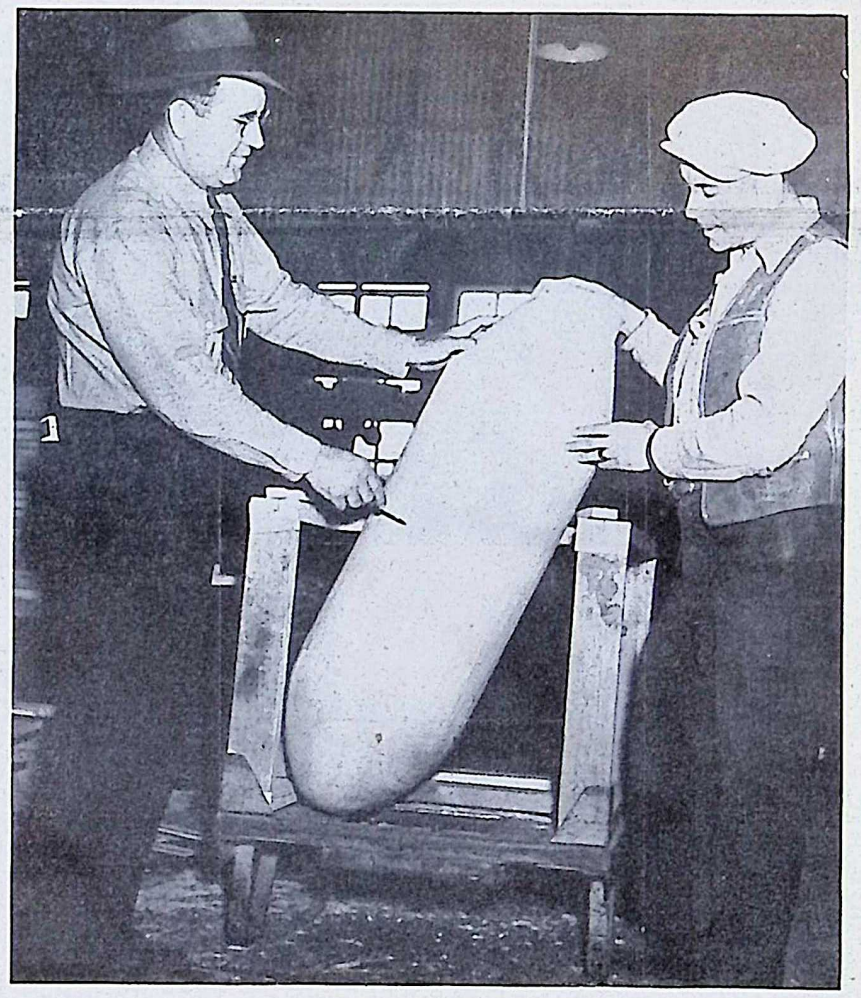
Lost—Brown felt hat (Baskin label) at Fellowship meeting, Recreation Bldg., May 13. Return to **Clem Elden,** Line 4227.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

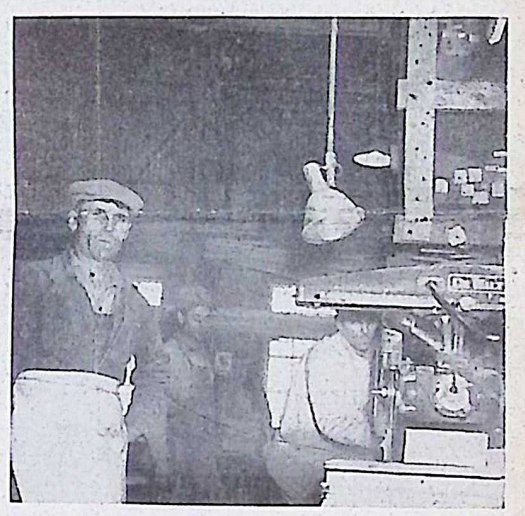
EXCELLENT LIGHTING CONDITIONS permitted Photographer L. D. Ross to obtain this splendid panoramic photograph of the Carpenter Shop in Group 70. Buys workmen may be seen at their tasks unconcerned with the activities of the photographer. Their interest came later when individual pictures were taken.



SHAPING is done quickly by Louis Glim, shown here operating a power band saw.

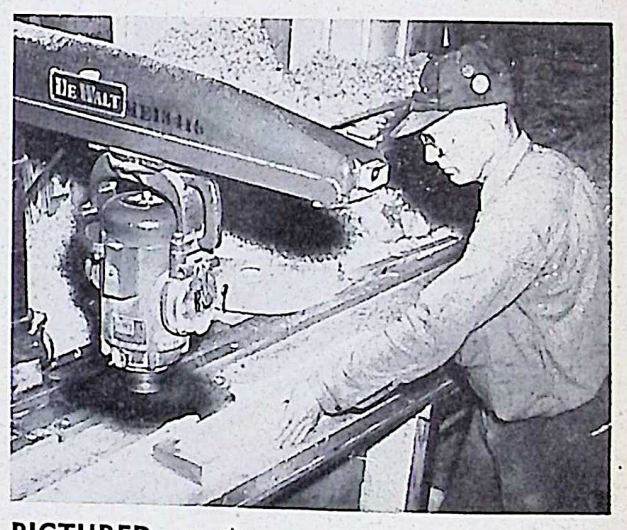


WOODEN MODEL of a bomb was turned out by the Carpenter Shop to be used in setting up heights and clearances in the loading lines. C. C. Hassel, superintendent, (left) and Frank Ehlenberg, shop foreman, are pictured here examining the model.

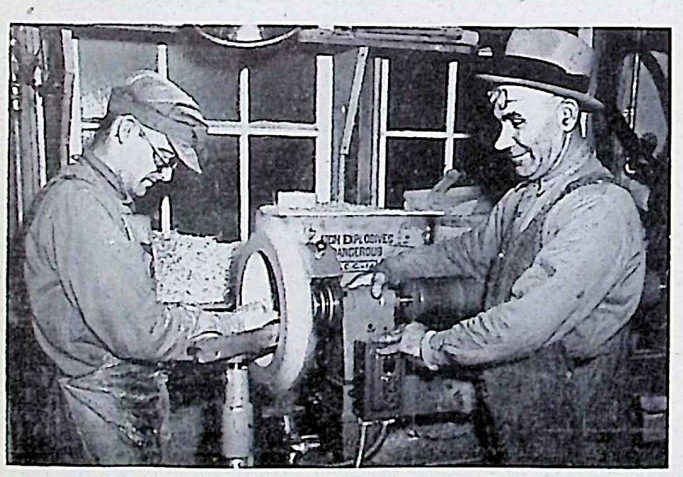


RAPID DeWalt saw is shown here operated by George Rauwolf, Mike Evans and L. Wenberg.

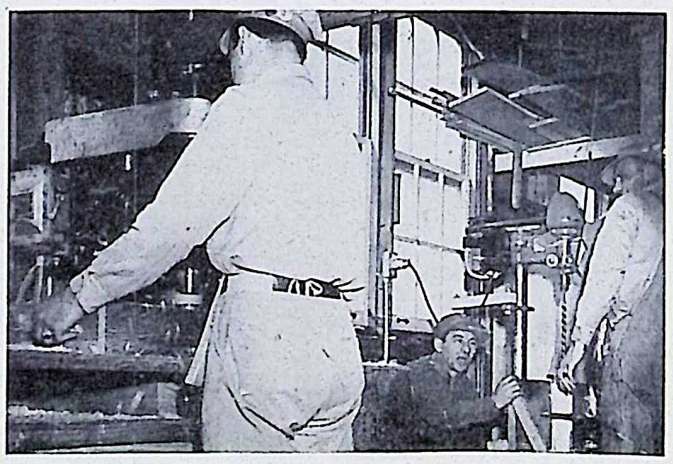
SAWS are kept sharp by Charles Mabrey, shown here with blade and file.



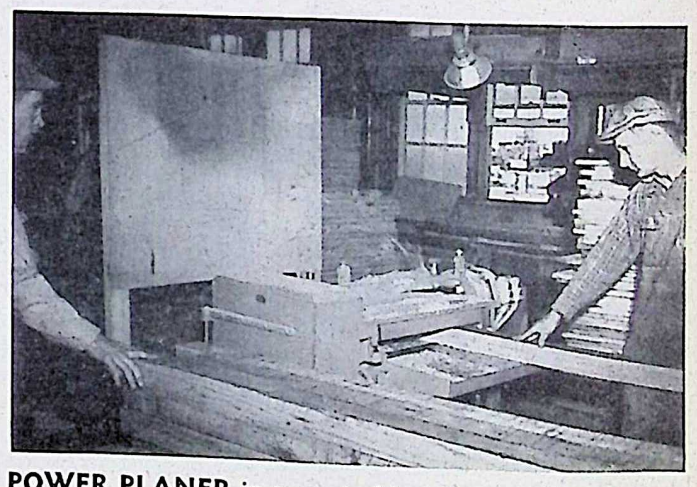
PICTURED at the saw bench here is Ray Olson, using saw as a shaper.



LATHE OPERATORS shown here are Alvin Narvick (left) and Jim Rogiokos, doing precision work.



DRILL PRESS operator is Charles Maule. In background are Samuel Alverico and Richard Davis.



POWER PLANER is operated by Chester Reed. Kenneth Oester is shown at left, helping feed the planer.

ORDNANCE IS THE HEART OF VICTORY

The BOMB-SHELL

ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT

LETS GO! U·S·A KEEP 'EM SHOOTING!

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Army Leaders, Industrialists Praise Tabloid

The Bomb-Shell Commands Attention Throughout Nation

Comment concerning *The Bomb-Shell* during its first year of publication has been favorable in business as well as military circles. These comments are interpreted as endorsing the opinion of EOP executives and employees about the excellence of the paper.

Soon after the paper was launched in June of last year, **Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell**, chief of Services of Supply, War Department, wrote that "*The Bomb-Shell* has made an excellent start and I agree that it should do much for workers' morale."

"Your interesting publication, *The Bomb-Shell*," said **Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr.**, chief of Ordnance, "should contribute greatly to maintaining a strong fighting spirit at Elwood. *The Bomb-Shell* is well edited and printed. In particular, I thought your cuts clean and clear, making each person readily recognizable in group pictures, which is important."

"I have looked over the copies of *The Bomb-Shell* which you sent me," said **Maj. Gen. T. J. Hayes**, chief of Industrial Division, Ordnance Department, "and it looks to me as if those responsible for putting this out are doing as good a job as the management of Elwood is doing in its field."

"This is certainly a very creditable paper, and I shall keep this edition as a pleasant reminder of my participation in your jubilant ceremony," said **Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr.**, commanding general of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md., who presented the Army-Navy "E" flag to EOP employees February 12.

"I would like to take this opportunity of complimenting you upon the splendid job you have done in the handling of the plant publication, "*The Bomb-Shell*," said **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman** of the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants, St. Louis, when he was commanding officer here. "This is in every way, in my opinion, the most outstanding newspaper I have yet seen and all of us in the War Department are extremely pleased with it."

"We want to compliment those responsible for the publication of such a well edited paper," said **Frank M. Bray**, former chairman of the Will County War Price and Rationing Board, Joliet. "Its typography and illustrations are of magazine quality. I am going to swipe this copy and take it home for a thorough perusal."

"The writer congratulates the editor on a superior job," said **Ernest E. East**, in charge of newspapers, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield. "Your publication surpasses any other military establishment publication received by us from Illinois posts. And the margin is very wide. Especially pleasing to the library is the good quality of paper used, since it is our intention to bind these publications."

Frederick H. Scott of Carson Pirie Scott & Company, Chicago

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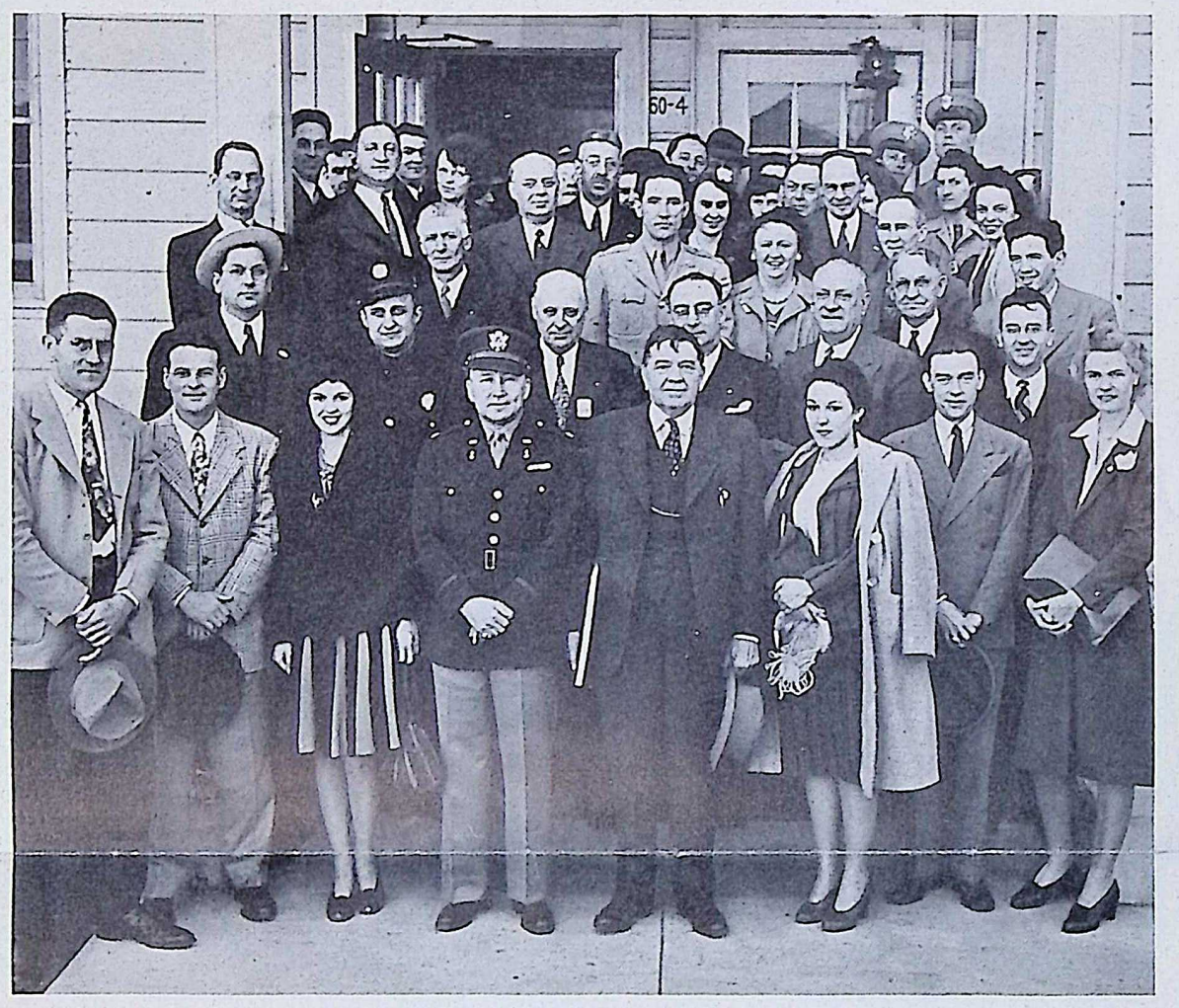
Smith Honors Staff on Anniversary



FIRST ANNIVERSARY of The Bomb-Shell was celebrated May 26 with a dinner party given for the staff by Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter. Honor guests included members of the War Department and representatives of local newspapers and radio stations.

Press Visitors Send Girl Driver Present

When an EOP girl can impress five male photographers and four girl reporters with her attractiveness, she must be good! Representing Chicago's big daily newspapers visiting here April 22 to take pictures of women in ordnance, the photographers and reporters took especial note of **Kathryn Dixon**, who has driven for the Motor Pool since January 12. And—according to the press, her driving is as good as her looks. Recently the mails brought a red WOW bandanna with the standard Ordnance bomb insignia for Driver Dixon.

"Dixie," as she is known by her associates at the Motor Pool, was a home-maker for a year and a half in Braidwood, but her desire to do her part in the war effort brought her to EOP. Her husband, **John Dixon**, is also employed here as an ambulance driver.

Lt. R. E. Pinnick Promoted to Captain

Announcement of the promotion of **Lt. Ralph E. Pinnick** to the rank of captain was made by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer. **Capt. Pinnick**, who has served as Safety and Plant Protection Officer of EOP since March, 1942, was transferred from Infantry to the Ordnance Department in that month.

A resident of West Baden Springs, Ind., the captain was graduated from Indiana University with an A.B. degree in 1928 and from Purdue University with a B.S. degree in civil engineering in 1932. A member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, Capt. Pinnick was a civil engineer in private life.

15 Get Safety Course Certificates

Fifteen EOP employees received certificates of graduation in industrial safety engineering at the ninth annual meeting of the Joliet Safety Council at YMCA May 20.

All of them deserve commendation for a devotion to duty which led them to spend many hours after work in classes and study. It is hoped that others will be inspired by their example to enroll in future classes to be conducted by the University of Illinois Extension Division.

Those who received certificates for the advanced course are **Emory Akeman, Charles Balch, Donald Crowthers, Vance Cook, Clement Eiden, Everett Gray** and **Stanley Lewis**. In the primary course, **Herman J. Beringer, William Briddick, Ethel D. Connor, John H. Connor, Charles B. Harrison, Reno R. Jones, Walter Wilcox** and **Robert F. Wieber** received certificates.

Salvaged Lumber Offered to Workers

(*Picture on Page 7*)

Considerable lumber has been salvaged from the Carpenter Shop and other groups in the EOP area and is offered without charge to workers. Investigation disclosed that salvage operators could not profitably dispose of the surplus, so the supply is made available to plant employees.

It was pointed out that anyone having a wood-working hobby could find sufficient material to last for some time, and that those who are compelled to heat their homes by log fires could have enough to last a winter or two.

State Officers Visit EOP and Inspect Plant

A trip through EOP by State Senator **Richard J. Barr** and other state and local officials was made Thursday, May 20. The visitors were luncheon guests of **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter. After a short welcome to the plant by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer, and **John J. Cole**, assistant general manager, Senator Barr, acting as toastmaster, introduced the visitors.

The group, consisting of about 50 persons, included State Senators **Wallace Thompson, O. E. Benson, Stanley Mandela, John Lee, Walker Butler, Charles Carpentier, Richard J. Daley**, minority leader; **Arnold P. Benson**, majority leader; **George Maypole, Frank Lyons, William Knox** and **Mr. Barr**; also **Judge Wynn Knock, Judge Roscoe South**, Mayor and Mrs. **Janke**, Commissioners **Emmett McGuire, Fred Sehring, Albert Odenthal** and **Joseph Whalen, Charles Kellem**, secretary, Chamber of Commerce; **Warren Wood** and **John Malone**, state representatives; Mayor **John Kapp** of Springfield; State Auditor **A. C. Lueder** and Assistant State Auditor **C. G. Kiessling**, and **James L. Donelly**, executive vice president of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

Gov. Dwight H. Green and **Lt. Gov. Hugh Cross**, who had planned to attend, were unable to do so because of the press of business, it was said.

In the early afternoon a trip through some of the sections of EOP was made. Afterwards the party traveled by bus to the Kankakee Ordnance Works for a short tour. Late in the afternoon the group left for Stateville for an inspection of the prison and for dinner as guests of Warden **Joseph E. Ragen**.

Four Selected For Honors by Government

Employees Chosen For Suggestions to Help War Program

(*Pictures on Pages 4 and 5*)

Four employees of Elwood Ordnance Plant were given citations by the Ordnance Department of the United States Army "for distinguished service" to their country.

In an elaborate ceremony held at Building 14 in Group 4, with all arrangements made by **Supt. T. M. Burns**, the four men also were presented with EOP certificates of merit.

The four men are **Nicholas E. Whitney, James C. Gordon, Edward H. Bick** and **George W. Bigelow**.

W. E. Canniff, general manager, presided as toastmaster. The Army awards were presented by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer, and the EOP certificates were handed out by **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter.

Issuance of the awards was accompanied by the statement from the management that hereafter all suggestions and ideas submitted by workers would be sent to the Government for official action.

The Merit Award Committee, originally appointed January 14, 1943, by the Operating Manager of Sanderson & Porter in accordance with Industrial Division Order No. 28, shall continue to function as a Committee until the Operating Manager's order is revoked or revised.

The membership of the Committee after the original appointment will be determined by the Committee in formal meeting.

All acts of the Committee shall be subject to review by the Commanding Officer and the Management of Sanderson & Porter.

Meetings of the Merit Award Committee will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. at a place designated by the Committee. In the event circumstances require it, the Chairman is empowered to call special meetings at any time. Six members shall constitute a quorum, and no business may be transacted unless a quorum is present.

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"I See by the Paper"

"They Shall Have Ammunition: Jim Donnelly, of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, paid a great tribute to the men and women who operate the Elwood and Kankakee Ordnance Plants, yesterday after inspecting the two plants with a party of state and local officials . . . Jim said: 'I was greatly impressed with the efficiency with which these plants are operated. It thrilled me greatly and gave me great confidence in the ultimate outcome of the great conflict in which we are engaged. These men and women are efficiently turning out the sinews of war and I think great praise should be given them' . . . Lieut. Col. Byron Rife, Harrison Smith, John Cole and other officials of the two plants were hosts to the visitors, who were in the party sponsored by Senator Barr . . . it was a real thrill to many persons in the party who had never seen an ammunition plant in operation to note the efficient way in which bombs, mines and shells were being turned out in great quantities . . . Joliet and Will county should have great pride in these two great plants which are doing so much to bring victory to our arms . . . they are local institutions, operated by our citizens, and when people from other parts of the state come here they are amazed at the precision with which munitions are being produced . . . what was just rolling farm land two years ago is now a bee-hive of industry . . . a tribute to American industry and the workingman . . ."

—From the Joliet Herald News.

Bombardiers Face Training

Already making their marks in this war on the fighting fronts of the world are graduates of the Bombardier school at the Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Albuquerque Air Base, New Mexico. The success of any bombing mission depends upon the skill of the man at the bomb sight. If the bombardier is not able to drop his "load" on the "spot," the entire mission is a failure and men and equipment have been risked to no avail.

The love of an American boy for a gun, coupled with the high efficiency of the American bomb sight, form the reasons why Americans have become so proficient in "aiming" the most lethal of all "guns"—heavy aerial bombs.

The Army Air Forces need many more of these trained air warriors and in Albuquerque is one of several schools now turning them out, ready and equipped for duty on our far-flung fronts. But they need new recruits, new volunteers who can pass the entrance requirements and who want to do their part in dropping deadly "eggs" on the Japs and Nazis wherever they can be found.

Many of the young men, between the ages of 18 and 26, who are enlisting in the AAF as air cadets, hope that they will be lucky enough to be designated for bombardier training. Those completing the twelve weeks of intensive training, receive the coveted "Wings" of the bombardier and a second lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Forces.

After proving his skill in bombing tactics and flight procedure in the B-18 bombers used for training, the bombardier, now a full fledged second lieutenant, is ready for action and for his chance to smash the enemy.

"Listen, you lug-head—why don'tcha go to bed at night? I'll mow ya down with one of these loads that's gonna knock hell outa the Axis—I won't toot my horn!"

I have written . . . a poem!

SHORT CHANGE

Since working at EOP, I've found
That these short Changes sure roll around;
With two hours sleep to give me a lift,
I go to work on the graveyard shift.

I don't feel good, but I don't feel bad,
Considering the little sleep I've had.
I do my best to look alive
As I start my shift at 3:05.

It's 1 a. m.—seven hours to go.
To me it seems, time goes so slow.
At 2 a. m. it's quiet and creepy,
I'll tell the world I'm getting sleepy.

It's 3 a. m., a car draws near,
But no one stops to give me cheer.
I open my lunch, can't eat a bite,
So I settle down to spend the night.

It's four o'clock, t'will soon be five,
I feel more dead than I do alive.
I just called Dwyer at Post number nine,
He tells me that he's feeling fine.

It's 6 a. m., two hours to go,
How I'll make it, I don't know.
I stretch my legs, stifle a yawn,
In the East I see the first trace of dawn.

ENLISTING in the Army January 18 of this year, Cpl. Lionel Senesac, shown here, is the son of Material Checker Felix Senesac. He was formerly employed here at the Service Garage.

It's 7 a. m., it will soon be eight,
I pray the Lord, relief's not too late,
I think of home and a nice warm bed,
I'm moving around, but I know I'm dead.

I think of jobs I've had before,
Where I'd start at eight, and quit at four.
The past two years, it's plain to see,
Have surely made a wreck of me.

They say I'm too old to carry a gun,
So guess I'll stay here 'till this war is won.
For there are worse places, I will agree,
Than being a guard at EOP.

—Edward Wardell,

Q. A friend, who had been to Japan before the war, told me that four is their unlucky number, but he couldn't tell me why. Can you give me the answer?

A. In Japan the word four is the same as the word for death. The Japs will go to any extremes to avoid using it.

Buttoned up—Orders clearly understood. (Br. RAF)

Caproni—Italian plane.

Chicago piano — Multiple-barreled anti-aircraft gun, commonly used on ships.

Clara—All clear signal. (Br.)

Browned off—Tired of it all. (Br. RAF)

Twilight on the Lane

They strolled down the lane,
The sky was bright with stars,
Then as they paused—
He let down the bars,
She could not thank him,
For she knew not how,
You see, he was a farmer boy,
And she, a Jersey cow.

—Orville Rasmussen,
Group 2 Progress Clerk.

Q. Is a technical sergeant eligible to receive a monthly family allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942?

A. No. Only enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard, including any and all retired and reserve components of such services, are entitled to receive a monthly family allowance for any period during which such enlisted man is in active military service of the U. S. on or after June 1, 1942, during the existence of any war declared by Congress and the 6 months immediately following the termination of any such war. Grades above these are not covered by the act.

Q. How does the value of a soldier's initial equipment compare with a sailor's and a marine's?

A. A soldier, at his reception center, gets no less than 79 articles of clothing and equipment (from razor blades to overcoat!) At retail prices this equipment is valued at $150. A sailor's first issue totals 98 articles valued at $133.81. The initial issue of clothing to a marine costs $84.75 (56 articles) and of individual equipment, including rifle, $101.39 (18 articles), total cost $186.14. After basic training clothing and equipment is supplemented and varies according to the type of organization to which the man is assigned.

Q. Are we supposed to salute Army nurses?

A. Yes. They're entitled to the same privileges with reference to salutes as are customarily enjoyed by and prescribed for grades corresponding to their relative rank.

Army Leaders and Industrialists Praise Paper

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department store, said, "it is a most interesting edition and is being passed on to our own department having to do with getting out our wholesale house organ." "It is a high quality publication," said **Paul G. Hoffman**, president, The Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind. "In my opinion, any added expense necessary to give the publication quality is thoroughly justified. Studies indicate that from two to three times as many employees will read carefully a publication of high quality as opposed to one that is mediocre."

"This is extremely interesting and it is most helpful to compare publication notes," said **Hugh W. Hitchcock**, advertising manager, Packard Motor Car Company, Detroit. "I have found this a very interesting and newsy publication and I have passed it on to other members of the company," wrote **Ralph H. Maxson**, president, Tyson Roller Bearing Corporation, Massillon, Ohio. **Herman W. Steinkraus**, president and general manager, Bridgeport Brass Company, Bridgeport, Conn., said he found *The Bomb-Shell* "very interesting reading." A similar comment was made by **Duncan W. Fraser**, president, American Locomotive Company, New York.

"This is certainly a very fine publication and it seems to be growing with each issue," declared **W. W. Blunt**, National Distillers Products Corporation, New York. **Carl J. Schmidlapp**, vice president, The Chase National Bank, New York, commented, "I have reviewed your publication with great interest; it contains many interesting facts." "We have looked this over with much interest and I am passing it along to others on the staff of the N.A.M. who are intimately concerned with providing service and information to industrial house organs," wrote **G. G. Geddes**, director of the member contact department, National Association of Manufacturers, New York.

"I found the publication interesting, especially descriptions of the plant which you have designed, built and are operating," said **Robert S. Waters**, president, The National Radiator Company, Johnstown, Penn. "I have looked over *The Bomb-Shell* and found it very interesting," said **S. J. McGiveran**, vice-president and general sales manager, Owens-Illinois Can Company, Toledo, O. "It has been our experience that house organs of this kind tend to draw an organization together, therefore, I presume in the case of a new group of people, such as your own, this type of periodical is doubly important. Then, too, I don't feel that I have ever seen any that were better done."

"You are to be complimented on the excellence of *The Bomb-Shell*, said **Page Golsan**, vice president, Ford, Bacon & Davis, engineers, New York. "I have seen quite a number of similar papers," wrote **Robert A. Smith**, consulting engineer, Mahwah, N. J. "Comparisons are odious, so I don't want to say that you have the best one, but I do want to say that all three copies have been very well done, and the paper contains matter of such kind, and in such a form, that it will hold the interest of your employees which, after all, is the important point. I think that you, or whoever you have appointed to do the work, is to be congratulated for a very fine job."

"Nothing but the best comes out of Elwood . . . and so it goes with *The Bomb-Shell*," said **William Arnold Hanger**, New York. **John C. Ohnemus**, editor of *The Studebaker Spotlight*, said "Congratulations on your No. 1 edition . . . it has a human tone throughout." "The editors of this paper are to be congratulated on the first class journalistic job they are doing," said **Nathaniel W. Barnes**, New York. "For a publication of this kind it is exceptionally well presented . . . in fact, we got a couple of good ideas from it," wrote **W. L. Nolan**, president, McLellan Stores Company, New York. "I am turning it over to the proper people in our outfit and they will, undoubtedly, find excellent material to copy," said **E. D. Bransome**, president, Vanadium Corporation of America, New York. **James G. Blaine**, president, The Marine Midland Trust Company of New York, said, "It is a most interesting publication." "This is an excellent publication and you are to be congratulated," said **R. W. Moorehead, Jr.**, advertising manager, Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation, Louisville. "This publication certainly fits in with your ideas of producing nothing but the best," was the comment of **Harold H. Helm**, vice president, Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York.

"A casual glance discloses that *The Bomb-Shell* is unusually edited and composed and I am taking it home this evening where I can read it from cover to cover . . . allow me to extend to you my heartiest congratulations," said **C. S. Kincaid**, president, Magnet Mills, Clinton, Tenn. "They have done a splendid job with its make-up and contents and I wish to congratulate them on it," said **Earle S. Thompson**, president, American Water Works and Electric Company, New York. "The publication is attractive and interesting and should go a long way toward furthering the interest of personnel and increasing morale," said **H. J. Hartley**, president, Certain-Teed Products Corporation, Pantex Ordnance Plant, Amarillo, Tex. "The publication certainly is a very fine one," commented **L. A. Van Bomel**, president, National Dairy Products Corporation, New York.

Difficult Life Of Bombardier Due to Bombii

Little Men Not There Cause Trouble for Youthful Trainees

With Army long-range bombardment and reconnaissance planes ranging the Pacific battle areas, in the Mediterranean, North Africa, and the heart of Europe in search of the enemy, the need for trained navigators, bombardiers and gunners to back up the pilots and round out the combat crews of big warplanes has become increasingly urgent.

No matter how good the pilot is, the success of the bombing mission depends entirely on the bombardier, protected by the gunner. He is the man who operates the bombsight and can release the tremendously powerful air weapon, the bomb. He is the man who, by placing this bomb in the right place, carries the striking power to destroy battle ships, industrial and rail centers, and other military objectives. The flight is so designed that the bombardier can drop his bomb on the target. He is most important—he must be on the job—alert and ready, or all the preparation may be wasted.

Young men of the Army are taught the science of accurate and effective aerial bombing at a number of large bombardier training schools scattered throughout the country. The fledgling flyers are known as "pullets" until they drop their first bomb. In preparation for their job as aerial bombardiers, they follow perhaps the most intensive course of training existing in any of the Air Force schools today. While the course of instruction is not quite as long as that for training pilots, it is definitely more exacting in that much of the air training is conducted at night and at very high altitudes, requiring heavy flying clothes and oxygen for breathing.

To give the cadets added incentive in their training flights, a mock version of the German battleship, "Von Tirpitz," has been laid out on the dry "seas" of Midland, Texas, where the world's largest bombardier school is located. Daily these "Hell from Heaven" men, as they have been nicknamed, drop practice bomb loads on a patch of ground marked out in the proportion of the "Von Tirpitz" decks. Wooden replicas of the gun turrets are placed at the approximate stations where they would be found on the Nazi craft. This is an appreciated departure from the more conventional type of target used for bombardier training for the young man who soon will be training bombsights on the real thing.

Army Air Force cadet bombardiers reporting to another Army Air Base at San Angelo, Tex., are handed copies of a publication entitled "Cadet Bombardier," designed to orient them with activities at the base, and offering suggestions which may prove helpful to them while there.

"Cadet Bombardier" tells the incoming cadets that "qualifications for graduation during the 12th week of the bombardier course depend upon immediate application and perpetual intensiveness with which a cadet applies himself to the program."

The publication also introduces cadets to the "Society of Axis Exterminators" and the Bombii.

The Society of Axis Exterminators' membership card stipulates that the holder, "being a duly initiated member of this Brotherhood of the Bombsight, is authorized to damage, destroy, demolish and otherwise bomb the hell out of the Axis."

And the Bombii? Here's how the "Cadet Bombardier" describes this phenomenon:

"The RAF has its Gremlins which cause its fighter pilots all kinds of trouble, but when AAF bombs fail to hit the mark at this bombardier college, it is the fault of the Bombii.

"Bombii are different from Gremlins in that they are qualified bombardiers and understand the complicated mechanism of the famed secret bombsight. According to cadets at San Angelo Army Air Field, they were spawned by Satan and use bomb shackles for teething rings. Being natives of the West Texas cattle country, they can ride a falling bomb to a standstill. They can make a bomb turn handsprings, and to the despair of the bombardier, land it far from the target.

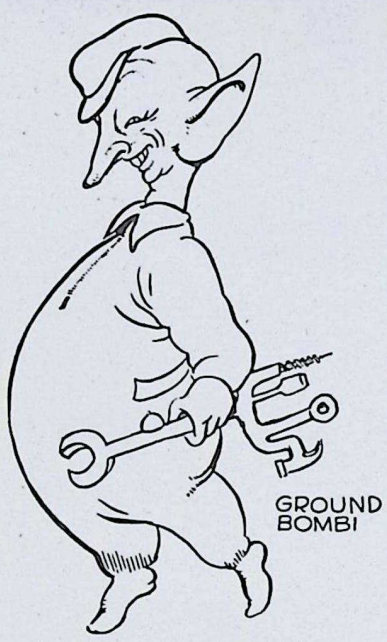
"With the accuracy of their bombing guaranteed by the bombsights, cadets maintain that the only time they miss a target is when a Bombii interferes.

"Like all aviation groups, Bombii are divided into air crews and ground crews. A prime function of the ground crew, cadets say, is to move the target as soon as the cadet bombardier has released his bombs. Groups of the little demons can push a 200 foot target as much as 50 yards in the few seconds between the time the bombs are released and the time they hit the spot where the exact center of the target was at the moment the cadet let go his bombs.

"Another function of the Bombi ground crew is to filch vital mathematical tables from the cadet bombardier's "greenhouse" before the takeoff. Many complicated mathematical formulae are required to make accurate bombing computations. These tables the cadet invariably places in his "office" or "greenhouse" for instant use at the moment of need. But 15,000 feet up, when he reaches for one of the charts, it isn't there. A Bombi has put it somewhere in the operations room where the cadet finds it when the flight is ended.

"During night bombing maneuvers the Bombi night crew dims the target lights just as the cadet tries to line them up in his bombsight.

"Hand picked members of the Bombi ground crew have a very special function. Cadets are given demerits for any lack of personal neatness. Certain Bombii are detailed to unfasten pocket buttons at the moment a cadet enters the commandant's office. Others rub polish off recently shined shoes and belt buckles. Bombii sergeants are detailed to tweak the commandant's nose and otherwise arouse his ire so that the cadet receives the maximum disciplinary punishment provided by regulations.



"In the air, Bombii who have won their wings get down to serious business. One of them carries a "widget," a tool that is a cross between a Boy Scout knife and a machine shop, and is complete down to pencil and eraser. When the cadet bombardier is intent on computing data just before releasing his bombs, this Bombi erases his figures and substitutes others. As a result the bombs land up to a half mile away from the target.

"The San Angelo cadets also describe the broncho-busting Bombii which ride the bombs earthward and make them buck and wobble so that they don't drop true. Others merely steer the bombs so that they hit a few feet to one side of the target. Another Bombi blows strong puffs through the air tube so the air speed indicator gives a false reading. Still another Bombi, named Salvo, pushes the lever releasing all the bombs just at the moment the cadet is ready to release one of them. The results, claim the cadets, are most embarrassing.

"Some Bombii waggle the wings at the moment of release; others change the altimeter reading or put a magnet on the compass and thus play hob with the computations. Another pounds the ear phones and disrupts pilot-bombardier communications. One Bombi empties the black powder out of the spotting charge of the practice bomb. He does this when the other Bombii are resting and when the cadet, therefore, is scoring a perfect hit. The hit doesn't go into the cadet's record, however, because without the powder charge, there is no puff of smoke to show where the bomb landed.

Still another Bombi rides the bombardier's shoulders and back, and as he moves about in the close quarters of the plane, pulls switches which cut off the motors, shut the bomb bay doors, release bombs, and change fuel mixture. For these shenanigans the bombardier gets blamed.

"Pilots, not being qualified bombardiers, are unable to perceive Bombii and are therefore unsympathetic to the protestations of personal innocence which characterize the cadet's explanations of why his bombs fail to hit the mark.

"Fortunately for the cadets, the rapid expansion of bombardier training facilities in the great West Texas bombing area, has caused a tremendous shortage of Bombii. There aren't enough of them to "service" all the cadets through all of their three-months' course. With the new cadet classes arriving every three weeks, the Bombi crew must give their attention where it is most needed, to the new men, with consequent neglect of senior groups whose bombing scores show immediate great improvement. Rid of their tormentors, the cadets are in the last month able to demonstrate their proficiency and qualify for combat operations.

"But, say the cadets who have survived the Bombi menace, heaven help the Army Air Forces if there are ever enough Bombii to go around. Even Superman couldn't get a bomb on the shack if a San Angelo Bombi wanted it otherwise."

THOUSANDS OF GIRLS were posed in this picture. T. M. Burns, superintendent of Fuze & Booster Area, invited his employees to be present at the Merit Award Committee announcements made public May 20.

News and Notes from EOP Safety Engineers

Clem Eiden, good natured safety engineer for the shop areas, is going bareheaded these days. It all began at a Fellowship meeting when Clem's new $6.50 bonnet disappeared and in its place was left a felt with some service in it, but not for him. It perched on his thick, shaggy locks like the cherry on a jumbo soda. So Clem went to the barber, explained the situation, and had his hair sheared down to fit the hat.

No one around the office recognized him for a few days until the story got out. Eiden didn't have much to say, usually stood at the edge of a crowd or in the corner where he was more or less unnoticed.

Several days later, Clem came in with no hat at all, looking like a member of the Harvard crew, (apologies to the H. C.). In the bottom of his streamlined special, he had found a name, **J. E. Ryan** of EOP RR.—and being an honest chap, Clem returned the hat.

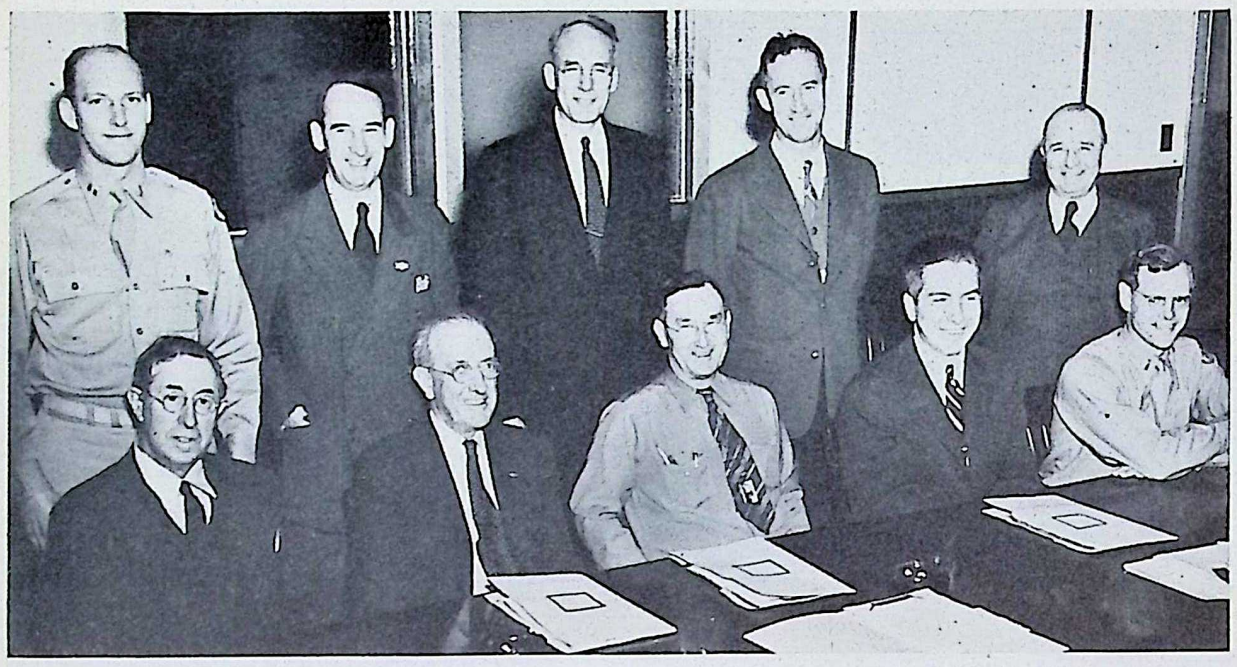
Clem is in a pickle. He can't wear his original hat (if he had it) until his hair grows out again; he has no replacement since returning it to Ryan, and the best way he can balance his books is—$6.50 hat plus a 75 cent close-fitting hair cut, which equals $7.25 loss without subtracting for lost looks and self-assurance.

"Speaking of posters," said **Karl Ulrich, assistant** safety director, "a good poster must have enough color to attract attention, enough originality to hold attention and enough depth (thought) to make an influencing impression on those to whom and for whom the poster was planned."

"But" continued Mr. Ulrich, "a good poster like a good picture deserves to be hung where the light is right. It should be so arranged as to utilize its color, originality and content to make a favorable impression. A battery display of the 'Four Freedoms' by **Norman Rockwell** in Group 3-A, exemplifies the proper use of good posters well exhibited. **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick** is proud of the arrangement of these posters in Bldgs. 3 and 10. Rumor has it that Foreman **Colby Erickson** and his men had much to do with the poster board and its arrangement. Safety Engineer **Don Crowther**, too, had a part in the planning and hanging."

According to **Emory M. Akeman**, safety engineer in Group 3-A, **Guy Gagner**, sub-foreman, finds good housekeeping easy. "Nothin' to it," said Guy. "Moppin' ain't hard work, unless you make it such—now these girls like rhythm and have got rhythm and so when it comes mopping time—five or six girls grab mops and sing as they swing."

H. J. Beringer, affable safety engineer in Group 1, is recovering from pneumonia at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet. Coincidentally, his assistant, **Loren Cain**, reports that Mrs. Cain is in the Ottawa hospital, same name, same room number as Beringer's in Joliet.



MEMBERS OF MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE are (front row) J. A. Cocker, E. J. Walsh, A. M. Lockwood, chairman; Lee R. Reynolds, secretary; Lt. C. R. Crandell; (back row) Capt. Paul D. Cooper, George F. Bent, Rollin T. Read, Paul L. Deylitz and Thomas M. Burns.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Speaking of blossoms, not only flowers dood it—**Bertha Perush** was surprised by her sister's appearance at the Hospital, displaying bright red spots on her skin. Upon examination the verdict was measles. A few days later she went home with the little flu bug and a high temperature.

Due to a cloudburst—so he says—**Tom Moore** had to make a change from his suit to blue denim overalls for the afternoon.

As the rain poured down **Mary Philbin** went into a dither about her new spectator pumps bought with her ration stamp 17. But she was thankful she could save the precious gadgets by wearing her bowling shoes home.

Vance Cook turned out to be a cabinet maker while convalescing from measles. His wife wanted a desk so he set out to make it. Working hard, he put long hours into it and was able to finish it for their anniversary.

Lucille Frances Nahas, nurse at Group 3, left EOP for the Army. She departed May 24 for Camp Grant. **Ruth Matthews** has replaced her.

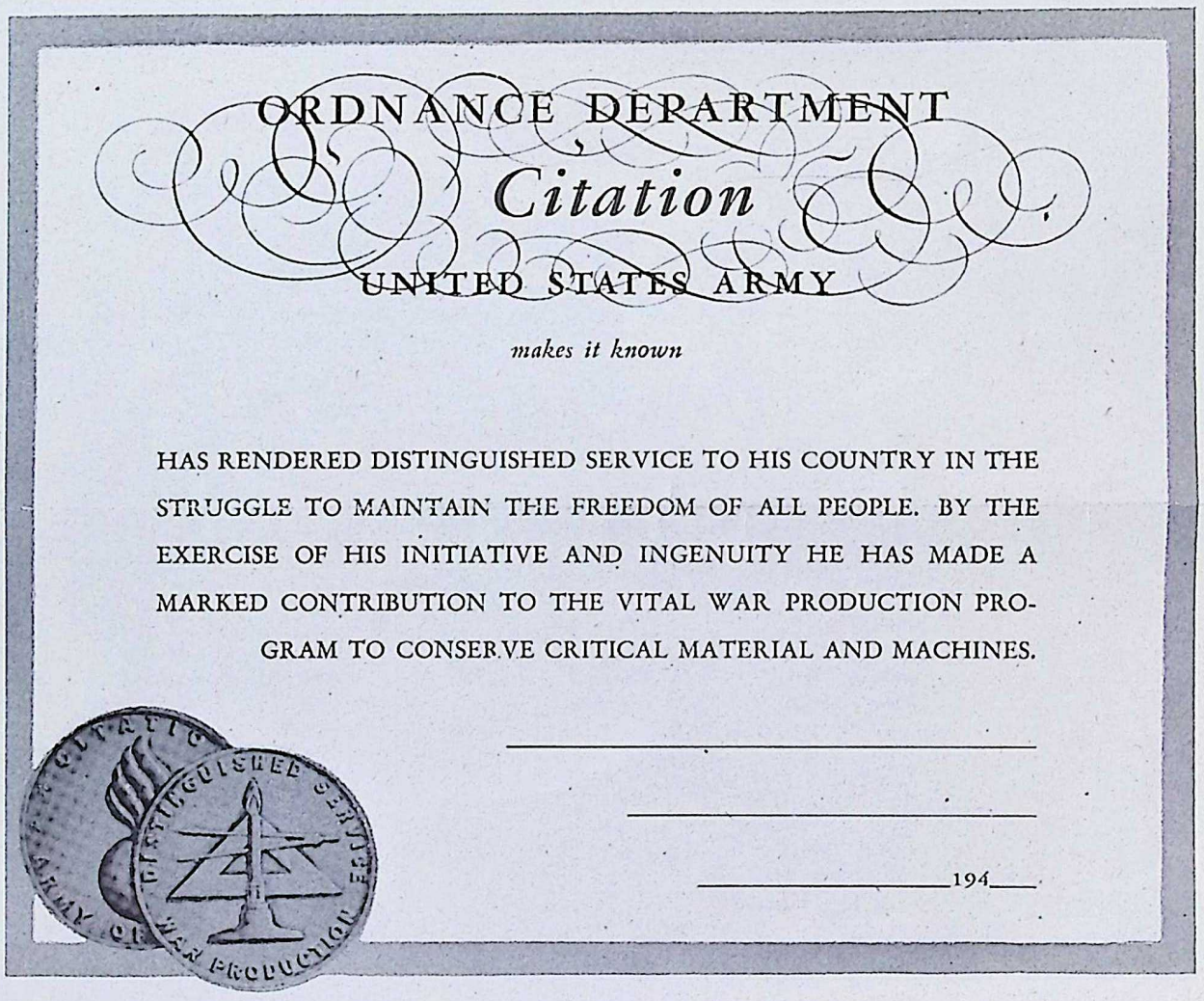
A luscious yellow - pineapple filled cake was brought by **Ann Johnson** and a raisin nut spice cake by **Marjorie Hartong** in celebration of **Elizabeth Russell's** birthday.

Capt. Resch Transferred To Oak Ordnance Plant

Capt. Alois G. Resch, Army Inspector of Ordnance at EOP was transferred to Oak Ordnance Plant, Decatur, Ill., it was announced by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer.

Captain Resch who will serve under **Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman**, present commanding officer of Oak Ordnance Plant, and former commandant here, was a member for seven years of the Illinois National Guard, saw duty in the 124th Field Artillery in Chicago, his birthplace, before enlisting in the regular army. In June 1941, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and became company commander of the 108th Ordnance Company at Camp Forrest, Tenn. He participated in the Louisiana maneuvers between August and October, 1941, as aide to **Gen. Samuel T. Lawton**, after which he was transferred to Aberdeen Proving Ground where, after two months, he came here, eventually receiving a promotion to captain and becoming Army Inspector of Ordnance.

Capt. Resch received his education at Chaminade College, graduating in 1924, and was connected with the Lincoln Motor Company in Chicago. He is 37 years old and will live in Decatur with Mrs. Resch, their two sons and one daughter.



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CITATION OF MERIT awarded to EOP employees for their suggestions for the war program. Similar certificate is available to any worker who presents an idea approved by the Army.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

The Group welcomed **Herman Beringer**, safety engineer, back last week, when he returned after his battle with pneumonia. It was quite a fight but Herm won . . . Speaking of safety engineers, **Reno Jones**, graveyard safetyman, really pulled a good one in the first aid class he has been attending at Joliet High School. The instructor asked if any of the students had ever had any previous experience in putting splints on broken bones. Reno raised his hand and said, "Why yes, I have. I threw a corn cob at a chicken once and broke its leg. I put a splint on it, and it got along just fine." Reno undoubtedly was promoted to the head of his class and will probably graduate with highest honors, since previous experience means a great deal.

Freddie Copp, oiler, announced his departure from the maintenance department last week and the machinists tried for two days before he left to get the address of his best girl, whom he is regretfully leaving behind. Freddie made a great mistake when he showed her picture to the wrench and screw-driver mob in Group 1. They agreed unanimously that she'd be very nice to come home to and tried every method—even bribery—to get her name and address from Freddie.

John Pate, component juggler, had all his upper bicuspids extracted and would appreciate any helpful suggestions on how to talk without lisping. This is the first time in John's life he ever tired of a liquid diet.

If anyone wonders what Group 1 toilers do in their spare time, just ask **Marie Zottarelli**, Bldg. 13. Marie, who plays a piano and a vibra-harp and sings, has a band of her own that gets booking enough to keep her spare time pretty well occupied.

The girls in Bay 13, Bldg. 13, really enjoy their work, 'cause **Jerry Donar** keeps the place lively. Jerry is one of those well-known "personality kids" who makes everyone forget sore muscles and tired backs toward the end of the day. A little honest-to-goodness laughter does a lot for a hard working gal and Jerry's the girl who can promote it.

Arnold Rink, machinist, has a new girl friend in Kankakee and gets so flustered when he takes her out that he goes through every stop sign in town. The machinists think it's pretty funny when a man of Rink's experience lets a woman bother him like that.

Winnie Meeker, forelady, Bldg. 10, is a grandma for the first time and is so excited she can hardly work. The baby is an eight pound 7 ounce boy named **Floyd Raymond**—after grandpa. Winnie hasn't been able to talk about anything else for a week—she can't even appreciate a good story any more.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

The happiest thing in ye old writer's life was the invitation to be the guest of **Harrison Smith** at a party commemorating the first birthday of *The Bomb-Shell*, the little fellow who started his life just a year ago . . . the first time your correspondent saw him she knew that this six pages of news was a "chip off the old block" in representing the spirit and comradeship of EOP . . . like most babies his start in life was a "howlin" success . . . he has undergone many "changes" and under the extreme care of "Doctor" **V. C. Bailey** and Godfather Smith, he has developed into a strong, well-proportioned child who has been invited into the homes of many exalted personages . . . his first tooth was cut when EOP won the Army-Navy "E" . . . he proved to be a child prodigy by winning second award in recognition of the outstanding merit of this publication in the industrial publications field by the Industrial Editor's Association of Chicago. . . . He has been "mothered" by the correspondents who have fed him news, after the "Doctor" had prescribed the proper formula which increased the little fellow's popularity around the world . . . his wellbeing during his future days depends on each and everyone . . . Let all take a part in seeing this is achieved by not rationing his food—*news*.

Leo Gaffey has been transferred from the Purchasing Department to the office of **R. T. Bassett**, assistant comptroller.

Barbara Melin, secretary to **G. B. Pumphrey**, left May 22. Her husband was transferred to Batavia.

An old timer is back at the Administration Building—the popular guard, **Harry Larson.**

Word has been received that **Ray Marquardt** is located at Camp Grant at Rockford.

Hester Bishop left the Auditing Department May 22.

It was the damp weather that made **Frances Page's** hair so curly—she got a new permanent and it is very becoming.

C. J. Coburn and **Frank Smith** compromised and exchanged offices. The arrangement is better for all concerned.

When **Lola Early** of **E. O. Huey's** office was asked if she had any news, she laughed and said, the best news she had was the fact that she is leaving next week on her vacation. She is going bye-bye to Washington, D. C., to see her brother.

Virginia Cashen says she is getting up-to-date on her work. She took time off to be with **Ray Shepley**, former timekeeper in the Administration Building, when he was home on furlough.

Mary Gliha, timekeeper, has been transferred to Richards' Farm.

R. L. Voss set up housekeeping in the stock room along with the Timekeeping Department. No one can say that **Earl Moline, Russell Voss, Ann Baird, Margaret Fitzhugh** and **Edith Lewis** don't get along fine—just one happy family.

It is a thrill to listen to a news commentator and hear a familiar name. Such was the case May 19 over WBBM at 10:30 p. m. when **Eugene Read**, commentator, quoted **Col. T. C. Gerber.**

Dean Robinson, of the Purchasing Department, left May 29.

W. G. Lanterman is still burning because Scorchy mentioned his driving—he maintains he always did drive 35 miles an hour.

C. Harold Taylor, former executive secretary, was a business visitor at the plant.

Eugene "Red" Bennington is located at Atlantic City, N. J., as a military clerk. He is going to Specialist School.

Jackie Dailey is entertaining her boy friend, **Sgt. John Hastert** of Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He is home on a furlough.

ARMY AWARDS are presented to EOP employees by Lt. Col. Byron Rife, commanding officer at EOP and KNK.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

An office chair that squeaked started all the excitement, but before it ended both **Robert Withey** and **Hugo Brauer** were down on the floor on their hands and knees. With the chair upside down before them they started the application of science (which looked like oil to everyone else). Attention was diverted and what feats of magic they performed no one witnessed, but in less than two minutes the chair was upright and it didn't make a single grating noise.

Selma Brown claims the prize each year for being the first one to come to work in sparkling summer clothes. On the first warm sunny day, which no one had forseen, Selma, the clairvoyant, looked like a breath of spring and made every other girl in the department feel like a little gray field mouse.

If you have missed one of the "Mr. Anthony" programs, don't fret for **Betty Diehl** can start at the beginning of any episode and tell you almost every word verbatim.

It's been a long siege of illness for both **Jean Chase** and **Cora Adelman.** Jean has been back for a few days but is now forced to stay at home for a short while with an ear infection while Cora has been lying in bed for three weeks.

Every morning when **Colletta Wright** walks in the door wearing something different, someone pops the question, "Did you make that?" She sews so expertly that no one is quite sure and so the stock question follows. Of course, it used to be that anyone could say to **Audrey Deiss**, "Deissie, your blouse is out," but she's fooled them. She purchased three blouses that have extra long "tails" and now she's not troubled.

Vivian Jones is so even tempered that someone is always teasing her just to test how long she can manage to stay sweet. Quite often she used a rubber filing finger, and the other day when she picked it up and put it on, it was filled with ink. That wasn't quite as bad as the day it "accidentally" fell out of the window.

No one has a grudge against **Margaret "Peg" Collins**, but they did have to laugh when she answered, "Oh, I knew something last week," in answer to a query.

Stephen McGann was demonstrating the Minnesota University prize cheer in the approved style recently and finished the conversation by saying he was going to wear shorts and a pith helmet during the hot weather.

Oliver Pearce's little boy, **"Donnie,"** came wandering into the building one noon hour and made such a sensation that he was almost frightened. Donnie, who is almost 5 years old, had driven out with his mother to help in the Victory garden and had stopped to see his father. Not to be outdone, the next day **Al Dearth** walked down the hall early in the afternoon with the sweetest little boy about 2½ years old. He attempted to claim him as his own son, but everyone knew that he didn't have any children. By buying him a chocolate bar, Al had induced **Jimmy** to come visiting with him while his mother was being interviewed.

While the friendly rivalry was progressing, **Clinton Matteson** just sat back and smiled from the height of his approved certificate for a new car.

It was just the end of the conversation that was overheard between **Florence Dunterman** and **David Graves**, but he was repeating, "I've seen it; I remember it. She must have had it or I wouldn't have done it, but why I didn't record it I don't know." While snooping on conversations, don't forget **Dolores Courtney** surprising everyone by divulging that they have had several snow storms in Ireland recently. No one paid much attention until they remembered that her soldier husband is over there. He tells of shepherds lifting lambs out of drifts with their staffs.

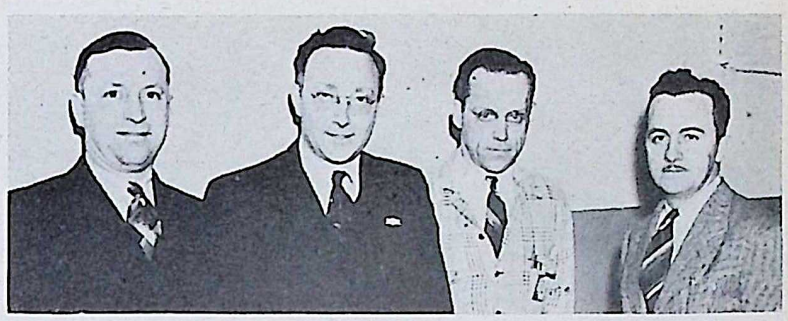
The Army life expert from Personnel, **Ferris Ashamy**, has been transferred to another department. The girls will have to find someone else to consult concerning life in the camps and what really happens behind the scenes.

If you'd been in the building when **Marion Griffey** arrived May 22, you couldn't have missed her grieved expression. She had waited for a nice day to make a trip into Chicago and then when she did come all dressed up and with plans complete, it began to rain. She was very philosophical about it after her first disappointment with the remarks that she could hardly have chosen anything but a rainy Saturday for her shopping trip with weather upset as it was.

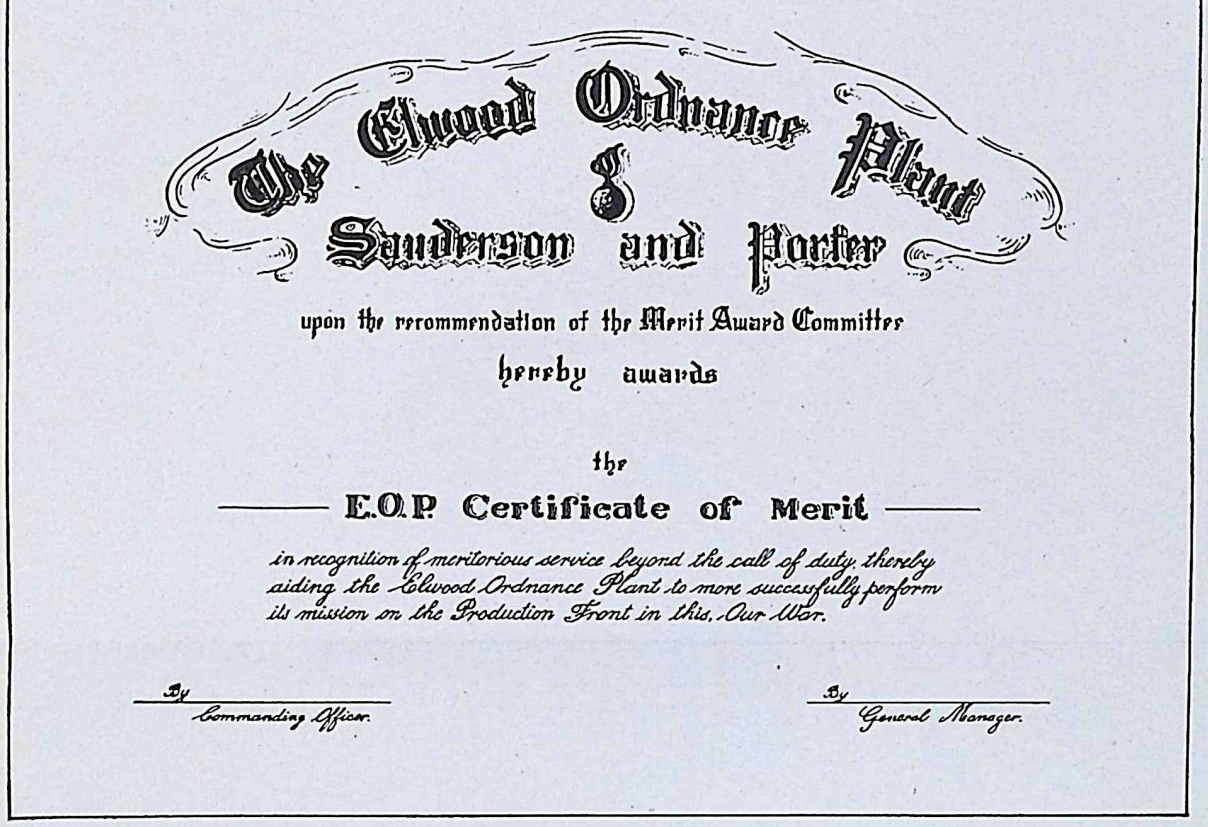
In demonstrating her point, **Georgiana Flavin** described something with her hand and scratched **Gilbert Anderson** who was riding beside her in the car. Just as calmly as she had performed the act, he reached over and bit off her finger nail which had been the instrument of torture. All is forgiven!

June Morgan is learning to salute. Of course, it's a difficult job for **Marge Bittles** to refrain from laughing but June is determined to master the WAAC salute and is making progress. Just ask her for a demonstration and then watch her feet.

Poor **Fred Cadwallader** was really working under duress. He had written a prompt reply to the post card from **William Pohlman**, former interviewer, now stationed at Camp Lee, Va., but the postmaster had conspired against him and placed the cancellation stamp directly over the return address. He had everyone in the building trying to decipher the complicated address. Finally someone pulled out his card and they obtained the correct address in that manner. "Bill" has been busy recently sending cards to his many friends in the building. After a short basic training course, he will take a specialized course to "learn to handle personnel work the army way."



EMPLOYEES HONORED with U. S. Army certificates of merit for their suggestions for the war program are James C. Gordon, Edward H. Bick, George W. Bigelow and Nicholas E. Whitney.



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EOP CERTIFICATE OF MERIT is reproduced here. It is offered to any worker who makes a suggestion for speeding up the war effort, either through the saving of time or money.

WORKERS WERE REWARDED with EOP certificates of merit, presented to four representative men by Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Not many here have had an opportunity to see the EOP baseball team play any games so far this year, but the few who have attended the games in Joliet agree that the team does honor to EOP with such stand-bys as **Bob Plese, Bob Enger, Edward Spezio, Eddie Murphy** and many others.

Lew Hoffman and **Pete Wagner**, both of the Paint Shop, have been doing some nice hurling for the boys, although they've had little opportunity to get their arms in shape. Watch them in mid-season. When the team takes the field, they sure look as if they were all fresh from the cleaners—**Jim "Deacon" Grady** certainly is taking care of his part.

The softball teams are pulling for some playing weather. They have three weeks of postponements to make up. It's going to be anybody's trophy in the men's league. All teams seem strong.

The timekeepers at Richards' Farm are horseshoe conscious and with their own courts, they hope to develop players strong enough to trim the firemen.

As soon as the sun poked his nose over the hills and fields, the Victory gardners started in planting, replanting and cultivating. Many of the expensive seed potatoes were lost in the floods. Do you remember when the grocer used to plug an oil can with a potatoe?

Table tennis players are requested to look over the tournament schedule and play their next game. Call at the office if you don't know against whom you play next.

The next dance, June 12, under the auspices of Group 3-A, promises to be even more elaborate than the other swell dance sponsored by this group last winter. Waltzers can look forward to several of their favorite numbers during the evening. Yep—a regular old fashioned prize waltz should be popular.

Myrna Faris says . . .

Villa Eggleston, woman guard, is replacing **Lucia Jane Pearson** as representative of that group on the Employees' Activities Committee . . . Another new member on the committee is **Sarah Gervocase** of Group 9 . . . A group of recreation enthusiasts includes **Ruby Armbrush, Dorothy Willamson, Eleanor Ceronciak** and **Mary Jane Fulton** from Groups 4 and 9 . . . **Bernadine Hughes**, avid bowler of Group 3-A, was in the Recreation Hall the other day proudly displaying a WAAC recruit badge She leaves soon and all will miss her clever antics . . . Word from **Clara Louise** and **Clarice Cecilia Lieb**, twin sisters formerly employed here, reveals they are now in Naval Training School, New York.

The Girls' Softball League is all set to go. Six teams are playing and each one is anxious to get started. Games will be played on Monday and Thursday of one week and Thursday of the alternate week.

Don't forget the Group 3-A dance. Big doin's!

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK
Correspondent

Charles Herbig and his able assistants were honored and pleased May 24 by the presence of former Material Checker **Joseph R. Ferguson**, who paid a visit to the plant while on furlough from the armed forces. Joe is now a line sergeant in the Anti-Aircraft Division of the Coast Artillery, stationed at Los Angeles, Calif. Joe is a picture of health in uniform and said that Uncle Sam really takes care of his nephews when it comes to food and exercise.

Matthew Reay, material checker, formerly stationed in the South Inert group, was called to the service and left May 29 for Camp Custer, Michigan, where he went into training to assume his new duties. If Matthew puts forth the same effort there that he did here it won't be long till this war is over. His many friends and fellow workers wish him the best of luck and hope to hear from him often.

Last payday, **Perry Bruno** got the bright idea that he could beat his old pal, **"Pops" Chester Melville**, out of 25 cents, so after consulting his best friend and legal advisor, **Johnnie Baldon**, about the best way to do it, he bet "Pops" a quarter that he had more money on his pay check with a one dollar bill pasted on it and Bruno showed a check with a lonesome quarter attached thereto, Bruno will never consult Johnnie again about money making schemes.

It seems as though Material Checker **Devereaux Y. English** has had more experience than any other warehouse employee. He told the boys one day that he was a swing engineer on a job building a large cotton gin at Columbus, Ga. He also drew the plans and supervised the building of the Navy pier at Brest, France, in the first World War. He was called to Washington not so long ago to help straighten out some affairs there at a dollar a year but declined the offer. He claims he is working here to help retain his health.

Q. When was the khaki uniform first worn by the U. S. Army?

A. It was first worn in 1898 by the volunteer troops in the Spanish-American War. It was found that the heavy woolen, dark blue uniform was too hot for the tropics. The khaki was found so serviceable, that the whole dress Regulation for the Army was changed to khaki.

Where did the "grenade" get its name?

A. We've heard that grenades were named after the pomegranate because this fruit made a rattling noise when shaken. Your guess is as good as ours as to how much truth there is to it.

Q. What happens to a soldier's family allowance if he deserts the Army?

A. Payment of monthly allowance will terminate at the end of the month in which notice is received of the soldier's conviction of desertion or after he has been absent in desertion for three months, whichever occurs first. If he is later restored to duty such allowance may be reinstated as of the first of the month next succeeding that in which such restoration occurs.

SCANNING DAY'S MAIL is one of the jobs of Billie Valentine, a member of the staff of The Bomb-Shell. Hundreds of letters from former employees of EOP now in the armed forces are received each week.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

By Marcella Hebert

Group 4 welcomes its new superintendent, **W. D. Whaley, Jr.**, **Ass't Sup't. John Neeley**, Foremen **Al Chidsey** and **Del Millikin** and Foreladies **Aleatha Cleary** and **Luella Williams.**

Peppy Tomac is known as "Ragtime Cowboy Joe."

Peggy Phillips is quite a contortionist—she's convinced though, that the floor isn't a safe place on which to land.

All are wondering if **Dorothy Guarneri** will come back from Kansas City with a diamond on her finger.

If you ever have a flat tire on your way from work, just notify **Myrtle Fordyce** and **Alice Nehl.** They sure do good repair work.

Marge Jenco seems to have lots of strength. Could be onions!

For information on why they call **Mary Foster**, "Lovey Dovey," go to Bernard "Mac" McNamara.

Bing "Lana" Enger keeps in shape by drinking at least a quart of milk every day.

Dorothy Berta week-ended at Normal, Ill., and there met a Norwegian flyer.

Bob Welch is being transferred to Group 1.

Ozzie Machak is kept busy at the local Coast Guard Recreational Center.

Betty Johnson's and **Rita Rossetto's** favorite song is "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." Navy priorities, perhaps—!

Denny "Cute As A Button" Elliott is now taking in rumors.

John Chaldek never won a bet in his life.

Lois Schultz keeps singing "I'm Saving Myself for Bill."

No one blushes any prettier than Inspector **Virginia Andreason.**

If **Mary Bick** doesn't get her tires soon, it looks as though she might be wending her way to EOP via shanks' ponies.

Rose Macuk is known as the professional can opener.

Group 4 cafeteria service opened May 25. The girls are very much pleased with the idea.

Birdella Brackney's son was recently inducted into the Army.

Gertrude Wilhelmi—the blushing beauty, is quite tall and handsome.

You don't find two nicer girls than **Myrtle Troutman** and **Mickey Synorki**, but, girls, watch out for those tempers.

Pauline "Corky" Perush's familiar face has been missed since she's been home with the measles.

Kay Kessler of the shipping room has been wearing a very broad smile lately.

The shipping room, 4-14, welcomes **Walter O'Hearn.**

Dorothy Lamber, inspector of the shipping room, said she will soon be ready to join the Carpenters' Union.

Group 6

Congratulations are sent to **Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Widlowski**, who are the proud parents of an eight pound, 6 ounce son, born May 17. He has been named **John Andrew.** "Nick," who has been proudly passing out the cigars, is a machinist in 6-6.

Helen Karl and **Marge Zugel**, 6-4, were the center of attraction at Group 6 with their original WOW skirts. The girls designed these skirts out of bandanas with the "Flaming Bomb" insignia. The girls deserve congratulations for their cleverness and originality.

PFC Louis Peters, a former employee of Group 1, who is stationed at Camp Young, Indio, Calif., with the Engineers Division, wrote his sister, Miss Karl, that he enjoys reading *The Bomb-Shell.* After he reads it, he passes it on to the other soldiers who also enjoy it.

All wish little **Mary Vint** the best of luck in her marriage to **Corp. Eddie Majcina.** Mary and Eddie were married April 27.

Rita Dupuis and **Angela Turk** will be the next girls to take the final step. They each have those diamond engagement rings which mean so much.

Edith Cuno, timekeeper, resigned to marry that soldier who has been away for such a long time. The big day was May 29.

Group 3

It seems **Anthony "Frenchie" Pacquet** of Bldg. 16 is somewhat downhearted these days. He lost his billfold three different times last week and each time it was returned he had to part with a huge reward. Giving the reward didn't bother him nearly as much as the realization that he has spent over a year at Group 3 and no one showed any signs of knowing Anthony Pacquet. Of course everyone knew him as "Frenchie," and had never inquired about his full name.

Ed Doyle is away ahead of the times right now. Not much is known about the gag, but, he has already presented **Everett Denoyer** with his next year's Valentine.

News has just been received that **Joe Garavalis**, formerly a member of Group 3, now a member of the Marine Corps, was promoted to corporal. Good luck is extended to him by all of his friends back here at home.

Things that can't happen here . . . **E. "Dutch" Ahrens** working on the day that he is not supposed to be off.

Bob Hankes was seen taking Vitamin pills. Some one said he probably was taking Vitamin C.

All that is needed now is a Government ok on the new type amphibian jeep owned by one of the fire guards.

Wayne Munyon has been the object of quite a bit of well-meant kidding in the last 12 months, but all kidding aside, the gang really extends good wishes to him in his new connection with Uncle Sam.

By the time this reaches the press **John "Mac" McCarthy** will have left the confines of EOP. "Mac" has proved very efficient and, also very friendly in all his dealings through the superintendent's office.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Points, rationing, femmes . . . finally got **Dan Considine** down . . . believe it or not . . . yep . . . he was seen wearing woman's shoes the other day . . . from all reports he looked pretty snappy, too . . . It's hard to believe that things have come to that . . . but in this day and age who knows??

GIFT from Karl Ulrich, assistant safety director, to Asst. Supt. John Johnson of Group 2, is the cocker spaniel held here by Mary Jane Sohan, daughter of Foreman Robert Sohan of Group 2.

Someone was asking why **William Van Houten** always has a "harem" around him in the Mess Hall???? . . . Answer . . . simple: . . . "Colonel" Van Houten can put out that charmin' chatter and has a swell sense of humor . . . which in this day and age is a wonder . . .

Speaking of the Gage Lab . . . **Warren Weithofer** stopped in to say goodbye the other day . . . he is going home to Wisconsin . . 'Spect that a certain gal in the Inspection office by the name of **Catherine "Tommy" Tomlianovich** will miss that gage technician . . . No?

Pretty **Marge Kangley** of Personnel took off for Florida to see her soldier brother, **Norm Long** . . . You all remember Norm, he was in Auditing.

Saw in the local gazette where **Jerome Kren** . . . who used to be a big help to **Jo Kush** in Mail and Records is rapidly becoming a thespian . . . He has a leading role in a high school play . . . Don't say EOP graduates don't make good?? . . . His co-worker at one time . . . **Ray Marquardt** left for the armed forces . . . Ray also worked in Mail and Records before he transferred to the Stock Room . . . Now there will be another "Mail user upper" . . . **Clare Shol** will be spending all her spare pennies on postage . . .

John Welch has the snappiest voice . . . always quick and to the point . . . plus that he has a hearty laugh and sparkling eyes . . . to add up a thumb nail biography . . . a swell guy.

Many wonder what happened to **Carl Anker.** He joined the Army and so far not a peep out of him? . . . Sure miss his decorative ability around here. There was one guy who knew color schemes and what to do with them . . . **Dick Nemanich** sure looked dignified coming out of the conference room the other day . . . but that's Dick . . . when there is business at hand Dick takes care of it . . .

Ann Kulpa has a secret that she thinks no one knows about, but someone does.

Josephine Vilt is back to work after a session with the measles.

Ask **Mavis Emerson** about the moron who is dead now??? . . . a gooney bird told someone that she had the best answer . . . could be!

Suppose **J. Thomas Haigh** is now traveling in the higher realms of star dust . . . He got hitched May 24 and will bring his pretty bride—**Lois Healy Haigh** to Kankakee for all the guys and gals to see . . .

Hazel Kossak, former adjutant office employee, was back to see the folksies the other day . . . she was sure tan . . . and looked like a million . . . says hubby, **Art**, is fine and enjoying the Army life . . . Brought greeting from him to his former collegues . . .

It is now *Capt.* **R. E. Pinnick** . . . Gosh . . . that is good news . . . he passed out the big fat cigars, too . . . **Jim G. George** had a heck of a time convincing himself that it wasn't too much for him . . . the cigar!

By the way . . . candy was being passed around the public relations office. Yep . . . **Capt. Paul D. Cooper** and the Mrs. have a new daughter . . . she'll be a big "help" to **Priscilla**, the captain's other daughter.

Many wonder why **Kay Rosenbaum** was all dressed up the other Saturday . . . sorta looked like she was Chicago bound . . . Could be?? . . . The gals were saying that **Betty Kovach's** uniformed boy friend is tall and blonde . . . **Bea Berge**, personnel chief, has a keen picture of her "baby" brother in Uncle Sam's Army . . . **Anne Kakara** of Mail and Records is sporting a new permanent . . . **Mary Lou Schwarts** of that office is now settled in the adjutant's office and a nice addition, too . . . she's sweet and polite and courteous . . . which is just what the office calls for . . . Her husband, **Bill**, is stationed in California and Mary Lou is looking forward to a vacation so she can buzz down there and see him . . . This column has again made the grade . . . someone complained about their name being used in it . . . isn't that wonderful . . . it just goes to show that it is being read . . . which is a shot in the arm to any writer . . . no matter how corny?

Group 8

Edward Bernstein, foreman, who recently was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Reserve, left for active duty June 1. All wish him the very best of luck in his new undertaking. A group of friends and fellow employees gathered May 24 for a surprise farewell party for him. Everyone enjoyed a chicken dinner, and seemed to have a good time.

Group 8 is proud of its machinist foreman, **James C. Gordon**, who was given the Merit Award citation for three mechanical devices, which have created an improvement in production, and a saving in manpower and labor costs.

Frank Zupancic, timekeeper, has been transferred to Group 5, and **Art Couch** is taking his place. The new black powder foreman, here is **Harry Chatterton.**

Bill Birtwistle just can't forget that bicycle trip he wants to take this Summer. Bill wants to go bicycling through the Rockies.

Mrs. Scotty Irving seems to have made quite a farmer of Scotty.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Harlan A. Kadow says he likes to walk the mile to Route 66 and not just to show off his two-tone jacket.

Ralph Hoehn and **Roy Barth**, two former smoke eaters from the Burning Pit are recovering rapidly from the effects of the fresh air here.

Roy Heddin was forgiven for getting mired in the yard, but when he gets stuck on the scale that's asking for too much.

Joe "Popcorn King" Green has lost all hope for his sub-marine potatoes.

The debris is being removed from **Scott Soper's** Burning Pit and, as a result, some persons were under the impression they were hunting for that celebrated cinder, Scorchy.

Last week **Frank Lebo** and **Cax Eads**, the twins, had a busy evening in South Wilmington according to rumor.

Art Voss denied he ever was a clock watcher. He claims to be a whistle listener.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Group 3-A will sponsor another party and dance at the Recreation Building, Saturday evening, June 12. A contest with a cash prize was held among the employees to find a name suitable for the big event. After the judges, **Supt J. J. Fitzpatrick**, **Flossie Marshall**, **Margi Morris** and **Jack Carroll**, carefully sorted approximately 500 entries, —"Waltzing to Victory with Block Busters' Festival," submitted by **Mary Vranesic**, Bldg. 12, was chosen.

Committee have been appointed to take care of several details such, as tickets, refreshments transportation, decorations and booths.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that several high class novelty acts will be *featured for entertainment.* Plans to make this party the best ever are now in full swing. The EOP Orchestra has been dated up from 9 until 2, giving plenty of time for workers on the third shift to get in on the fun.

Juliette Noel has received notice from the War Department that her son, **Donald**, a sailor, was killed in action somewhere in the Pacific.

Forelady **Della Norman** attended her daughter's graduation exercises at Mahomet, Illinois.

Viola Triebe and **Dana Ivec**, matrons in the girls' Change House, were presented with gifts on their birthdays, both of which were observed last week.

Stewart Law was about to give a news item to the inquiring reporter when he remembered that, in his own words, "Last time I put something in about somebody, the guy was mad at me for six months."

That cleverly executed bit of carving in the shape of a man's shoe, which graces Mr. Fitzpatrick's desk, as a paper weight, is a product of the knife of Joe Alamo.

SON of John Woodard, Electric Shop foreman, is Pfc. John Woodard, Jr., who is now overseas. He was an EOP employee before joining the armed forces.

Col. Gerber Tells of Shell Loading

25th Anniversary of Procurement Division Recalled by Speaker

At a luncheon in Chicago on May 19, attended by members of the Inland Daily Press Association, Col. T. C. Gerber stated:

"It is always a pleasure for me to meet with representatives of newspapers. Today's meeting brings back many pleasant and, to me, constructive press contacts I have had in the last three years, at four different ammunition plants in this area and, on my present assignment as field director of Ammunition Plants with headquarters in St. Louis. It is also a pleasure to see among your association some of my friends who have helped me and offered me all possible assistance on public relations problems.

The Ordnance Department, headed by **Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr.**, who is known to many of you personally, has the job of designing, manufacturing, supplying, and maintaining practically all of the fighting equipment and ammunition used by our army.

The views which I may express here today are my personal ones and do not necessarily reflect the views of the War Department.

During my talk today, when I refer to ammuntion, I shall mean all of the items of the Ordnance Department containing explosives and the raw materials therefor, but I do not refer to our Ordnance small arms ammunition which is the ammunition fired by weapons having a bore diameter one-half inch or less.

Most all of these ordnance items are purchased through Ordnance Procurement Districts but the procurement of smokeless powder, explosives, and other raw materials is done largely through Government-owned privately-operated facilities. Yesterday, May 18, was the 25th birthday of the Ordnance Procurement District system. For generations the Ordnance Department has been furthering a closer relationship between Industry and Ordnance. The Ordnance Districts have accelerated this collaboration in the twenty-five years of their existence. The Ordnance Department is proud to be a part of the Industry-Ordnance team which has made the Ordnance program so highly successful during this war. These Ordnance Procurement Districts, of which there are thirteen, cover the United States and have boundaries which include the various industrial areas of the country. We are today assembled in the heart of the *Chicago* Ordnance District.

Industrial establishments, through contact with these Ordnance Districts, were able to select items of war time usage, which they could produce, and have been able to convert their plants from the manufacture of *peace-time* items to the manufacture of war needs. This has lead to retooling and has accomplished diversity on the part of manufacturers which will, no doubt, permit all of them to operate in a wider field during peace time. A great deal of this retooling has been in the direction of greater utilization of general purpose machinery which, of course, adds more flexibility to any shop.

Many of you come from areas near the great river valleys. These valleys contain many young industrial enterprises, and can be likened now to New England in the early days of the Republic. Here, in this great area, Industry has developed ingenious and talented artisans of the same type that were responsible for industrial leadership in this country a century ago. This area is also within the limits of territory we may consider strategically safe from enemy attack. Within the boundaries of all of the states representated here are located plants manufacturing something in our ammunition program, either metal parts, raw materials, or explosives. They also contain the huge Government-owned privately-operated facilities.

Yes, even in Canada, our good neighbors there are in business with us, through exchange of ideas and talents, and in the exchange of materials under Lend-Lease arrangements. The roll call of the states which you represent, and the ammunition items they produce, would read as follows, and yet cover but a fraction of the many products connected with ammunition produced therein:

Colorado—Artillery Projectiles; Kansas — Small Arms Ammunition, 20mm Ammunition, Ammonia and Loading Plant Products; Illinois—Shell, Explosives, Loading Plant Products. In fact practically all items; Missouri—Parachute flares, bombs, ammonia, and Explosives; Nebraska—Nose Fuzes and Loading Plant Products; South Dakota — Adapter Boosters, and Machine Tools; Iowa —Artillery Projectiles and Products of Small Arms Ammunition Plants and Loading Plants; North Dakota — Boosters and Machine Tools; Indiana—Smokeless Powder and Loading Plant Products; Minnesota—Small Arms Ammunition and Smokeless Powder; Wisconsin—Bombs, Explosives, and Smokeless Powder.

The Government-owned privately-operated Ordnance facilities, to which I have referred, are *unique* when viewed from the standpoint of cooperation between Government and Industry. Since this country did not possess a munitions industry, and since public funds were not available to the Ordnance Department to build these facilities in time of peace, it was necessary for us, in those times, to have our plans in shape so when the clouds of war did gather and funds became available to us, we could convert these plans into actualities. In nearly every war, one of the most important factors to the Generals, planning their campaigns, has been the amount of ammunition available. In fact, in World War I, a great many battles were started, simply because the side starting the push, had accumulated enough ammunition to begin the action. Such being the case, it is difficult to imagine having too *much* ammunition, or having "too-much too-soon."

These Government-owned Contractor-operated facilities have been successfully and efficiently operated, and I can assure you that because of their *ability to produce*, our troops will not be short of ammunition.

To give you an idea of the size of this new ammunition industry, the buildings, and equipment alone have cost in the neighborhood of two billion two hundred million dollars, and the *operating* cost is estimated at one billion seven hundred million annually. We feel that this enormous industry, which has no peace time counter-part, is typical of the miracles that American Industry can perform. It also indicates the adaptability of the American workmen. There are about a quarter of a million persons who have been trained in jobs which have no peace time similarity. Of course these figures do not include the metal-working plants, of private industry, of which there are thousands, and which vary in size from one and two-man shops up to large plants employing thousands of persons.

These new Government-owned ammunition facilities manufacture propellant powders, such as smokeless powder for all the various weapons; they manufacture the various types of explosives for shell fillers, bomb fillers, depth-charge fillers, etc. They also produce some of the important raw materials for these explosives, to augment the supply of raw materials available from peace-time sources. In addition to these explosives - and - raw - materials - producing-plants, which are essentially chemical plants, we have a great number of assembly plants, which we refer to as loading plants, and which the Canadians refer to as filling plants. Here the various explosives and metal parts are gathered together from all parts of the nation, and are made into items of ammunition, finished-up ready for delivery to troops.

Examples of some of this ammunition are the popular 1000-lb. bomb, which had such a vital part in the destruction of an entire Jap convoy, and the 4000-lb. bombs which are blasting Europe day and night.

These Government-owned contractor-operated ammunition facilities are supervised, from the Government administrative standpoint, by our Ordnance Department Ammunition Sub-Office in St. Louis. St. Louis was chosen because of its location with respect to the geographical distribution of these plants. This transfer from Washington to St. Louis was directed in 1942 by Gen. Campbell in accordance with his decentralization policy.

In order to conserve manpower, the managements have continuously worked toward the greater utilization of women. I have in mind one particular bomb-loading line that, at the beginning of the war, was manned by 100 per cent men, that is now operated by approximately 90 per cent women. Some of the women in every bomb-loading-plant are gold star mothers and you can rest assured that both quantity and quality of product are being obtained.

As the majority of our plants are located in the area covered by the circulation of your papers, I am sure that *many* of you are familiar with one or more of our plants. We want you to become familiar with *more* of them. We want our American public to know that these plants are giving a good account of themselves.

At the same time, the public should know that war is, by its very nature, a changing and ruthless state, because, in war, a man and his nation are fighting for existence.

We, as well as our enemies, are engaged in the design of munitions, in a constant effort to put into the hands of our troops, ammunition of the greatest destructive quality.

When our armies in the field tell Ordnance to deliver a different kind of a tank, a different bomb, a different gun, or a different projectile, we as servants of the fighting men, immediately translate their wishes into action. So, when contracts are terminated, or schedules are revised upward or downward, or items changed, and dislocation of employment results, it is but a reflection of the changing demands brought about by changing needs on our far-flung battle fronts. The American public can understand these things if the facts are presented to them.

A free press is the best medium of informing the people of those facts which affect them locally and nationally.

So we want you to become better acquainted with our problems and, through our plant officials, want to make available to you such information as you know has reader interest.

As to the bombs, themselves, each of these bombs is equipped with two fuzes, a tail fuze and a nose fuze, to insure proper action, when contacting the target. Each fuze contains approximately fifty parts. Each bomb contains from four to six different explosives, with each explosive having its own technical job to do in the train of operations that occur in that infinitesimal period between contact and explosion.

In terms of war bonds, every time a 4000-lb. block buster is dropped a thousand dollar *war bond* is needed to finance it. Every time a 500-lb. bomb is dropped, $150 in War Bonds is needed to finance it.

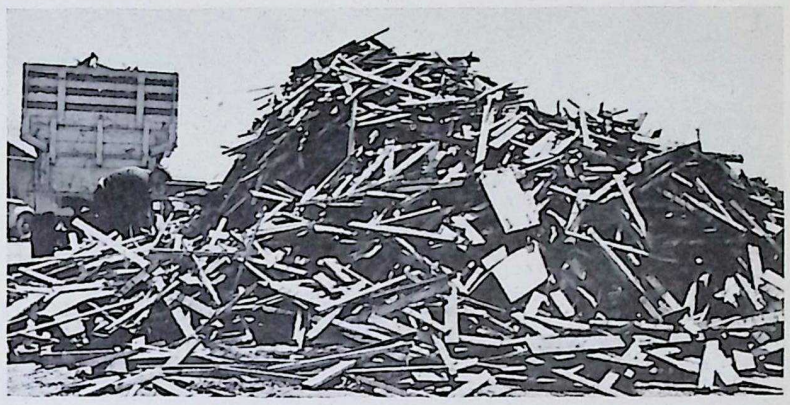
Displayed before you is an empty 500-lb. bomb, courtesy of Elwood Ordnance Plant, equipped with empty fuzes. A part not visible from the outside is a stem-like part called a booster. The booster contains a charge of explosive that is more sensitive and has a higher rate of detonation than the filler. The filler is generally TNT. The booster gives the detonation a good and more certain start. Our reports from the fighting fronts are to the effect that our bombardiers and observers have *never* seen a *failure* in any of our bombs.

The nose fuze, depending upon the type used, has from 10 to 50 parts and three different kinds of explosives. If the nose-fuze should fail, the tail fuze would detonate the bomb. The probability of *both* failing, is very remote. The arming wire prevents the fuzes from functioning until the wire is removed. It is removed by keeping the wire in the ship when the bomb leaves. If it is necessary to unload the bomb in friendly territory, the arming wire is left with the bomb, so that it will not detonate when it reaches the ground.

Naturally we need safeguards in *making* these items, in *transporting* them, and in *handling* them in their journeys from loading plants to troops, hence the care taken to select the series of parts and explosives that will do *all* of these things, and *still* produce the most destruction at the proper time. Imagine firing a watch down through the bore of a gun, have the firing start the watch ticking, and have the watch with an alarm-clock-arrangement start the explosion of the shell. Yet that is *exactly* what we do in anti-aircraft projectiles, with split-second timing.

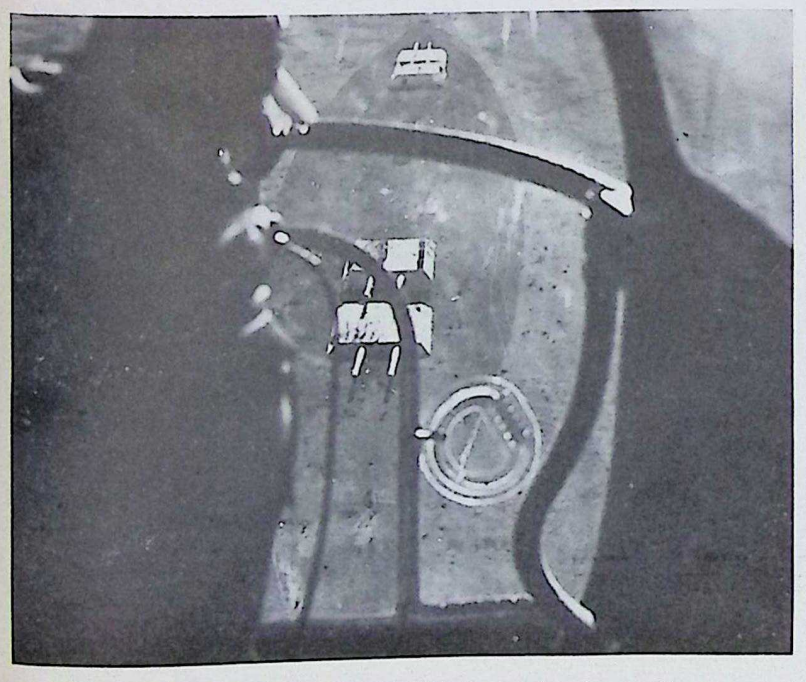
Our American ingenuity, and American workmanship, under American industrial leadership have produced the finest Ordnance in the World, and we propose to maintain this high standard.

In conclusion I would like to express *again*, the pleasure and privilege it has been, to give you this brief sketch, of one of the activities of the Ordnance Department and look forward to meeting you again."



SALVAGED LUMBER from the various groups of EOP is available to employees and to the general public. This view is at the Richards Farm exit gate, where the lumber is piled for pick-up.

TWENTY-ONE first prizes in swimming meets have been won by Garry Curtis, son of Fireman C. J. Curtis, Group 60. He is 12 years old and was graduated from Washington School this month. He has a total of 34 awards gained at the YMCA, the Joliet Country Club and the Will County tourneys.



MODEL OF GERMAN BATTLESHIP is made of wood on ground for use as target for trainee bombardiers in a Texas camp, according to this official Army photograph.

Four Selected for Honors by Government

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of the Committee's transactions will be transmitted to the Management for permanent file.

When the sponsor of a contribution is a member of the Merit Award Committee he will sign the contribution as sponsor only and not as a member of the Committee.

A contribution insofar as possible, will be considered and passed upon at the first meeting succeeding the meeting at which it is presented.

Action on recommendations for Merit Award after open discussion will be initiated by a motion from one of the members of the Committee and will be seconded by another member. A voice vote will then be entertained by the Chairman. In the event of a tie the Chairman will cast the deciding vote.

The Secretary will acknowledge all contributions by letter.

Contributors who are given the EOP Award and are recommended for the Ordnance Citation will be so informed by the Secretary.

All contributions recommended to the Office, Chief of Ordnance for Ordnance Department Citation will be automatically given the EOP Award.

A contributor shall receive no more than one EOP Certificate of Merit. Subsequent contributions will be appropriately acknowledged.

DETAILS OF JOB are explained by John J. Cole (right), newly appointed assistant general manager, to his successor as comptroller, Louis J. Kessel, who returned to EOP from the Sanderson & Porter construction project at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Group 61

JOE MOTTA
Correspondent

In a man's mind there are occasions he will treasure for the rest of his life; I shall treasure the memories of my twelve months as correspondent for Group 61. I regret only one thing; I do not have space enough, in this edition, to mention each and every one of you individually, my co-workers and friends, for all the good things you have contributed toward making our Group one of the best of its kind. Therefore, I would like to dedicate this final column to everyone connected with the Nitrate Area, and while you are going over the lines, read them as though they were written especially for you . . .—**Joe Motta.**

James Morey is now working in Seneca.

A victim of a severe misfortune is **H. O. Cadwell;** the lad accidentally pulled out the one remaining hair that was left in his head. The "61" boys are very much upset; now they can't call him "Curly."

James Decker, Bob Hinz, John Auberry, Seward Brown, attended, what they termed, a lawn social at the home of **Harvey Steffes.**

Popular **John McElvain** resigned to accept another position closer to his home.

Traveling to Lexington, on a business deal, was **Percy Boulware.**

To Group 1 went **Victor Nelson;** many of the other boys from here went there, also.

Bill Kilbride, who is connected with the famous "Kilbride Bus Line," has the bad habit of teasing girls at Group 4. Rumors have it that Mr. Kilbride is "breeding a scab on his nose" by doing this—especially when he calls them "Joe."

The words of **Allen Mayes,** "it was with regret that the remaining few had to shake hands goodbye to the loyal men who were departing from Group 61. The group seemed to have a spirit of friendliness, everyone pulling to help the other. It is believed that this great spirit was built around our superintendent, **P. L. Deylitz,** who seemed to find time to greet every employee with a smile."

You will always remember . . . when **James Glade** wrote the first four editorials in *The Bomb-Shell* . . . **Larry Lahrman** and his well known cartoons . . . the day when **Lawrence Holz** came over as key timekeeper . . . that for a long time, **Steve Juricic** was angry at your correspondent for something he had printed . . . that **Guard Clarence Scott** was very popular here . . . when the draft board first notified **Jess Shelby** to report for his physical examination . . . when C. "Duke" O'Connor threw a party to celebrate his wedding . . . when for several weeks **Marion Carter** wore combination vest-pants . . . the memorable day when **Lawrence Baudino** and Mr. Hinz joined the Group as machinists . . . how **William Johnston** hurt his leg . . . the day after the night before that **Ed Hasse** went boat riding . . . the time **Ed Schellhorn** dialed the cigar lighter instead of the telephone . . . the nicknames "The Chief", "I", "Curly", "Seal Beam," "Coal Pile Kelly", "King", "Col. Kidney", "Pep", "Simon", . . . the expressions, "Who Killed Cadwell", "Berlin Bound", "Yanks Delight", "you know how it is", "I will do it this way", etc. . . . the ever-popular **Bill Dooley** . . . when **Myrna Faris** assumed duties as women's recreational director . . . how thrilled the fellows were when **Betty Ross** first stepped into the area . . . James "Scooter" Sinkular . . . **Charles K. Wagoner** joined the ranks . . . **Whitney C. Miller,** Mr. Cadwell, and **Carl R. Carlson** . . . at some time or other, foremen and former associates . . . that words can't express how wonderful a superintendent Mr. Deylitz has been . . . last but not least, Group 61.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Many wonder if the flowers arriving in Group 27 could be for **Robert Clark** in Building 22.

Since the track walk has been established, **John Vidano,** Group 27, doesn't have anything to do.

Anyone having a good cure for sore feet, please contact **Charles Luther** at Group 27. The boys would also like to find out why he sold all his sheep.

The last report is that **Cecil Young,** Group 27, has been on the straight and narrow since his wife arrived to take over the home fires. The boys extend their welcome to the EOP family.

Harry Tanner, Group 27, is seriously considering an extended course in law. He has been getting so many complicated cases, he needs more schooling.

Ross Miller, Group 27, still contends there are more horses than there used to be.

The boys would like to find out if the south 40 on **Ted Hintz's** farm has been flooded. Last report had it that the corn crop was a failure.

Frank Feeney must be going to build a new home by the interest he takes in building houses out of fuze blocks.

The office of the Inspection Dept. is glad to see **Harold Troupe,** gage technician, back after a two-week illness.

Everyone is wondering why **Stella Witten,** Group 8, always answers questions with, "I won't tell!"

Lorraine Nelson, former inspector from Group 8, is stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia, with the WAACS.

After a week's loneliness **Ralph Pratt,** senior inspector of Group 8, is smiling again. His wife has returned from a week's vacation.

LaVerne Gomora, Group 8, spent a few days with her folks at Carlinville, Ill.

Paul Mosteller, Group 62-S., decided to dispose of his Oldsmobile and use his thumb until Uncle Sam provides transportation—maybe not via Olds—but nevertheless transportation.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Thompkins spent the weekend in Chicago.

Alex Stein, Group 62-S., spent a vacation with his parents in Phoenix, Arizona.

Gaylen Ford, senior inspector of Group 9, is the proud father of a bouncing boy.

Fern Valiente is going in for horseback riding in a big way.

Many wonder why **Agnes Scott** and **Reba Dodson** insist on riding on Highway 66 between Gardner and Dwight. It's like riding in a jeep.

Albert Jones, Group 27, is back after a week's vacation spent in New Orleans. He claims no rain for some time in the southern state.

There must be something of interest in Group 27, Building 17, to keep **Bill Hexter** and **Cecil Young** so occupied.

Fred Daubek is late clocking out recently. It may be the egg deals he has with farmer **Frank Feeny,** or maybe he just doesn't like to leave Group 27.

Senator **George Shaw** has been officially designated as councilor-at-law for Group 27.

Several want to know what happened to the flower box planted by **Steve Mentis** and **Micky Mauss,** both of Group 27.

Thomas Virgil Mooty, Group 27, is reputed to be an authority on the weather.

Ben Wollan, Group 64, has returned from a vacation.

Mike Kelly, Group 64, was off a week with a touch of the flu. All are glad to see him back, and also will be glad to see **Victor Skropa,** Group 64, return from his sickbed.

The Government must have found it pretty expensive for **Homer Peters,** Group 73, to drive ME 17, the oil burner, as he hasn't been driving it lately.

Lawrence Myers, Group 73, was finally convinced he should leave his raincoat at home instead of cluttering the office with it . . . and it did stop raining.

Bob Rolence, Group 73, has a new car, probably as a result of all the nominal fees he has been requesting around the office.

Harold Rouff has returned from a vacation spent with his parents at Endicott, N. Y.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Group 63

By Larry J. Dunda

Flags were flying and everyone was in a gay mood on May 26 in Group 63. The big reason? None other than the birthdays of genial Supervisor, **John Paul Edward Hall, Jr.,** (for further information concerning the title, consult **Irving Bovee**) and rotund, baby-faced, smiling Inspector, **Ray Pfeifer.** As Ray's big day was May 25 and Paul's May 26, it was one big occasion. The decoration committee, **Ray Offerman, Tony Togliatti** and **Ed Suffern,** received many compliments upon their originality. Unique garlands were draped from the "chandelier" to the windows and many bouquets of mustard flowers were placed throughout the office. Ice cream, pop and birthday cake were served.

Free hair cuts, any style: Crew, "G.I.," victory specials or otherwise, are now offered at Group 63. For further information see or call **John "Shorty" Kezerle, George Mackey, Roy Erdmann, Leo "Farmer" Steffes,** or any member of the Black Powder gang.

Recently Mr. Offerman did a little extra "work" aside from his regular duties as material checker and did he pay for it! A pair of extra long crutches made by **Fred Taylor** (Taylor - made) really helped for the next few days and it looks now as though he may recover *if* complications don't set in.

Stanley "Moustachio" Tworek says something should be done about him having to pick up all the TNT boxes on the bottom rows. That's good exercise for a waistline.

Donald F. "Tiger" Long, material checker for sometime at Group 63, has new worlds to conquer since his transfer to Group 62-S.

Robert J. "Rudy, Jr." Eyman traveled to Chicago June 2 for his induction examination and all know that his line and general presence (?), believe it or not, will be missed around here and that's for sure.

Group 66-A

When **Charles Picco,** better known as "Brain's" is inducted, the Army will have a man who will really tell them how to run things. Maybe!

Word has been received from **Lloyd "Slim" Walsh,** a former "Dead End Kid," now stationed at Great Lakes. He's worrying about a furlough already.

It is good to see **Chester "Dad" Tucker** back to work after his long illness.

Lost: One black dog answering to the name of Blackie. Whoever found him, please return him as the cat, Tommy, is lonesome.

'Tis said that **St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart** doesn't need a phone when speaking to the boys in the field. He could just open the window and they would be able to hear him.

Group 66-A claims to have the cleanest clockhouse in the area. That's really a challenge for someone.

Group 68

By Elmer Zost

Charles Doyelle, Everett Cutsinger and **Harry Anes, Jr.,** left to don the Navy blue and **Henry Williams** the khaki.

Jimmy Call sent a cheery hello to the gang and reported he is working for his Sergeant stripes in the cooking school at Ft. Warren, Wyoming.

Thanks go to one and all who made the dance at the Ivy Way Gardens such a wonderful success. Everyone had a grand and glorious time.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

One year of progress is marked by this issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* Your correspondents appreciate the newsy items sent in by the department employees and look for a bigger and better year to come. They wish to thank the editor and the readers of *The Bomb-Shell* for putting up with the offerings in the Inert Storage column.

In this issue is presented the many sided **Stanley "Beercheck" Wiencek,** foreman at South Inert. He has been travelling to work from Chicago each day for two years. All Fuze and Booster components come into his sphere. He can usually be found underneath a group of truck drivers, inventory clerks, and inspectors digging out a box of rejects dating back to Lot 1. He sits among the excesses and rejects directing the movements of elusive centrifugal plunger pin springs, delay element washers, rotor lock pin locks and other common everyday self-explanatory items. He says it's enough to drive a man to the horses and with the high price of oats on top of his other problems he can often be heard "fuzing" under his breath that a little booster would have made him a sure winner.

Vacations are getting under way, started by **Richard Ashworth, George Newton** and **Andrew Cherrie.**

The fishiest fish story of the season comes from Group 27, where **Gordon "Gordo" Venturo** and **Horace Clark** have no use for their red ration stamps. Each says that the other claims to catch enough fish each year to supply his family and neighbors.

Candidate for the unusual events title is North Inert's truck driver who, in a moment of excitement, sicked his pet bulldog on a very virulent kitten. It turned out to be a polecat and all three were quarantined.

Inert Storage was honored by visits from Uncle Sam's men formerly of EOP, **Sgt. Joseph Ferguson,** who was in the Material Stores Department; **Corp. Ernie Storm,** who was a squad leader at North Inert, and **Pvt. Earl Potter,** the man-sized inspector formerly of South Inert.

All feel a bit on the blue side as **Matthew Reay,** who grew up in Inert Storage goes to the Army. He leaves with a record that will stand as a guide for those who have been left behind to carry on.

On the Side

My recent expose of the life and habits of "Scorchy's" fire gutted personality has caused a new pilot house to be installed at the Burning Pit—that is real action.

Now that we have smoked him out of his "Front" he is really on the run. My sympathies are extended to the employees of the Burning Pit on the loss of your comfortable abode—you should not have allowed your most useful group to be used as a smoke screen for a chameleon.—**Charles Mann.**

Group 2

EDWARD KEENAN

WILBUR GALBRAITH

Correspondents

With the decision to discontinue operations in Group 2 line as of May 31, 1943, it is with regret that your correspondents bid "au revoir" to each member of this group's personnel.

Many have watched the growth of Group 2 from the time construction began until the commencement of operations June 21, 1941. As you know, this was the first line to go into operation, and the splendid record established in meeting production schedules was due to untiring efforts.

From a sports viewpoint you will recall the championship won by Murphy's Boys in the West Park Division of the Gold Medal League in 1942. Many of the players left since to join Uncle Sam's armed services. The pennant, emblematic of the West Park Division championship, and the gold trophy, awarded for second place in the play-offs, will be retained by **Supt. James J. Murphy.**

To the three assistant superintendents and to every one who assisted in helping to make this column more enjoyable, your correspondents say, "thanks from the bottom of our hearts."

It would be a most flagrant case of ingratitude not to express appreciation to **Gen. Supt. A. M. Lockwood** and all Shop Area superintendents for their co-operation and loyalty in helping to meet the various operational problems.

Thanks are due also to **Gen. Supt. E. J. Walsh,** the Timekeeping, Transportation, Personnel, Inert Storage, High Explosives, Engineering, Safety, Production Planning, Recreation, Plant Protection and other departments for their splendid assistance.

To the staff of *The Bomb-Shell,* who have done a magnificent job of editing the finest ordnance plant paper in the country, 'tis said, "thanks for everything."

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN

Correspondent

Well, vacation talk is again in the air and what a hub-bub it is causing with the girls trying to make their vacations line up with the boy-friends' furloughs. **Dorothy Maxwell** is the only one who knows anything definite as to when her boy-friend, **Bitz Brown,** will be home. Isn't she lucky? He has been in Officers Training School for the Navy at Northwestern.

Mary O'Connor has once again come back to the fold after taking an early vacation. Her constant companion was a hot water bottle. It seems she paid a visit to her dentist to have a tooth taken out, but when all was finished, Mary had five stitches in her gum, thus the reason for the early vacation.

Everyone is duly concerned about **Myrtle Cooper,** who was deserted by her mother who up and left for Florida where **Myrt's** brother is stationed with the Army Air Corps. Myrt seems to be thriving on her own cooking.

The reason for **Ray Bankers** dancing into the office May 17, was a telephone call from her boy, **Paul,** who has been with the Merchant Marine for 14 months—eight of those months being spent in Russia. He will spend two weeks at home before he is again sent out to sea.

Farewells once again were said to **Fred Mastin.** This time it is the Marines who are lucky in gaining a former Planning Department member. In his place is **Knute Ashamy** recently of the Army.

Phylis Clair was reported fighting with a window on the bus one night. It was one of those rare occasions when it was nice out, so fresh air seemed to be the order. The only trouble was that once she had her fill, nothing could be done about it as the window refused to be closed. From all reports her coat made a nice window shade.

Betti Welch reported to work tired but happy May 17. From the account of the wonderful time she had in Chicago, lack of sleep was a small price to pay.

Jerry Weir's husband is now in training at Great Lakes Training Station. Jerry and **Helen Hausser** went skating with Helen's husband, who was home on furlough, and the poor guy had to hold them both up.

Chris Dare is contemplating a trip to Texas to see the one and only.

J. P. Filips had heard of "Pennies from Heaven," but never expected to be in the center of the shower he found himself in May 15. He had five girls with him who weren't regular passengers, so when they descended at Jefferson and Chicago Streets, he was showered with pennies, much to his protest.

Farewells go to **Dorothy Bollig** who left the Department.

It is reported **Eveline Mikucc** is taking a day off in June. Sounds like some one is coming home.

By the way, has anyone noticed that gleam in **Rowena Robert's** eyes. Well, it is all because her boy-friend won't have to report for induction for a few weeks.

George Sangmeister, Mayor of Frankfort, has decided not to go to Joliet before 5 any night—the reason is he does not like to go before the police magistrate and hear him say, "Sorry, George, $1—over parking." Mr. Sangmeister had a very large celebration in Frankfort Memorial Day, the unveiling of an outdoor honor roll for the men in service. It is a very beautiful tablet with 32 names enrolled on it.

Group 2

Pete Conroy was telling **Les Wilson** where he got a nice supply of some rhubarb so they decided to get some more, but Pete was surprised when **Jake Debri** informed him that if he was eating that he was eating burdock.

Tom "Pants" Nugent is back and **Frank Weston** is again at it with a lot of reserve power.

Andy Vail of the Salvage yard stopped in to see how his article went over with **Elva Thomas.**

Helen Hausser looked somewhat down hearted for her husband's furlough ended May 25 and no telling when the next one will come.

Fred Legris wants all to believe it rains only in Will County every day. The sun is always shining when he leaves and returns home to Kankakee County.

Jim Murphy likes a little card game on a very rainy night.

The prom is over—who got the corsage from **Johnny Williamson**—well, to tell the truth, she's a timekeeper, works in Group 1, lives in Wilmington, and is connected with the ice business. It is **Shirley Van Duyne.** From what the other clerks can figure out, she must be quite a knock-out as Johnny has been walking on the clouds for the last week or two.

Group 3

Corp. Leonard Gilmore, former Group 3 progress clerk, visited the Production Planning Office and later came to Group 3.

Wayne Munyon, Group 3 chief progress clerk, is leaving for another job, one he is most proud of—working for Uncle Sam.

Group 3-A

With rain, rain and more rain, **Edna Strohm** needed a row boat to come to work.

Naomi Jett, little southern girl, is beginning to like the North more and more as she is seen visiting various towns more and more.

PRESIDING AS TOASTMASTER at the luncheon given for members of the Illinois State Legislature when they visited EOP May 20, Senator Richard J. Barr is shown here in a photograph made at the Mess Hall.

SIGHTSEEING on State Street, Chicago, are Ann Radakovich and Beatrice Rodgers, Government inspectors in Group 2.

Ordnance Inspection

HELEN M. WISSERT

Correspondent

Group 4

The latest Stork report—"One shipment of sweetness labeled **Catherine Ann** was received by **Mr. and Mrs. John L. Habes** May 22. Mother and baby are doing nicely and father will recover."

Ed Kluza's harem is weeping. He was accepted by Uncle Sam. **Frances Olroyd** is his successor.

Kay "Rhumba" Ochs is now at Group 4.

It seems that **Saveta Dorsey** was slightly mixed up on her corners one night recently. Many wonder how long the party waited to meet her?

Lucille Olson can really handle a hammer. Just take a saunter to Group 4 and see for yourself.

Group 5

Margaret Laverty appeared on the job recently with a bruised nose. There should be a law against changing hotel furniture around.

Marcella "Mink" Morton has moved to Group 5 where she has a new location to collect for her "hobby".

Group 7

Most are familiar with the phrase "lavender and old lace", but for the meaning of "orchids and gold earrings" you will have to ask **Bill Proudley.**

Elinor Gudath is delighted at the prospect of wearing those beautiful brown-toed safety shoes with her spring outfits.

Group 9

Something new has been added. A department on "Problems in Physiology and High Finance" was opened recently. For expert advice on such problems apply to **E. J. Nemanich.**

Many want to know if **Marion "Scotty" Westcott** is still the "Belle" of the Government inspectors here.

Inspectors come and go, but **Lea "Jigger" Dalton** still holds the fort at Group 9 with competence and charm.

Group 1

Many are wondering . . . where **Theresa Bolek** and **Frances Rutkiewicz** are going to spend their vacations—Joliet or Lemont . . . why **Frances Rutkiewicz** is so interested in Group 2 . . . what makes the evenings so delightful for **Emil Bruni** and **Al Ehringer,** or are their stories exaggerated?

"Goodbye" is one of the hardest words in the English language to say, but it is required for **Nellie Lemke,** who is transferring to Decatur; **Palma Weston,** a grand sport; **Jean Erickson,** who will be **Mrs. Michael Sheridan** in the near future, and **Caroline Cleaver** and **Norma Purcell** whose pleasing personalities will be missed by all.

Group 3

Other war plants have "Rosie the riveter" but Group 3 has **Paul "Rosie" Roesener,** the TNT flash from Mokena.

Al Weinstock is heeding the call of Uncle Sam. Lots of success is wished by the boys with whom he worked here.

William Harrison is really singing the blues since he left Group 61 and doesn't have a scooter anymore.

The nurse finally declared **W. P. Cody's** finger all right. It seems the week's treatment was quite a secret, cause no one ever saw his finger bandaged.

Group 2

Ensign Arthur Friedberg, formerly of Group 2, is now stationed at the University of Chicago where he is studying meteorology.

Many wonder if **Tony "One Dozen Roses" Posluszny** treated the G-girls to another box of candy when he left.

Q. Didn't you slip up recently in giving the rates of pay for noncoms in the WAAC? You said a first leader gets $864 per year; a leader, $720; and a junior leader, $648. Aren't the WAACs now on the same pay basis as the regular Army?

A. Yes, we slipped up—and badly. 'Way back in October, 1942, the new WAAC pay bill was signed. First leader is now paid $1656; a leader, $936; and a junior leader, $792. Sorry!

Guards

GENE RYAN

A new service flag, presented by **Chief M. C. Baughman,** is displayed in the corridor of the Guardhouse. Inserted in the star is the number "101" indicative of the number of former guards now serving their country throughout the world.

Guard **Louis Alberts** bid the boys goodbye recently, after completing two years of fine service as a member of the Plant Protection Department. Uncle Sam has beckoned Alberts, and it can be justifiably said that he has another good man in his service.

After many futile attempts to locate a poet, it was thought possible that this column could perform the task. The poet in question wrote a very interesting verse on a small pad form reminiscing about days back at the Forsythe Farm. This poem has been accepted gratefully, but unfortunately it cannot be published without identification. Let it be said, now, that anyone submitting material should affix their name.

Boots! Boots! Raincoats! Raincoats! That was the cry in recent weeks about the Guardhouse as dismal wet weather continued from day to day. There also were many new versions of the song, "Just a little ray of sunshine."

Events which may never be seen . . .

Chief Baughman drawing plans *without* a ruler . . . **Lt. William Bantner** shaking hands with **"Believe it or not" Ripley** . . . Dispatcher **Paul Stacel** with a rotund figure (about 250 pounds) . . . **Sgt. Earl Goodknecht** losing his hearty laugh . . . Guard **Herman Cassing** making a lot of noise . . . **Lt. Clarence White** down to around 125 pounds . . . Guard **Vernia Boatright** with a moustache . . . Guard **Robert Franklin** telling a long story . . . Guard **Joseph Verbic** with a parlay winner (two long shots) . . . **Sgt. Clare Cosgrove, Lt. John Sullivan** and Guard **Arthur Hansen,** engaged in a story-telling contest . . . And last, but not least, **Lt. Richard "Curly" Boylan** getting a haircut with his hat on.

REPAIRING FUNNELS used in pouring TNT into shells at Group 1 is one assignment of Frank Wickman (right) and Frank Higgins. Their expert work has eliminated replacements and has saved critical material for other war purposes.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Laundry Notes
By Lucille Morrissette

The results of food rationing hit a new high recently at the Laundry when the entire shift was observed eating plain mustard sandwiches.

The busiest girl in the Laundry nowadays, finishing uniforms at 200 plus an hour, is **Edna Hyatt**, who counts and packs them.

Lela Frye is planning to leave EOP and keep house for her husband who is being discharged from the Army.

A rival for **Varga** was recently unearthed at the Laundry in **George Kinard.** George's painting looked enough like one published recently in *Esquire* to be drawn by Varga himself.

Champion horseshoe pitchers of the Laundry are **George Slaughter** and **Joe Smeets** who seem to be able to win against any handicap.

The gang all welcome **Fred Styck** and **Foxy Lenzie** who are replacing **Joe Setina** and **Merle Workman.** Joe has gone back to the Motor Pool and Merle to driving buses.

Paint Shop Patter
By Blackie Blackburn

Three cheers for the EOP Ball Club after the fine showing of **Len Hoffman** and **Pete Wagner** at Stateville May 23. The boys are doing swell, having only a little lunch hour practice and one practice game. Give them a little grandstand support, go out and see them win.

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

Three of the boys home on furlough recently were **James D. O'Connor** of the Marines, **Robert Hayes** of the Navy and **Howard Cardwell** of the Army.

Eunice Mantia makes good potato salad, but not enough of it.

Henry O'Reilly will be missed by all his friends at Gate 19 since going to the Marines. Henry is stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Victory garden enthusiasts of the Bus Transportation Division are **Paul Boucher, Roy Lockwood, Robert Ehrsam, William Babish, Raymond Potter, Seveno Leggero, George McComb, Irwin Hongas, Ira Gensler, Steve Policandriodes. Bert Day, Robert Gunderson, Charles Harris, James Doran, William Crook, Leo Scoggin, Wallace Johnson, Lawrence Anderson** and **Glenn Hunter.**

Transferred to the night shift, and missed by the day shift, are **Mike Debolt** and **James Dorn.**

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

The latest member of the Tin-shop Gang to join Uncle Sam's forces is **William Helland.**

Roy Metzha's theme song is "River Stay Away From My Door"; **Charlie Webb's,** "California Here We Come"; **Karl Triebel's,** "They Always, Always Pick on Me."

John Gaffney is working on a new safety curtain roller with padded ends.

Louis Luberacki is now stationed at Patterson Field, Fairfield, O.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

The S. S. Cuspidor, built by **Jack Shiner,** was launched last Tuesday in Prairie Creek. The next morning **Bob Walker** and his Salvage Crew were called out, as all that was visible of the Cuspidor was the top of the mast. The divers' report showed that Jack in his anxiety forgot to put the scuttle plug in.

Frank Roemer's Victory garden was last seen floating down the Mississippi River.

George Abel wants all the ladies to know that he has opened a ladies' ready-to-wear shop in Kankakee.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Martha Herrity, chief operator, is vacationing in Miami Beach, Fla. **Gertrude Crowley** is acting chief operator in Miss Herrity's absence.

Velma Whitmore is also vacationing from her duties in the Telephone Building.

Missed around the building is **Joe Wyne,** Guard, recently transferred.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Joe Prisk, Orville Burkhardt, Al Chisamore, Gerald Heavens, Weldon Dyer and **Johnny Bilesio** have been giving the Carpenter Shop some stiff competition at bowling.

Cal Ashline and **Roy Benson** are two ardent Victory garden enthusiasts.

The Pipe Shop is lucky to have two heavyweight pipefitters on the payroll. It seemed that the overhang of pipe on the truck kept the front wheels off the ground; however, when **Bill Sexton** and **Barney O'Connor** were placed in the front seat, pipe plus men balanced almost perfectly.

On the first clear day in weeks, **Joseph Mills** was heard to remark, "What we need is a little rain". He was only joking.

Service Garage Spares
By Jean Ann Evans

Preparations for fishing vacations are being made by some of the more ardent anglers of the garage. This brings to mind the Biblical statement made by **Carl Adams** that "Faith is that quality which enables us to believe what we know to be untrue." However, most fishermen always live in hopes of making a good catch some day. Ask **Stan "Kelly" Kukulski!**

Richard Miller, the master farmer from down "Ioway," tried to tell **Boots Shepherd** that Irish Bull is a Male Cow. Just cornfield propaganda.

Joe Szwaja and **Milford Green,** are still razzing **Glen Bitterman** and **Bill Booker** in their terrible disappointment at not being able to drive the Governor around the area on his recently scheduled EOP appearance, which did not mature.

June Wood loves to spend an occasional weekend on a friend's resort-farm where "the chicken is born fried," believe it or not.

Eleanor O'Keefe says that a grass widow is the wife of a vegetarian. A little more detailed explanation will have to be given to **John Enrietta** concerning this.

Bill Briddick is having ration trouble again.

Richards Farm Garage will soon be just a memory as all activities in the future will be performed at the Service Garage in Group 70. The entire personnel is being transferred to Group 70 under the supervision of **C. I. Wilson.**

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Helen Mandzuk is back at her desk after being confined to her home with a slight case of ptomaine poisoning.

William Geddes has enlisted in the "Seabees." The gang sends him best wishes for lots of luck.

There have been some very longing and envious glances cast upon these four brand new white side-wall tires which adorn the wheels of **Paul Becker's** car, known as the "Jeep." They are the reward of a very long, but not patient, wait.

Line Department Lines
By Ray E. Curtis

Dewey Kendall is back to stay. He says it will be Private Citizen Kendall, EOP, instead of Pvt. Kendall, U. S. A.

Motor Pool Memos
By Lucille McCabe

Dick Roeder is back at work after a siege with the flu.

Jean Swanson has proved she can use the fire extinguishers which are in the cars. She is a good prospect for the Fire Department.

Eula Snell has returned from a trip to her home in Kentucky. Her southern talk seems even "thicker" now.

Who has the heart to tell **Ray Tucker** there are not thirty-two days in a month?

Noticeable hobbies and habits of the Motor Pool personnel: **Vivian Ward,** reading; **Frank Kern,** poker; **Olive MacDonald,** dancing; **Lucky Davis,** singing "Zoom, Zoom;" **John Fisher,** cigarette holders; **Shirley Van Gampler,** checkers; **Doris Brackett,** horseback riding.

Stateville Nine Beats EOP 3-2

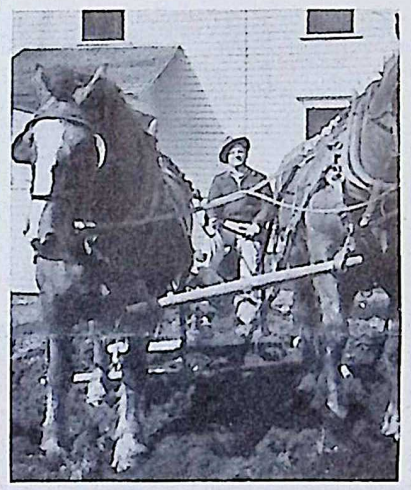
In its second game of the season Sunday, May 23, the EOP baseball team was defeated by the Stateville prison nine 3 to 2. Fast pitching for the prison team struck out nine men while giving up but 5 hits. Stateville scored the winning run in the last of the eighth inning on three walks and a wild pitch. **Lew Hoffman** held the prison nine to eight hits. At the end of the eighth inning the game was called on account of rain.

In addition to the team, **A. E. Frosch, V. M. Dagenais, F. M. Smith, V. L. Knudson, H. E. Barclay, James J. Grady** and **C. C. Malmsten** made a tour of the prison before the game.

The box score follows:

EOP	R.	H.
Piese, 3b.	1	0
Spezio, r.f.	0	1
Keenan, ss.	0	1
Murphy, 1b.	0	0
Enger, c.f.	0	1
S. Juricic, c.	0	1
Hankes, l.f.	0	0
Irwin, l.f.	0	0
G. Juricic, 2b.	0	0
Hoffman, p.	1	1
Wagner, p.	0	0
Totals	2	5

STATEVILLE	R.	H.
Moore, r.f.	0	1
Williams, ss.	1	1
Alsis, c.f.	0	2
Matthew, 1b.	1	1
Hurt, l.f.	0	0
Smith, 3b.	0	0
Logan, 2b.	1	2
French, c.	0	1
Shannon, c.	0	0
Lowe, p.	0	0
Totals	3	8



PLOWING his back yard at Wilmington for a Victory garden keeps Robert Sohan, Group 2 foreman, busy.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF
Correspondents

The boys and girls of the EOP Fire Department are all busy planning vacations. Because all want one at the same time, it is requested that all employees kindly refrain from playing with matches, cigarette lighters and fire for the next two weeks or so in order that shop may be closed and the gang can go to the mountains.

George Learned, Tony Doman, Don Barnett and **Ralph Batty** plan to spend vacations at the Kankakee Kurl-Klipping Kollege—at the request of **Joe "Goldilocks" Drazy.**

Frankie Marek spends a vacation sitting in a garage at Wilmington—his car is getting overhauled and he hasn't any gasoline, anyway!

Fred Johnson is vacationing with **Donnie "Lovah" Jones.** Fred thinks he can learn a lot by just going along and watching from the back seat.

Ralph Blake, Frank DuPuis and **Gerhard Noyd** spent vacations washing baby clothes.

Charlie Davis is going hunting—for elephant; **Cliff Weiss** is going hunting—for muskrats; **Bill Reichert** is going hunting—for **Frank Scoma; Walt Lueder** is going hunting—for trouble.

Dayle Pratt, Tom Downey, Willie Hayes, Orv Milton, Jim Kerwin and **Syl Hubert** are working their backs to the bone by beautifying the lawn at Central Station. They are under the expert (heh) supervision of **Mr. Reichert, Mr. Weiss** and **Edwin "Junior" Randolph, Len Jessen** and his hoe recall a sprightly wood-nymph (with wand). If **Tony Stukel** and **Fred Hanfeld's** wives could see them they would be in for plenty of *digs* about a Victory garden at home.

Those gracious gremlins of the garden at Station 3, **Earl Fitzgerald, George Philip, Mike Olson, Henry Stege, Hopper Combs, Marion Murawski, Eddie Roth** and **Lloyd Rector** are scattering their hearts and souls over their lawn.

Tennis Club to Be Organized June 7

All tennis players are invited to meet in the Recreation Building at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon June 7, to organize an EOP Tennis Club.

There are many outstanding tennis players here and through a club everyone will have the advantage of receiving pointers on how to improve their game. **E. L. Walkup,** director of Recreation, has arranged for mimeographed material which will be of great help to new players as well as those who are proficient in the game.

The game of tennis, from a modest beginning, has risen to a leading position among sports. More persons participate in tennis than in any other outdoor game, and each year enrolls new thousands of devotees. Regular play develops coordination of eye, mind and muscle, and improves general health and stamina. No one in good physical condition is too young or too old to play.

The EOP Tennis Club will not only foster meets and tournaments, but will also have a social side that should appeal to all players. Each meeting will feature some special activity, such as movies of outstanding players so that their strokes and court positions may be studied.

With apologies to **Pat O'Donnell, Mike Ryan, Jim McGinnis, George Hayes** and **Vern McKimson** (sounds like roll call at the barracks of the Irish Republican Army), there is no report from Station 2.

The baseball team had its first practice session a few days ago. Everybody went home nursing and cursing sore backs (which suggests a name for the team—"The Liniment Leaguers"). The grapevine says **Ed Stricklin** is trying hopelessly to beat **Joe Catalani** for the first base position.

Willie Davis bet that he would bowl two 300 games on a certain night or he would publicly apologize before all the fire inspectors on his knees. As expected, Willie failed even to approach his fantastic dreams of perfect bowling. Then came the climax. With every inspector waiting for him to show up, with a newspaper spread on the floor for a knee cushion, Willie failed to go through with his promise, too mortified to even speak let alone kneel.

Congratulations go to **Bud Ochs** for winning first prize for the highest bowling average of the season.

The gestapo reports that **Bill Dust** is back in 1-A; and that with him are **Lynn Boman** and **Cy Ochs.**

Charley Kammermann has been flashing a cigar and mustache lately. Confidential reports have it that only the cigar is genuine.

Chief Roy W. Mortenson recently attended a Fire Department conference in St. Louis. This is not to be confused with the previous jaunt made by the chief, when he was chaperoned by **Mert Baughman** and **E. O. Huey.** However, it seems that Mr. Mortenson's conduct on the first trip was excellent (no snoring or kicking about the price of Coca-Cola). So — the chief's next trip was a solo flight, and he went gaily upon his way, with no one to heckle him whenever he deemed it necessary to stop for refreshments.

Walter Lueder, assistant chief, while looking up at the tall buildings in Chicago the other day, suddenly became very happy when he realized that no pigeons are permitted to man the gunsights of those Jap Zero planes.

The entire Department mourns the untimely demise of one of the oldest and best loved members. **Nick Cleary's** death is deeply regretted by all members of the Department, as well as by the many friends and acquaintances he made during the time he worked as a guard and a fireman.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

June 7

Cora Adelmann, Personnel; **Elmer Anderson**, Utilities; **William Beringer**, Group 3; **Alice Clayton**, Group 6; **Thomas Haigh**, War Department; **Thomas Harrop**, High Explosives; **Edward Heath**, Utilities; **Julius Johnson**, Group 7; **Helen Lardi**, Group 9; **James Long**, Utilities; **Allen Mayes**, Nitrate Amonia; **Estelle McClintock**, Group 1; **Carolyn McCumber**, Group 1; **William McDowell**, Group 3-A; **Vernon Miller**, Group 2; **Scott McLaughlin**, Group 1; **Wilber Ortman**, Utilities; **Charles Picco**, High Explosives; **Clayton C. Rynearson**, Utilities; **Robert Sweetland**, Group 7; **Roy Wolfe**, Guards.

June 8

Margaret Adams, General Offices; **Mary Baue**, Group 5; **Roger Booth**, Utilities; **James Bowles**, Inert Storage; **Harry Brown**, Group 1; **John Claussen**, Group 1; **John Ditsch**, Finished Rounds; **Gladys Dunn**, Group 9; **Ralph Gash**, Group 3; **Stanley Gisason**, Group 1; **Johanna Harney**, Group 9; **Frank Hawthorne**, Inert Storage; **Joseph Jeffrey**, Group 1; **Diedrich Johnson**, Utilities; **Frank Klenzak**, Group 1; **Russell Lewis**, Utilities; **Harry Moseley**, Group 3; **Chester Melville**, General Offices; **Winnifred Meeker**, Group 1; **Leroy Norberg**, Utilities; **Mary Richardi**, Group 7; **Emmett A. Riedy**, Maintenance; **Emily T. Russell**, Group 7; **Lena E. Savant**, Group 9; **Walter F. Schwartz**, Inspection; **Raymond Soliman**, Group 1; **Marjorie A. Starika**, Group 7; **Edward Westcott**, Maintenance; **Aldo Azarini**, Group 1.

June 9

Jean Chase, Personnel; **Blanche Combs**, Group 9; **Guy Burt**, War Department; **Bonnie Daniels**, Group 1; **Maurice Flynn**, Utilities; **Merle Hartmann**, Group 1; **Joy Hills**, Group 1; **Milton Korach**, Inert Storage; **Pauline Morrow**, General Plant Protection; **Jacob Oling**, Utilities; **Margaret Phillips**, Group 5; **Jessie P. Schumacher**, Group 1; **John Schmidt**, Group 3; **Alice Spinks**, Group 1; **Irving Stundler**, General Accounting; **Gilbert Stephen**, Group 2; **Everett D. Strickler**, Fire Guard; **William Super**, Maintenance; **Mary A. Takash**, Group 5; **Eugene Twomey**, Maintenance; **Harry Vimpeny**, Maintenance; **Verona Wallace**, Group 1; **Guy Ward**, Safety; **Clarence Wilkins**, **Joseph Yagade**, War Department.

June 10

Ruth Bergstrom, Group 1; **Joseph Birsa**, Inert Storage; **Mailloux Brouillette**, Utilities; **Rose Budley**, Group 6; **Dorothy Busse**, Medical; **Edward Carter**, Guards; **Ethel Castongia**, Group 3-A; **Vance Cook**, Medical; **Rita Fang**, Group 1; **Virgil Fear**, Fire Guard; **Amy Gabel**, General Plant Protection; **Lela Harvey**, Group 9; **Dortha Hendrickson**, Group 3; **Marion Johnson**, Group 9; **Louis Krueger**, Utilities; **Dale Lock**, Utilities; **Evelyn Moore**, Group 4; **Walter Neher**, Nitrate Amonia; **Edward Nolte**, Group 3; **Raymond Olson**, Utilities; **Louis Paul**, Group 3-A; **Howard Pointer**, High Explosives; **Arden C. Reiter**, Group 1; **Thomas Ryan**, Group 2; **Thorstein Rye**, War Department; **Charles Skeen**, Guards; **Charles Smith**, Guards; **Phillis Smigielski**, Group 7; **Pearl P. Spiers**, Group 5; **Walter C. Strickler**, Maintenance; **Clyde Tucker**, Maintenance; **Clarence Tucker**, Group 8; **Lloyd Widup**, Maintenance; **Charles Williams**, Nitrate Amonia.

June 11

Harry Alderman, Inert Storage; **Alta Anderson**, Utilities; **Clarence Baker**, Guards; **Floyd Brouillette**, Group 1; **Luella Countryman**, Group 5; **Louis Evans**, Group 3; **Vera Gussman**, War Department; **Mary Hejna**, Group 7; **Dewey Herald**, Group 1; **Jess Howen**, Utilities; **Edith Karr**, Group 1; **Raymond Kral**, Utilities; **Anton Mahnarich**, Group 8; **Mary McGuire**, Group 7; **Christian Orbesen**, Utilities; **Andy Perino**, High Explosives; **Raymond Sanders**, Group 1; **Force Sauer**, Group 8; **Thomas Seright**, Guards; **Roy Sheffler**, Group 4; **Edward Smith**, Guards; **Frank Whitney**, General Accounting; **Clarence Wolfe**, Utilities.

June 12

John Burns, Utilities; **Roy Caise**, Utilities; **Charles Chernowski**, Utilities; **Averett Clevenger**, Group 1; **Joseph Cullen**, Inert Storage; **Marcus Davis**, Group 1; **Grace Day**, General Plant Protection; **Anthony Doman**, Fire; **Henry Dougherty**, Group 3; **Walter Emmerson**, Guards; **Earl Fick**, Utilities; **Mildred Fitchhorn**, Group 1; **Vanilla Franks**, Group 1; **Charles Geean**, Group 1; **Angeline Gunnerson**, General Accounting; **George Harrop**, Inert Storage; **Robert Kinsey**, Group 1; **Mary Kolesar**, Group 8; **Maude Lambert**, Group 6; **Frank Lietz**, Group 1; **Cloyed Merrick**, Group 2; **H. D. Dougherty**, Group 3; **Elmer Newquist**, Utilities; **Clyde H. Peterson**, Railroad; **Rufina Phelps**, Engineering; **Dorothy Pichon**, Group 6; **Joseph Ressler**, Finished Rounds; **Alfred Robin**, Railroad; **Edward Reichert**, War Department; **Cord Schroeder**, Group 61; **Herman Smith**, Group 66-A; **Mary A. Somers**, Group 1; **Walter Van Winkle**, fire guard.

June 13

John Balaz, General Accounting; **Louis Bartholme**, Nitrate Amonia; **George Berdis**, Group 3-A; **Robert Briese**, Utilities; **Mary Bruneau**, Group 1; **Devereau English**, General Accounting; **Eileen Feltz**, Group 1; **Thomas Gallagher**, High Explosives; **Anton Gnidovec**, Utilities; **Raymond Goodrich**, Guards; **Elda Greenwood**, Utilities; **Gladys Groeneveld**, War Department; **Fred Hoffman**, Group 3; **Marion Hoover**, Group 1; **Raymond Koerner**, Nitrate Amonia; **Maurice Maroney**, Group 2; **Elvin McCray**, High Explosives; **Mable Papineau**, Group 1; **Robert Richard**, Guard; **Leslie Schwelsow**, Group 1; **Paul Tamillo**, Guards; **Ethel Thomas**, Group 4.

June 14

Floyd Arnold, Utilities; **Jean Atwood**, Group 1; **Bernese Carlson**, War Department; **Eugene Chan**, Group 4; **Edith Coan**, Group 1; **Mary Elkins**, Group 1; **Evert Fugar**, Guards; **Steven Gianoulakis**, Group 1; **Christine Hall**, Group 1; **Lawrence Hartigan**, Guards; **Lawrence Holloway**, Group 1; **Edna Kebrans**, Group 1; **Fred Lang**, Guards; **Earl Maddaus**, Group 1; **Wilfred Mitchell**, Utilities; **John Nilson**, Utilities; **Michael Porro**, Maintenance; **Wallace Sippel**, Guards; **Anne E. Socony**, Group 5; **Chester L. Theis**, Group 1; **Gladys Thompson**, Group 1; **Vancell Waters**, Group 9; **Erfurd Wennerstrom**, Group 2; **Rex Wynn**, Group 1.

June 15

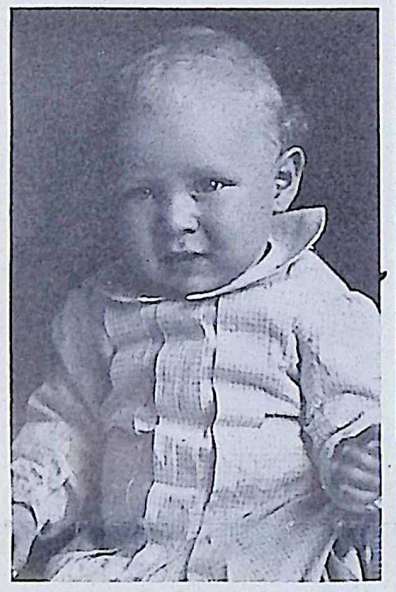
Merritt Cole, Payroll; **Helen Cushing**, Group 5; **Harold Finch**, Group 1; **Myron Gueller**, Group 3; **Charles Johnson**, Guards; **Charles Lewis**, Utilities; **Joseph Maier**, Utilities; **John Mano**, Utilities; **James McGowan**, Group 1; **Eldore Mustin**, Group 1; **David Nelson**, Utilities; **Margaret Sedlock**, Group 5; **Marie Sharp**, Group 1; **John Talbot**, Group 2; **William S. Thompson**, Maintenance; **Mary Vranesic**, Group 3-A; **Alois J. Wellner**, Group 3.

June 16

Loretta Bradshaw, Utilities; **Charles Brooks**, Guards; **Edward Chinski**, Utilities; **Thomas Clark**, Group 7; **Sidney Craver**, Group 4; **John Cross**, Utilities; **Betty Feddersen**, General Office; **John Leroy Gaffney**, Utilities; **Garnetta Golding**, Group 1; **Michael Haller**, Utilities; **Lloyd Jennings**, Utilities; **Gertrude Logan**, Group 1; **Raymond Marquardt**, General Offices; **Frederick Mastin**, General Accounting; **Bernard McNamara**, Group 4; **Hall Nosker**, Utilities; **Bert Painter**, Utilities; **Lowell Patrick**, Group 3-A; **C. J. Reage, Jr.**, Maintenance; **John Reed**, Maintenance; **Jess Welch**, Group 1; **Robert Wilkie**, Group 1; **Arthur Williams**, Utilities; **Guy Yates**, Group 1.

June 17

Harold Antonio, Utilities; **Mary Ballun**, Group 5; **Nicholas Belluso**, Timekeeping; **Delbert Bennett**, Group 1; **Jessie Bright**, Group 1; **John Burke**, Payroll; **Herman Bushman**, Guard; **Ernest Carlson**, Guard; **Ira Carpenter**, Maintenance; **Virgil Center**, Utilities; **John Connor**, General Accounting; **Edward Delaney**, Material and Stores; **Frank Delaney**, Group 2; **Harold Downey**, High Explosives; **Darlyne Flook**, Group 9; **Wilbur Galbraith**, Group 2; **Ethel Gibson**, Group 7; **Cecil Godbey**, Guard; **Nicholas Green**, Group 3; **Harold Hass**, Group 1; **Georgia Hulse**, Group 4; **Lillian Klipp**, Group 8; **Charles Lake**, Guards; **Gare Lockas**, Group 7; **Eupremio Longo**, Group 5; **James Lovell**, Utilities; **Edmund Nelson**, Group 3; **Britton Palmateer**, Group 4; **Ivan Parr**, High Explosives; **Agnes Porter**, Group 7; **Stephen Princko**, Group 2; **Katherine M. Simpson**, Group 7; **Ruth Smith**, War Department; **Clifford Sorem**, Maintenance; **Charles Starmann**, Material and Stores; **Margaret Stole**, Group 1; **Cecelia Temple**, War Department; **Robert Wilhelmi**, Inspection; **John Wood**, Group 4; **Louis Yedlicka**, Utilities.



SCORCHY? Could be . . . but anyway this will introduce Henry Dougherty, superintendent of Group 3, when he was 18 months old and just as cute as he is now.

June 18

Lulu Ahmann, Group 1; **James Akers**, Nitrate Amonia; **Ralph Anderson**, Group 1; **Anthony Bellot**, Guards; **James Bell**, Group 2; **Elizabeth Blaine**, Group 5; **Charles Clardy**, Guards; **Darrel Giller**, Group 3; **Cluster Glenn**, Group 3; **Edward Grzybowski**, Group 3-A; **Albert Halbleib**, Group 3; **David Jakee**, Group 1; **William Kampf**, Inspection; **Patrick Kelley**, Utilities; **Marjorie Knief**, Group 5; **Wilmer Lambeth**, Utilities; **Walter Lasso**, Utilities; **Dorothy Mihelic**, General Accounting; **Stanley Nyren**, Purchasing; **Clyde Norton**, Group 1; **Newey Sayad**, Maintenance; **Nelson Walsh**, General Accounting.

June 19

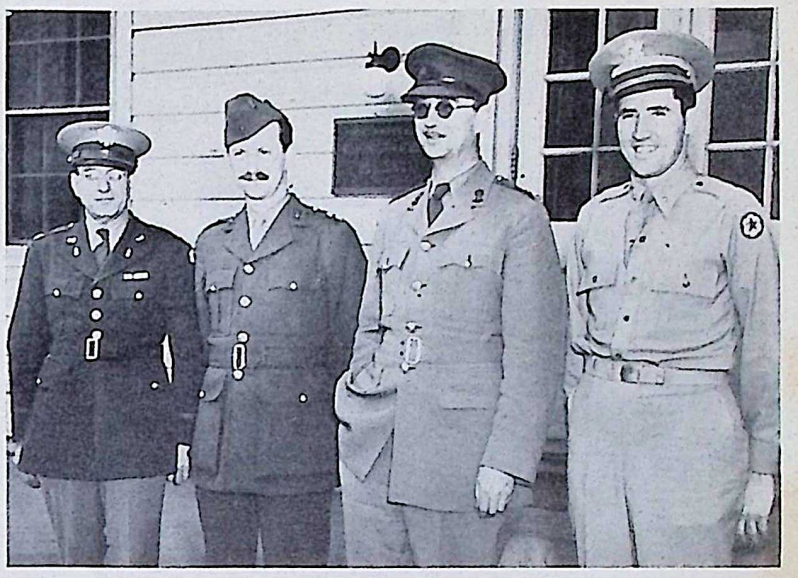
William Armstrong, Utilities; **Edgar Bartlett**, Nitrate Amonia; **George Bexson**, Fire; **Leora Brand**, Group 3-A; **Abbie Clark**, Group 3-A; **Ralph Clark**, **Jacqueline Dailey**, Utilities; **Charles Gallagher**, Group 4; **Wendell Glaudell**, Group 4; **George Gray**, Group 2; **Thomas Hedger**, Group 2; **John Kociss**, Group 1; **Herschel Laughlin**, Utilities; **George McComb**, Utilities; **John Umble**, Watchman; **Roy Mortenson**, Fire; **Algot Nelson**, Group 2; **Willis B. Pearson**, General Accounting; **Owen A. Peterson**, Guards; **Margaret Reigh**, Group 1; **Harry Simpson**, Maintenance; **Elbert Van Blaricum**, Group 3; **Louise Wendt**, Group 5.

June 20

Joseph Almo, Group 3-A; **Russell Benway**, Utilities; **Edgar Berry**, Utilities; **Lowell Brown**, Group 1; **Juanita Carlson**, Group 3-A; **Della Cashen**, Group 7; **Geraldine Graham**, General Accounting; **Lewis Hansen**, Group 1; **Oscar Johnson**, Guards; **William Jones**, Nitrate Amonia; **William Kane**, Utilities; **Ole Kleven**, Utilities; **Ignatius Madura**, Medical; **John Martis**, Group 1; **Roman Obenhin**, Utilities; **George Peerson**, Inert Storage; **Thomas Reibchert**, Group 2; **Roman Renn**, Guards; **Edna Rimmer**, Medical; **Stach Rimbo**, Maintenance; **Stephen Rittof**, Guards; **Leland Spencer**, Maintenance; **A. M. Starasinich**, Group 5; **John Stuckee**, Group 1; **Harry Sugerman**, Group 1; **William Thompson**, Group 2; **Edward Vaughan**, War Department; **William Whalen**, Group 6.

Q. Does the debt moratorium for servicemen also cover members of the WAACs?

A. Yes. Members of the WAAC receive all the benefits provided by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.



ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES visited EOP May 14 and saw how bombs and shells are loaded here. Shown here just before they started on their tour, they are, left to right: Lt. Col. C. E. Watts, Office of Chief of Ordnance, Washington; Lt. Col. J. H. Parsons, Washington Office, Inspection Board of United Kingdom and Canada; Lt. Col. N. C. Dobbs, Ottawa Office of the Inspection Board, and Maj. George A. Grant, executive officer at EOP.

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★★★ V– EOP Honor Roll

James William Gulliford
Donald E. Harroun
Maurice Joseph Finkelstein
Paul Tony Kokas
William Jay Mackey
Jack Moilan
Malcolm L. Persinger
Albert Rush
Ethel Weidemann
Edith Weidemann

Emergency Calls

To report a fire.....Dial 17
To call police.....Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only)..Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Take Salt Tablets

Salt tablet dispensers throughout the Area will be serviced by the group safety engineers this spring and summer, it was announced. Workers are advised to take the tablets daily to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

The EOP Guide Post

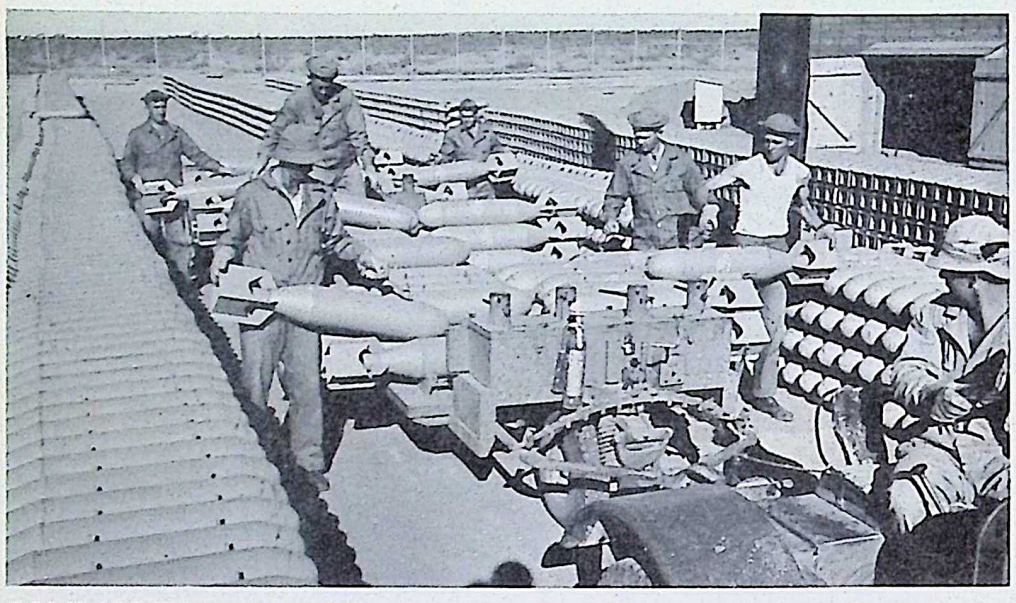
SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT — BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—10 horse-power Johnson Sea Horse Outboard motor, alternate firing, 115 lbs., 13 ft. 6 in. boat with 54-in. beam. Contact **Chris Orebeson**, Ext. 3256 or 3195.

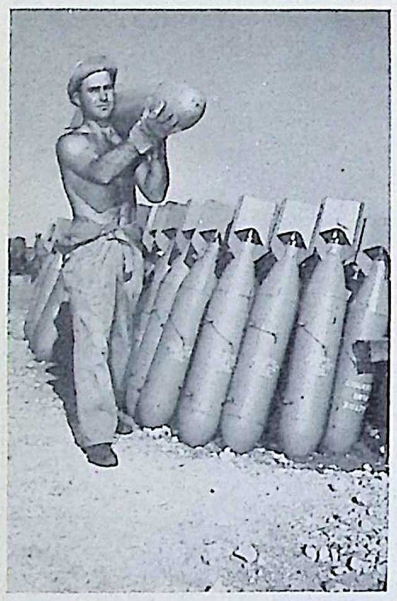
For Sale—Three pedigreed cocker spaniel puppies, seven weeks old. Anyone interested, call **Mrs. A. P. Balston**, line 5224.

ELWOOD ON PARADE



BOMBARDIERS are taught early to handle the tools of their trade.

AVIATION cadet supervises loading of bombs into his plane.



CONFIDENT, but careful, is this cadet as he loads bombs into plane.

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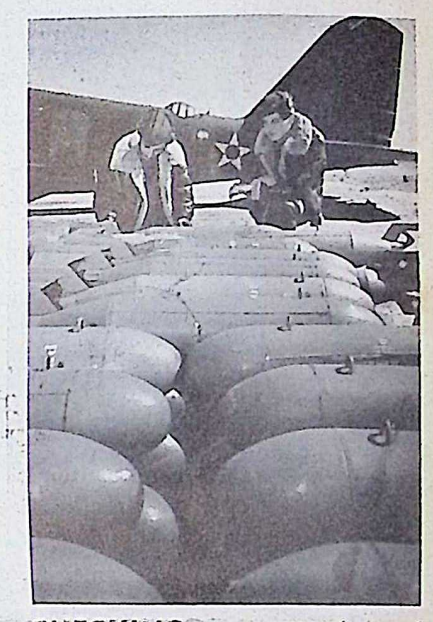
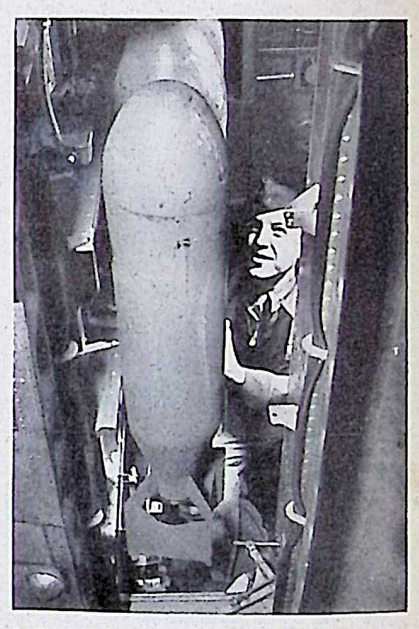
Bombardiers Show EOP Products in Use

BOMB LOADERS at EOP will be interested in this series of pictures made by the Signal Corps of the Army to show what happens to their products after they leave their hands. In this particular picture, a bomb is being dropped from a plane at an altitude of several thousand feet. As seen, it is equipped with fin assembly, with which most EOP workers are unfamiliar, as the bombs are shipped from here without fin assembly or tail guide.

SITTING in bomb rack, this cadet hails farewell to ground crew.



CHECKING over number of bombs plane can carry is job of bombardier.



LOADED into their bays, bombs look like this before being dropped.

ORDNANCE inspectors check all bombs before they are loaded into planes.

DETAILS of bombs are studied carefully by men who will use them.

SMACK for good luck is portrayed by this bombardier on eve of sweep.

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The BOMB-SHELL

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Plans for Home Dehydrator Are Available Here

Fruits and Vegetables Can Be Dried With Inexpensive Gadget

Home drying of fruits and vegetables is especially important this year because many of the materials commonly used in home canning such as tin cans, metal jar closures, rubber jar rings and sugar "have gone to war." Every item of food from the orchard or garden must be conserved. Most of the commercial preserved fruits and vegetables will be requisitioned for the armed forces and lease-lend purposes.

The Tennessee Valley Authority has developed an inexpensive dehydrator which can be built by anyone who is at all handy with tools. Permission has been given to the Recreation Department of EOP to use these plans in any way desired. Now that salvaged lumber has been made available to employees without charge the only expense to building a dehydrator will be a small 8 inch electric fan, a few electric light bulbs and a thermometer. These plans, complete with instructions for selection, preparation, packing and storing as well as refreshening for use, may be had from the Recreation Department without charge.

Early maturing cabbage should be made into sauerkraut or dehydrated. Late maturing cabbage, potatoes, turnips, carrots and parsnips should be stored in cool cellars or outdoor pits.

Drying is an old method of saving foods in the home. The preservation of fresh corn and vegetables has been practiced since early Colonial days. Drying in the sun is the oldest method and is still practiced in many sections of the country. Other common methods are drying in the oven, over the stove, or in the attic until dry for storage.

The method of drying fresh fruits and vegetables in a specially designed, tight-fitting box, under controlled temperature, humidity and air flow, is called dehydration. Dehydrated vegetables and fruits are of superior quality to those dried by other methods. In many instances dehydrated foods such as corn, carrots, green beans, peas, apples and peaches equal or approach the quality of food preserved by other methods.

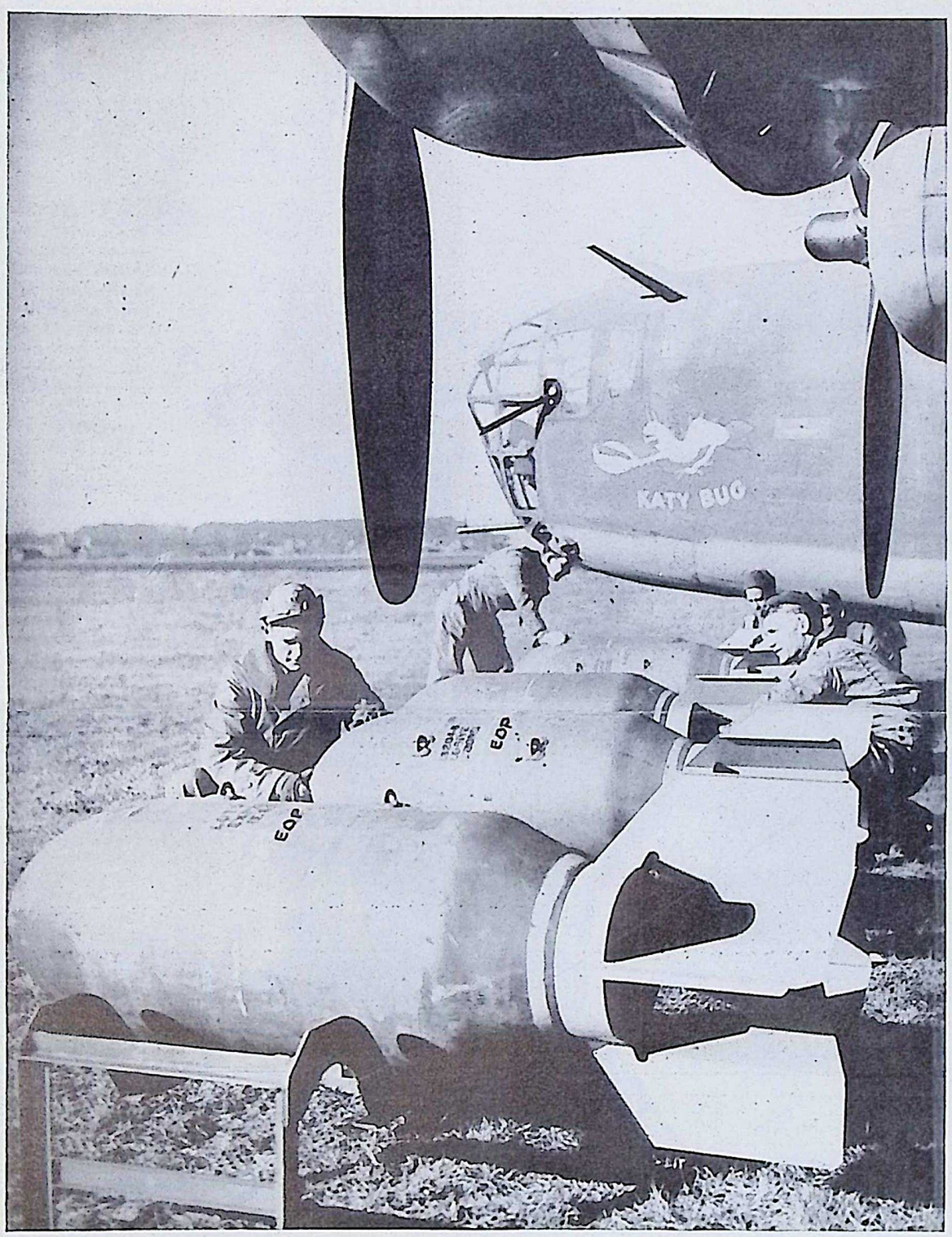
Officers Here Get Double Assignments

Lt. Colonel Byron Rife, commanding officer, has announced a revision in his staff organization at EOP and KNK. At EOP the following officers are assigned exclusively: **Maj. George A. Grant**, executive officer, and **Capt. J. A. Hardy**, Operations Transportation.

At the Kankakee Ordnance Works the following officers are assigned exclusively: **Maj. Jack Snyder**, executive officer; **Capt. William R. Bowman**, Army inspector of Ordnance; and **Lt. Jos. T. Heffron**, assistant adjutant.

The following officers have been assigned to both plants: **Capt. Ralph E. Pinnick**, chief Safety & Security; **Capt. Paul Cooper**, public relations officer, and **Lt. C. R. Crandell**, adjutant.

EOP Bombs Readied for European Raids



BLOCKBUSTERS FROM EOP are shown here being finned and primed preparatory to being loaded into giant American-made "Liberator" bombers at a U. S. Army Air Corps Station in England. Not long after this photograph was made, the "Katy Bug" dropped these death-dealing eggs over Europe . . . action made possible by the loyal men and women of EOP. (Additional photos on Page 3)

British-Combine Photo

Merit Award Group Asks for Ideas

A Merit Award Committee has been established at EOP to receive and judge ideas and suggestions that may help in the war effort.

Suggestions for possible improvement of operations or procedure which will assist EOP in the better performance of its task will be welcomed. Suggestions or ideas should be submitted in complete detail with explanatory sketches to the office of the group chief department head.

All suggestions will be given careful consideration by a reviewing committee composed of members of the Group or Department in which the suggestion originates. If the idea is considered practical the committee will recommend that it be tried out. If the trial of the idea or modification thereof is successful and the idea consequently adopted, it should be written up and submitted through the group superintendent or department head to the Merit Award Committee for consideration for the award of the Ordnance Department and Merit Certificate.

To be eligible for the Ordnance Department Award, the idea should result in the elimination or reduction of critical materials or machines.

Tunstall is Promoted to Major and Adjutant

Word has been received here of the promotion of **Capt. D. P. Tunstall** to the rank of major, according to **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer. Major Tunstall served here from January 6, 1941, to March 16, 1943, as public relations and military intelligence officer. He was transferred to the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants March 16, where he is serving in a similar capacity and in addition has become the adjutant.

WARNING

You are required to fill out, sign and return the "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate" under the current tax payment act of 1943. Failure to do so may cost you money. Read details on Page 4.

New Attendance Record Is Scored By Murray Crew

Highest Figure Set In Contest of Inert Storage Department

The Inert Storage Department's "Contest to Reduce Work Losses" reached a new high in attendance percentage figures with the completion of the third quarter period. This leg of the contest was won by **John Murray** of Group 27, it was announced by **Supt. A. P. Balston**. The men of his squad who helped to earn this honor are **Morgan Moberly, William Moberly, Frank Hafner, Michael Mauss, Anton Loda, John Jacklich, Grover Williams, Leonard Spooner,** and **Robert Jones.**

The winning of this leg puts Murray on the roll of honor with **David Lardi** and **Ray Morris**, who held the highest percentages in the two previous periods.

The standing for the leading squads from March 1 through May 29 follows:

Squad	Group	Hosp. Man Hours	Absences Man Hours	Percent Present
Murray	27	11	18	99.4
Lardi	62S	5	48	99.0
Argyle	62S	....	80	98.7
Bull	62N	....	64½	98.5
Harrop	62S	....	80½	98.4
Holt	62N	....	110½	98.4
W. Peterson	27	14	64¼	98.3
Alderman	62N	10¾	76¼	98.2
Tatro	62N	....	88	98.2

The rate of attendance is highly commendable. It shows the keen interest and the determined attitude of these EOP employees to do their best in the way of attendance and work in order to aid the war effort to the best of their ability.

Along with the attendance contest there are regular meetings held under the direction of **Charles H. Mann**, assistant superintendent. These meetings are conducted with the co-operation of Mr. Balston and the Safety Department, for the assistant superintendents in charge of labor and for the squad leaders. The problems and snags of operation are discussed and many definite improvements have resulted from suggestions contributed by the men at these meetings. This program is another aid to the harmonious and efficient operation of the Inert Storage Department.

R. T. Bassett Named EOP Service Manager

Richard T. Bassett, formerly assistant comptroller, has been named service manager of EOP, it was announced by **W. E. Canniff**, general manager. Although Mr. Bassett's duties are not changed appreciably under the new set-up, he will exercise more authority and supervision and will report directly to the general management, Mr. Canniff said.

It will be Mr. Bassett's assignment to co-ordinate and supervise all "service" activities, including personnel, medical, recreational, office management, housing and cafeteria, and to serve as liasion between the Purchasing Department and operating groups.

Mr. Bassett has been with EOP since the start of the project and previous to that time was for a long period associated with the New York offices of Sanderson & Porter.

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What They Want

Men in the armed services would rather read about what their families are doing, in the letters they get from home, than any other kind of news, the Office of War Information said today after a survey among men in the service at home and overseas in cooperation with the Special Service Division of the Army Service Forces.

Men back from fighting fronts in Africa and the Southwest Pacific reported how mail from home—the right kind of mail—is one of the most vital factors in building and sustaining morale.

At one station overseas, 111 men, representative of enlisted men in the station, were asked "What kind of things do you like to read about in your letters from home?" An examination of answers showed:

(A) Soldiers like to receive letters about their families, including information concerning the following:

1. How the family is getting along economically.
2. That the family is doing everything possible to aid the war effort.
3. That the family is anxious for the boy's return.
4. That the family is "okay and busy."

(B) Soldiers like to hear news about their friends, especially those in the service. Information in this category includes:

1. Girls he knows (if they are single).
2. News about friends at home.
3. Changes in social relations (who is marrying whom).
4. Past events, places he used to go, and the community's "night life."

(C) Soldiers like to hear news about the home town such as:

1. General happenings.
2. General gossip.
3. Sports (especially the home teams).
4. Present conditions (effect the war is having on the home town, rationing, business, etc.)

Servicemen themselves are not remiss in writing home when they have the opportunity.

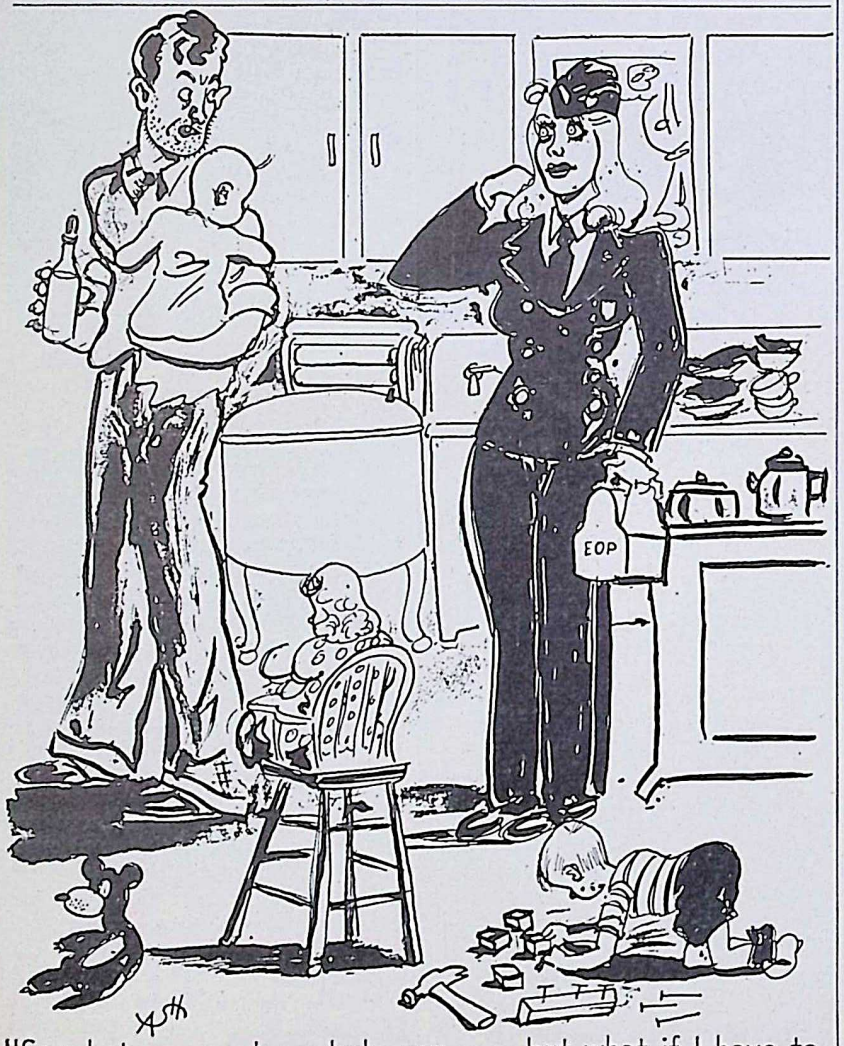
In the study, made by Headquarters of the Army Service Forces, of 4,296 men in eight different camps in the United States so selected as to be representative of enlisted men, 69 per cent of the men said they were off duty on a typical night. Of these, 62 per cent said they wrote letters while off duty; 61 per cent indicated that they wrote more than one letter.

In a study of 1,834 men in 15 different stations, constituting a representative cross-section of enlisted men stationed in England, 49 per cent of the men off duty on a typical night said they wrote letters. Of these, 43 per cent wrote one letter; 36 per cent wrote two letters, 14 per cent wrote three, and seven per cent wrote four or more.

Food and mail have the most important effect upon the morale of troops.

"In most cases, the soldier reads his letters first, then he eats," *Brig. Gen. Clayton S. Adams,* chief of the Army Postal Service, reported after a 35,000-mile inspection tour of Army post offices in the African and Asiatic war theaters.

"Letters sometimes seem more important than ammunition," *Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton,* commanding general of the American Forces in the Middle East, said in a broadcast from New Delhi.



"So what . . . you're a lady cop . . . but what if I have to work 16 hours someday—and you have a flat tire!"

News and Notes from EOP Safety Engineers

"One of the oddest first aid cases experienced in Group 2," said Safety Engineer **B. R. Bowden,** "was one occurring to **Paul Riley,** subforeman in Building 4. In donning his uniform one morning, he was worked on by some insect. Result—a good arm swelling and a trip to first aid."

Another peculiar and painful accident was experienced by another subforeman in a change house. He thought that he was sitting down on the end of a seat. Instead he landed in a garbage bucket.

Fred Habing is substituting for **C. Schindel** on Shift 3 at Group 3 while the latter is enjoying a vacation.

Mr. Bowden and **Donald Grove** have transferred their activities from Group 2 to Group 3 on the second and third shifts respectively. To Safety Engineer Bowden the transfer was a homecoming as he was formerly located for several months in this group.

Tom Todd, inspector, gave first aid treatment in an accident to **Forrest McGowan** at Building 10 and aided in taking him to first aid station. The value of the first aid course was clearly demonstrated in this accident.

Leo Wagner, subforeman in Building 4, has proven his ability as a fire fighter in the group and is now looking for new fields to conquer. He has not had much chance to use his first aid skill and is anxiously awaiting a victim on whom he can use his newly acquired talents.

Jerry Knowles, well-known store-keeper in Group 1, and **Carl Sterlin,** change house foreman, have worked out a clever salvage depot idea. They had a large wooden platform built in a central location to which each building brings its salvage material, then Jerry and Carl take turns sorting the material as to future destination and possible restoration. The only draw-back is that Jerry and Carl are still arguing about taking their turns—but they're doing a swell job of it anyway.

The safety engineers in Group 1 welcome the new men to the group. One of these men, when asked how he liked the group, remarked, "Everywhere you look they're people." Among the new men is **Abraham Lincoln.**

There's no use of **E. M. Akeman,** safety engineer, packing his delicious lunches. A few days ago he packed his lunch, with rhubarb pie for dessert, and proceeded to the plant. During the course of the journey, he shifted his position in the car, and, when he arose, found his lunch looking like a Mexican tortilla. Being rather ashamed to take it into the group with him, he deposited it at Guard Headquarters for future use. However, when later he decided to "slip" out a sandwich from the lunch, he found that the guards (who came on at the change of shift) had "filed" his once delectable lunch in the garbage can.

A lot of credit goes to **Emil Zaychick,** painting foreman of Group 3-A, for his prompt work in patching the floor in Bldg. 13.

William A. Buck, superintendent of communications, has operated his department 18 months without a single minor injury. "Good work," said **Rollin T. Read,** safety director, "and I hope you and your employees continue this fine record."

Mr. Read visited the Kansas Ordnance Plant, Parsons, Kan., during the week of June 5 and reported his trip was interesting and instructive.

A. M. Lockwood, general superintendent of utilities, deserves orchids because his department has had no lost time accidents in 15 months. Considering the number of personnel and potential hazards this is a real accomplishment according to **Karl J. Ulrich,** assistant safety director.

I have written . . . a poem!

Scorchy—The Dope

Scorchy, since the age of two,
Has been a problem child.
He worried all the neighbors;
Nearly drove his parents wild.

He started in at grammar school,
But never did go far;
His teachers soon discovered
That he was short of par.

He found his way to EOP
Intent to do his bit;
Here he found his Shangri-La
The ramshackled Burning-Pit.

He started writing stories,
But little did he know
That he would meet a Mann
Who'd cause him so much woe.

He'd write and write each chance he had
And in his work he'd strut.
His stories always seemed too bad
He was really in a rut.

He chided here, and chided there,
At this, he was his best;
But in the feud he was no good
He had struck a hornet's nest.

Scorchy is scorched, it's rumored 'round
From way down low to 'way up there,
But he's recovering slowly
With the Editor's loving care.

There's a great deal of secrecy
Surrounding his case
The facts are not given
And he can't show his face.

I'm convinced he can't take it,
Or he'd come out of his house,
But they'd get out the Flit can,
Then there'd be a dead louse.

Whew, I'm exhausted,
It's the end of my rope!
I've spent all this time
On Scorchy, the dope!

I might have done better
With a subject to write,
But I guess I'm like Scorchy
I'm not very bright!

—**Mrs. I. M. Scorchfree.**

Our Boss

When the Boss will never notice
Just how hard you've tried to win,
But will pick out all your minor faults
Then make believe you've sinned.

Is the Boss who's not respected
And is always on the fence,
And finds it hard to get work done
Without your confidence.

But the Boss who's always wide awake
And will never miss a cue
To tell you he appreciates
The things you try to do.

Is the Boss who's well respected
And he has your confidence
And he never has to worry
About the consequence.

Now that's the Boss whom we have here
He made it very plain to you
At *The Bomb-Shell* birthday dinner,
Being host to all the crew.

—**Frank McCormick,**
Material Warehouse.

Morale

The day is dark and dreary;
The skies are sullen and gray;
The office is strangely silent;
The workers have nothing to say.

The tap of feet in the hall-way,
A flash of color and then—
Just notice the office;
What's come over the men?

No rustle of wings marks her coming;
No halo of light crowns this pearl;
No, she isn't an angel,
Just a fine American girl.

They raise their heads to greet her
With a welcoming smile;
For she is sweet and dainty,
And dressed in very good style.

She quickly transacts her business,
Unconscious of admiring stares
Then patters away to her office,
And leaves us alone with our cares.

She cheers our lives with her coming,
She leaves us bereft when she's gone,
She is the wine of existence,
God's best gift to Man.

—**Foster M. Maris,**
R. R. Maintenance Dept.

Causes and Cures Of Lost-Time Accidents

Charles Brewer, Group 2, suffered a fractured right leg May 16. He used the fire-escape as an exit from the third floor of Bldg 4 and turned his ankle as he landed in the sand pit at the bottom of the chute.

Both the chute and the pit seem to have been in good order and there is no evidence of any deliberately unsafe act on the part of the injured. The mishap should, nevertheless, serve as a warning that even a two or three-foot jump requires care as to the proper landing posture.

George Grenshaw, Group 27, suffered a severely sprained back May 19, when he slipped on a wet runway as he was pulling a hand truck. He lost four days work.

The very fact that trucks *must,* at times, be pulled over wet, slippery surfaces imposes a special responsibility on workmen. They must accommodate the length of their stride and alter their gait to meet the conditions. If that is done, and full alertness to this hazard maintained, there will be fewer accidents of this nature.

While pushing a bomb rack from the cleaning sump, **James Scheidt** came in sharp contact with a piece of wire which had been substituted for the lock pin ordinarily used on the racks June 6. The wire pierced the flesh between the right index and middle fingers. The injured applied mercurochrome to the wound and continued with his work. Several hours later there were signs of infection and the man was hospitalized Monday morning. He will probably require treatment for two or three weeks.

The makeshift pin caused the accident and failure to report for prompt and adequate medical treatment brought about the serious consequences.

Forrest McGowan of Group 3 suffered the laceration of the middle and index fingers of his left hand June 9, when a skilsaw which he was operating jammed in a 4 x 4 and jumped out of control. The tip of the index finger had to be amputated.

This is the second serious accident in the last few months due to using a light power saw on heavy lumber without securely clamping the material being worked on.

SECOND son of John Woodard, Electric Shop foreman, is Pvt. William A. Woodard, who is stationed at Indiantown Gap, Penn.

105's Praised For Job Done In N. Africa

Munitions Workers Efforts Are Lauded by Wounded Officer

Editor's Note: All EOP workers, particularly those who assemble and load shells and their components, will be interested in this article by a Field Artillery officer who served with the Ninth Infantry Division through some of the hottest fighting in North Africa. Wounded in action, he returned recently to the United States.

By Lt. Frank Lippincott

What happens when artillery and tanks meet at point-blank range and slug it out? If any military strategists want to know the answer to that question, I can give it to them. I was in on just such a battle of titans and I didn't have any bleacher seat either. I was right in the ring getting in some punches of my own. One reason I am still around to talk about it is that our side had a lot of sturdy seconds a long way from the ringside, who didn't let us down. I mean you men and women back in the States who made our equipment and did such a bang-up job that we blasted the best the Nazis could muster clear out of Africa.

It happened at Thala in the hills of central Tunisia where the Germans made one of their strongest attacks of the entire campaign. American and British artillery, unsupported by infantry or air power, took on two of Rommel's crack Panzer divisions. Took them on, beat them and drove them back toward the sea. A Nazi breakthrough might have altered the whole trend of the campaign, might have delayed our victory for months, but they didn't break through.

I was a forward observer for a battery of 105 mm. howitzers. Normally, of course, these would have been in the rear providing a barrage cover for our tanks or infantry, but this time there was no front line. Just the artillery. We had two battalions of 105's, one battalion of 155's and a regiment of British 25 pounders. We had a single regiment of infantry, too, but it was cut to pieces at the start. When the Nazi 10th and 21st Panzer divisions attacked, it was just us—the artillery—against two veteran German armored divisions.

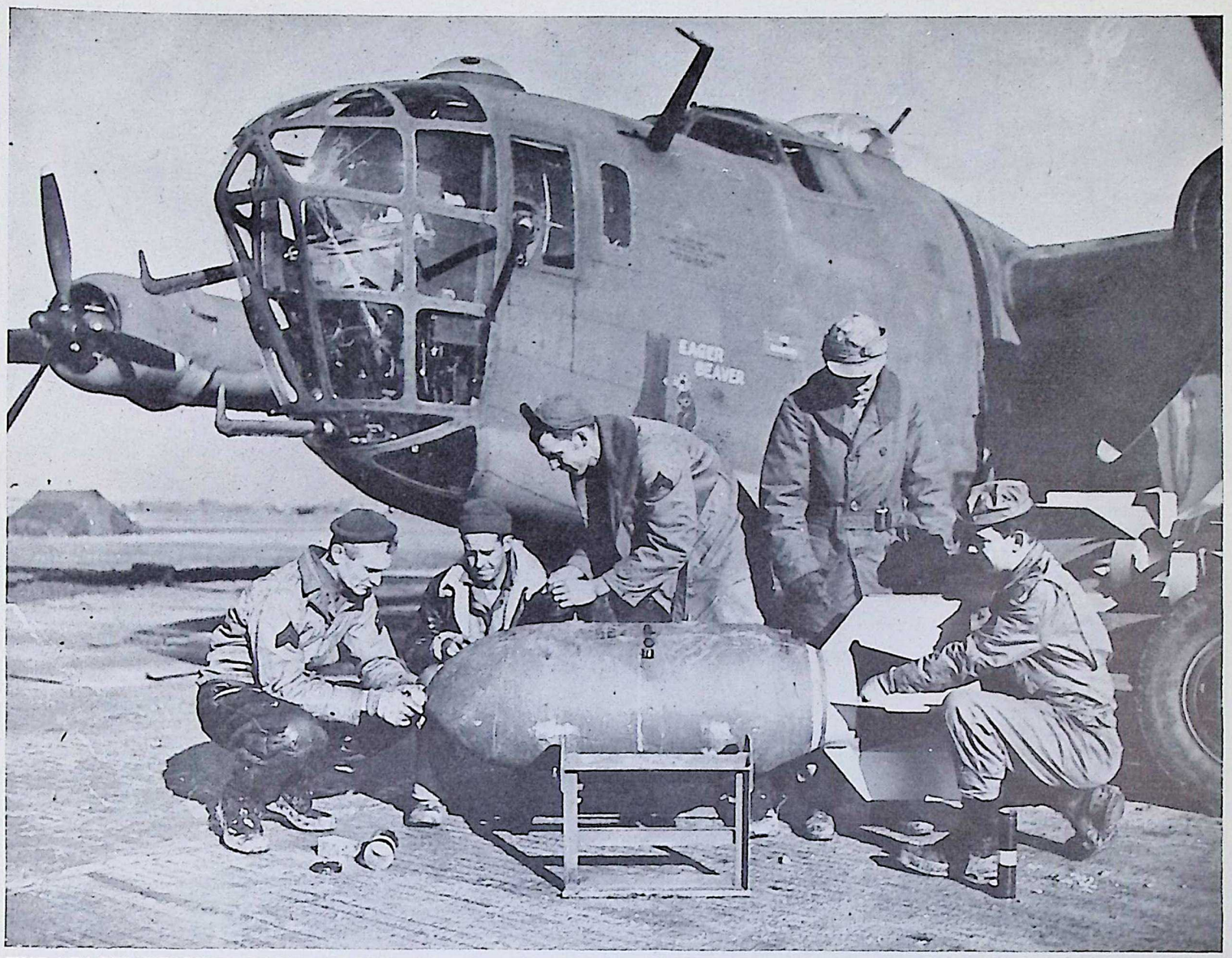
We fought them for three days and three nights running. On the third night they crashed through our forward positions, and big 60-ton Tiger tanks charged head on into us. But we kept our guns firing. We blasted at them through open sights at 300 yards, and still they came. Talk about waiting until you see the whites of their eyes. I saw a British sergeant stick to his 25-pounder until a towering 60-ton Panzer was ten yards away. Then he blew it to pieces with a single shot.

The next day the Nazis came back for more. They got enough to start them back-tracking toward Berlin, but I wasn't around to see much of the punishment we gave them from then on. They say you never hear the shell that gets you, and I certainly never heard this one. They told me later it was an 88 mm. high explosive and it burst just two yards away. Shell fragments sprayed all over me. They tore through my left arm, legs, chest, stomach and back. That ended the fighting for me, but I saw enough to make me eternally grateful to the men and women who gave us the guns and ammunition we used at Thala.

The 105 mm. howitzer with which I had most direct contact is the finest weapon I've ever fired. It packs a terrific wallop and it can take it as well as dish it out. We fired our 105's so fast over a period of hours that the Nazi couldn't believe we were reloading by hand after ever shot. The prisoners we took kept asking to see them in the belief that they were some new miracle weapon that worked automatically. Near the Kasserine Pass I watched our 105's and 155's hurl shells at the enemy as rapidly as they could be loaded. The gun crews were throwing buckets of water on the guns to keep the barrels from getting red hot, and the guns never balked. To my mind, a large share of the credit for our crushing of the Axis in Tunisia belongs to the artillery—and that goes for everything from 37's to 105's. All are topnotch.

I can think of no higher tribute to our ammunition than to say it is worthy of our guns. Our 105 shells have such a shattering effect when they hit that the enemy mistook them for 155's. Our armor piercing high explosive shells are the best in the world, and the time fuses American workers are turning out are A-1 in my book. All along the line, our guns and ammunition top anything the Nazis can pit against them.

It is a wonderful thing to be able to go into battle with equipment you can trust. If you know that your gun is good and your ammunition is good, you have the confidence it takes to win. Just keep on sending us the kind of stuff we had in Tunisia, and we'll pound the Nazi to pieces wherever we find them.



THE "EAGER BEAVER" CALMLY AWAITS its load of EOP blockbusters as Yanks in Britain put the final touches of finning and priming the eggs for deadly hatching over the Axis territory in Europe. EOP employees now know that the bombs made here are being dropped on Germany by American-made bombers flown by Americans . . . they know they're in the war.

British-Combine Photo

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone in Group 61 for the donation they gave us at the time of our recent misfortune. It was greatly appreciated. May God bless everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Emerson,
Chenoa, Ill.

Take Salt Tablets

Salt tablet dispensers throughout the Area will be serviced by the group safety engineers this spring and summer, it was announced. Workers are advised to take the tablets daily to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Some of the Hospital girls have turned to tennis as a noon pastime. How good are they? Reach your own conclusion. An elderly patient, propped on crutches, was observing a match from the front window. "Gosh," he said, "if I could get rid of just *one* of these crutches, I'd challenge that pair."

June Hull is on a trip to the East coast to visit her husband's folks.

Dr. G. B. Geil took his usual little jaunt home . . . way down in Indiana where the tall corn grows.

Curly top **Margaret "Peg" Gergovich** was all fussed when she couldn't get the frame off of her tennis racket.

There's a new baby back of the hospital. Yep—a baby Plymouth. This shiny eyeful belongs to **Dr. Nathan Atovsky.**

Wallace Koepp is relaxing on vacation. Blonde **Eleanor Kartschoke** is pinch hitting for him.

Helen Mueller is spending several days in Chicago — with friends. **Beatrice Merrick** is again visiting her husband.

Dr. Andrew Bustin has left EOP to go East. The saying is "Go West, young man go West." Somehow he got his directions mixed. Before leaving for Clarksburg, W. Va., he willed his Victory garden to **Bertha Perush** and **Elizabeth Russell.** They are having trouble getting to it to plant onion sets. The mystery was solved as to why a simple brown paper bag was sprouting green tops.

Dark-haired **Lorene Motta** is now an orphan—yep, her mom and dad left for Texas—now she can go out with the boys or finish several books from the library.

Mary Philbin is an old hand at —horseback riding—She has been doing it for years—five years to be exact and this is all without "end" results. **Leslie Ross,** her boss, is on vacation and she is left to work by herself.

John Dixon, ambulance driver, has passed his Army examination and is waiting for the well-known call.

Peter Busanelli's buttons were poppin' off his collar every time he (no, not breathed) thought of his brand new daughter, **Bette Ann.**

Mary Kulpa recently left Group 3 for the Army.

Marjorie Hartong had to do a little replanting in her Victory garden. Due to the rain part of the spuds washed away and what was left grew all to tops.

Due to a hole in his pocket, pieces of silver began to jingle and jangle to the floor—a few moments later a cry for needle and thread was sounded and eyes fell upon **Dr. George Luke,** threading a large four-inch needle to remedy the situation.

Grandpappy, **Dr. N. L. Cohler** is just like the rest of the grandparents—he is spoiling his six-months-old grandson. Quote, "Why shouldn't I? They're babies only once."

Flash! Flash! **R. R. Sidell** was seen sporting a flashy light tan, red spoke-wheeled flivver. Anyway it had more attachments than a vacuum cleaner—next thing you know he'll be wearing wings, as he is saving up to buy a helicopter.

Weak yet from being ill herself, **Myrtle Burrus** had to act as nurse for hubby who had the flu. **Evelyn Doran** is a victim of extra sun rays. They certainly were extra by the looks of her, for she can be seen scratching, peeling and working at the same time. This occurs in her inner sanctum —the laboratory.

Can you imagine **Edna Rimmer** turning down a homemade cookie —yes, she did; she says she has the will power to stay on her diet.

Dorothy Schoop wore a frown for several days. You can understand the reason, as her darling daughter, **Marian,** was due for an operation. However, it has changed to a smile as Marian is convalescing.

R. R. Sidell is responsible for the lovely bouquets of "lye-lacks" and "two-lips" in the laboratory

Avery Emerson, Virginia Martin, Thelma Keppin, Vera Doty, Clarence Tammens and **Charles Brewer** were bed patients at the Hospital during the last two weeks.

Dr. I. W. Madura has to turn Chinese each time he enters his apartment in order to appreciate the indigo blue walls. Quote, "They jump at you when you open the door." However, a new coat of paint was added recently and he can now enjoy the lovely light blue ones.

Dorothy Busse and Miss Johnson have something in common; both are home ill.

A black feline, named "Dr. Pepper," is the new addition to the Hospital. "Emogene" has a strong dislike for her companion.

Margaret Gergovich has been hospitalized for several days.

Do You Belong?
For May, 1943
"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 3*
Group 4*****
Group 5*****
Group 7***
Group 8*****
Group 9****
Group 45*****
Guards ***
Fire Department*****
Group 60*****
Group 62-N**
Group 62-S**
Group 64*
Group 65*****
Group 66*****
Group 66-A*****
Group 68*****
Group 70**
Richard Farm Util.*****

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during May.

Make 1943 Accident Free

Roy Heddin can be forgiven for getting stuck in the mud in the yard, but when he gets stuck on the scales—that is too much.

1 Weekly Withholding Schedule for Married Person

Claiming NONE of the Personal Exemption

This schedule applies to Classification Number 1 on the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

	No. Dep.	1 Dep.	2 Dep.	3 Dep.	4 Dep.*
.01 to 9.99	1.00	...	...	...	...
10.00 to 14.99	2.50	1.30	.10	..	..
15.00 to 19.99	3.50	2.30	1.10	.20	.20
20.00 to 24.99	4.50	3.30	2.10	.90	.30
25.00 to 29.99	5.50	4.30	3.10	1.90	.70
30.00 to 39.99	7.00	5.80	4.60	3.40	2.20
40.00 to 49.99	9.00	7.80	6.60	5.40	4.20
50.00 to 59.99	11.00	9.80	8.60	7.40	6.20
60.00 to 69.99	13.00	11.80	10.60	9.40	8.20
70.00 to 79.99	15.00	13.80	12.60	11.40	10.20
80.00 to 89.99	17.00	15.80	14.60	13.40	12.20
90.00 to 99.99	19.00	17.80	16.60	15.40	14.20
100.00 to 109.99	21.00	19.80	18.60	17.40	16.20

**Dep.—dependent.*

2 Weekly Withholding Schedule for Married Person

Claiming HALF of the Personal Exemption

This schedule applies to Classification Number 2 on the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

	No. Dep.	1 Dep.	2 Dep.	3 Dep.	4 Dep.*
10.00 to 14.99	.10	..	..	..	..
15.00 to 19.99	1.10	.20	.20	.20	.20
20.00 to 24.99	2.10	.90	.30	.30	.30
25.00 to 29.99	3.10	1.90	.70	.50	.50
30.00 to 39.99	4.60	3.40	2.20	1.00	.70
40.00 to 49.99	6.60	5.40	4.20	3.00	1.80
50.00 to 59.99	8.60	7.40	6.20	5.00	3.80
60.00 to 69.99	10.60	9.40	8.20	7.00	5.80
70.00 to 79.99	12.60	11.40	10.20	9.00	7.80
80.00 to 89.99	14.60	13.40	12.20	11.00	9.80
90.00 to 99.99	16.60	15.40	14.20	13.00	11.80
100.00 to 109.99	18.60	17.40	16.20	15.00	13.80

**Dep.—dependent.*

July 15 Checks Will Have 20% Tax Deduction

Withholding of Correct Amount Will Depend on Prompt Return of Form

For the clearest understanding of the "Current Tax Payment Act of 1943," it is recommended that you read this story in full before referring to any of the accompanying tables. These deduction schedules do not apply to War Department employees.—Editor.

First payroll deductions under the "Current Tax Payment Act of 1943" for Elwood Ordnance Plant employees will be made for the week ending July 10 on checks distributed July 15. For those employees who are separated from the payroll before July 15, but who have some earnings due for all or part of the week ending July 10, there will be proportionate deductions from their checks.

This deduction is made by the employer who has been ordered by the Government to deduct and withhold from each employee's wages a tax of 20 per cent of each payment of such wages over the family status withholding exemption allowable under the law.

The tax does not amount to exactly 20 per cent of earnings, because of the exemptions depending upon family status allowed by the Government.

In this connection, the first step to be taken by every employee is of extreme importance and so necessary that, if it is not done, the amount of tax withheld will be greater than would ordinarily be withheld. *THIS FIRST IMPORTANT STEP IS THE PREPARATION AND RETURN OF THE "EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE."*

You either have received or will receive from your timekeeper a copy of this certificate. A copy is reproduced in the lower left corner of this page. If you have not received one, *ASK YOUR TIMEKEEPER FOR ONE NOW.*

It is your responsibility to fill in this certificate and to indicate your family status in the same manner and with the same completeness as you will show that information when you file your 1943 Income Tax return in March of 1944. If you need help in fill-

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3 Weekly Withholding Schedule for Single Person

This schedule applies to Classification Number 3 on the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

	No. Dep.	1 Dep.	2 Dep.	3 Dep.	4 Dep.*
10.00 to 14.99	.10	..	..	..	..
15.00 to 19.99	1.10	.20	.20	.20	.20
20.00 to 24.99	2.10	.90	.30	.30	.30
25.00 to 29.99	3.10	1.90	.70	.50	.50
30.00 to 39.99	4.60	3.40	2.20	1.00	.70
40.00 to 49.99	6.60	5.40	4.20	3.00	1.80
50.00 to 59.99	8.60	7.40	6.20	5.00	3.80
60.00 to 69.99	10.60	9.40	8.20	7.00	5.80
70.00 to 79.99	12.60	11.40	10.20	9.00	7.80
80.00 to 89.99	14.60	13.40	12.20	11.00	9.80
90.00 to 99.99	16.60	15.40	14.20	13.00	11.80
100.00 to 109.99	18.60	17.40	16.20	15.00	13.80

**Dep.—dependent.*

4 Weekly Withholding Schedule for Married Person

Claiming ALL of the Personal Exemption

This schedule applies to Classification Number 4 on the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

	No Dep.	1 Dep.	2 Dep.	3 Dep.	4 Dep.*
15.00 to 19.99	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
20.00 to 24.99	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
25.00 to 29.99	.70	.50	.50	.50	.50
30.00 to 39.99	2.20	1.00	.70	.70	.70
40.00 to 49.99	4.20	3.00	1.80	1.00	1.00
50.00 to 59.99	6.20	5.00	3.80	2.60	1.40
60.00 to 69.99	8.20	7.00	5.80	4.60	3.40
70.00 to 79.99	10.20	9.00	7.80	6.60	5.40
80.00 to 89.99	12.20	11.00	9.80	8.60	7.40
90.00 to 99.99	14.20	13.00	11.80	10.60	9.40
100.00 to 109.99	16.20	15.00	13.80	12.60	11.40

**Dep.—dependent.*

FORM W-4
U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

(Collection of Income Tax at Source on Wages)

Name..... (Print full name)

Address..... (Print home address) Social Security No.....

I. Check the box in the line below which applies to *you* on the date this form is filled in:
- Married person living with husband or wife but claiming **none** of the personal exemption.... (1) ☐
- Married person living with husband or wife but claiming **half** of the personal exemption.... (2) ☐
- Single person (not head of a family) or married person not living with husband or wife (not head of a family)..... (3) ☐
- Married person living with husband or wife and claiming **all** of the personal exemption (spouse claiming none of the exemption)..... (4) ☐
- Head of a family (a single person or married person not living with husband or wife who exercises family control and supports closely connected dependent relative(s) in one household)..... (5) ☐

II. Number of dependents **receiving chief support from you** who are either under 18 years of age or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective.....

I declare that the entries made herein are a true and complete statement as of the date indicated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued under authority thereof.

Date....., 194..... 16—34596-1 (Signature).....

The personal exemption for withholding is an amount of wages on which no tax is withheld. The exemption is larger for married persons living together and for heads of families than for single persons who are not heads of families or married persons not living together and not heads of families. If a husband and wife living together both receive wages, they may divide the exemption equally, or one may take all and the other none, as they agree. An additional exemption for certain dependents is allowable to the person furnishing the chief support of such dependents.

An Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate shall be filled in by the employee and furnished immediately to each employer. In case of a change in marital or dependency status, a new exemption certificate shall be filled in and furnished to the employer not later than 10 days after such change occurs. Upon commencement or change of employment, an exemption certificate shall be furnished the new employer on or before the date of such employment.

If no exemption certificate is filed by the employee with the employer, no withholding exemption is allowable.

Severe penalties are imposed for willfully supplying false or fraudulent information or for willful failure to supply information which would reduce the withholding exemption.

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5 Weekly Withholding Schedule for Head of Family

Must Claim ALL of the Personal Exemption

This schedule applies to Classification Number 5 on the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate

	No Dep. or 1 Dep.	2 Dep.	3 Dep.	4 Dep.*
15.00 to 19.99	.20	.20	.20	.20
20.00 to 24.99	.30	.30	.30	.30
25.00 to 29.99	.70	.50	.50	.50
30.00 to 39.99	2.20	1.00	.70	.70
40.00 to 49.99	4.20	3.00	1.80	1.00
50.00 to 59.99	6.20	5.00	3.80	2.60
60.00 to 69.99	8.20	7.00	5.80	4.60
70.00 to 79.99	10.20	9.00	7.80	6.60
80.00 to 89.99	12.20	11.00	9.80	8.60
90.00 to 99.99	14.20	13.00	11.80	10.60
100.00 to 109.99	16.20	15.00	13.80	12.60

**Dep.—dependent.*

July 15 Checks Will Have 20% Tax Cut

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ing in your certificate, ask your timekeeper for assistance, or call the office of **Paymaster John F. Dolan**, Line 3127.

The information furnished by each worker on this certificate will form the basis for the so-called "20 per cent withholding tax," but, that tax is on only that part of the wages which is in excess of the taxpayer's exemptions as claimed on the certificate. Therefore, it is easy to see that the information required in the certificate must be carefully prepared.

Now, look for a moment at the copy of the "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate" in the lower left corner of page 4. You will see that under Section I you will come under one of five classifications. After you have determined your classification, look on that page for the table which refers to your classification. They are numbered one to five, as well as bearing proper identification titles.

Now, look again at the "Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate." Under Section II, you are required to furnish the number of your dependents. With your classification and number of dependents determined, it is easy to refer to your wage range in your particular table and see what your payroll deduction will be.

For additional convenience, definitions of the terms used in the tables and in the exemption form are given as follows:

Single Person—In addition to a single person, this title also applies to one who is married and not living with husband or wife, and is not the head of a family.

Married Person Claiming ALL of Personal Exemption for Withholding—means a married person who claims all of the personal exemption for the purposes of this tax, and whose spouse is claiming none of the personal exemption.

Married Person Claiming HALF of Personal Exemption for Withholding—means a married person who claims half of the personal exemption and his spouse is claiming not more than half of such exemption.

Married Person Claiming NONE of the Personal Exemption for Withholding — means a married person making no claim with respect to their personal exemption.

Head of Family—means one who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more individuals who are closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption, and has the right to exercise family control based upon some moral or legal obligation. However, if by force of circumstances, the family cannot be maintained in one home (for example, the father in the Army, or dependent temporarily away from home) you may still claim head of family status.

Dependent—is a person dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the employee, either under 18 years of age, or incapable of self support because mentally or physically defective.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Sgt. Roy Fox, who was transferred to Group 64, is handling his new job very capably and making new friends.

Free Buckley is now sporting a new **Frank Buck** hat. He said he can use it for a dual purpose; for protection from the sun when working days, and as a head-light while riding a scooter at night.

Take notice of **Charles Gardner's** brass of late. It is a shining example of the result of daily inspections. However, he advises the rest of the boys in his group that he shines his own belt and no others.

Frank Govednick seems to take to a Scooter like a duck does to water.

Corp. Pete Scaggiari and **Elbert Russell** are enjoying vacations. During this time, they will plant Victory gardens and supply the boys with fresh vegetables. If the gardens don't produce, they will dig them up somewhere.

James Ferguson says "No scooter for me, it acts too much like the bronc I once tried to ride."

Roy Wiseman says it looks like winter all summer long. He is going to take off the long-handled ones July 4.

It is reported from Group 64 that **John Spesia**, who is on vacation, spends the mornings in bed, the afternoons at Hawthorne Park and the evenings at Baraboo.

Lt. Joseph Trecker is wearing a pair of *expensive* new oxfords.

When **Ferrel Chew** returned from vacation all the boys wanted to know what disposition was made of his polo ponies.

Clifford Carls is now more energetic than ever since his wife is now employed in Group 3-A.

Cpl. William Crosman and **Charles Fullerton** decided to go to their home town to see the flood waters, but whether they saw them is a mystery.

Duane Lake is now known to his fellow officers as "Veronica" —you know, the one-eyed actress.

The guards on **Sgt. Tom Cerre's** shift responded 100 per cent in the ticket sales for the Group 3-A dance June 12.

When asked at which gate he preferred to work, **Fred Haake** quickly responded, "Gate 6, Group 3-A."

Carl Kornmeyer, dispatcher, has been beckoned by Uncle Sam. He reported to the Navy in Chicago June 10. Carl will be greatly missed as he is a very capable and efficient man.

Sgt. Cerre was greatly missed during a recent illness. It is reported that his fellow workers were anxious for his return.

Cpl. Byron Campbell and **Lawrence Weber** enjoy having lemon-meringue pie together.

William Anderson takes pride in working his Victory garden in his nice new white shorts.

Eugene Rickert has taken a fancy to chickens, while **Dallas Cunningham** is trying to convince him that turkeys are said to be much better.

TRANSFERRED TO KANSAS ORDNANCE PLANT, Maj. Kenneth M. Haber has gone to Parsons, Kan., to become commanding officer of that unit. Succeeded here by Lt. Col. Byron Rife, Major Haber was tendered a farewell party by his staff before his departure from EOP, where he was commanding officer from October, 1942 until May, 1943.

With the Women
By Lt. Ruth Chidsey

Capt. Gladys Armstrong spent an enjoyable week-end at her home in Virginia, Ill.

Lorraine Guenette has returned home from St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, where she underwent a major operation. All look forward to the time she is able to report for duty.

Lt. Eve Anna Castle is spending a vacation with her parents, **Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Gowdy**, Quincy, Ill.

The folks at Madison, Ind. were pleasantly surprised when **Sgt. Billie Taff** returned home, accompanied by **Lt. John Sullivan**. The managements of the local Eagle's and Country Clubs did more than their share to make their visit a happy one.

The girls on the "C Shift" have christened **Ruby Lantz** "Superwoman." While the other girls were lamenting the fact that the "midnight trick" came all too soon, Ruby took advantage of the situation and worked all morning in her garden. She not only accomplished a great deal of work, but acquired a suntan.

Josephine Finch has been walking on air since she heard that her husband is to receive his furlough. He is in the Sea-bees and is stationed at Davisville, R. I.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

Edward Kien, who loves publicity dearly, was heart-broken because he couldn't find his name in *The Bomb-Shell*. Ed's a swell guy and a swell line foreman. He really gets things done in a hurry!

Jerry Knowles, storekeeper, has started his spring cleaning in the storeroom. Jerry was hoping that spring would be late this year so he could wait awhile and he almost got his wish.

Charles "Shorty" Rolando is the joker of the Group I pipe shop. He keeps the rest of the fellows jumping to get out of his way and there isn't another pipefitter in the outfit who isn't almost twice as big as Shorty. They agreed unanimously that since they're afraid of Shorty their only possible revenge would be publicity—of which Shorty has great fear.

Alva Phillips, truck driver, better known as "Phil," is a professional wrestler after working hours. Phil never gets in any arguments at work. All he does is to raise an arm and every man within arm's length falls all over himself getting away. Phil is waiting for his call to the Marines.

Pat Fitzgerald, formerly of Bldg. 15, who joined the WAACS, writes that she really likes Fort Oglethorpe and that her friends would never recognize her with her suntan. Pat's probably just trying to make them jealous.

Much to the delight of little blonde **Shirley Olsen**, Bldg. 4, **Bill Kelly**, her big heart murmur, is back in the group after a short stay at Group 61.

According to **Mid Slack**, group inspector, one can now buy postholes which simplify greatly the problem of putting up a fence. Mid, who has gone in for farming in a big way, was coaching **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon** in the rudiments of modern gardening and finally sold him some tomato plants for twice the price he paid. Rumor has it that Mr. Salmon still doesn't know that he's been rooked.

Walter Lipchart, machinist, who suffered a broken leg almost a year ago, has returned to the group and is on the graveyard shift. His buddies are glad to see him back.

Sylvia Hamper, formerly of Group 1 First Aid Station, is overseas now helping the boys finish this war right on the front lines. There are a lot of women who would like to be "over there" with Sylvia and their men, but since it isn't possible, they're backing their men right here at EOP and sending their hopes with Sylvia.

Bob Hartley, former machinist foreman, was back in Group 1 for a visit and the boys were really glad to see him.

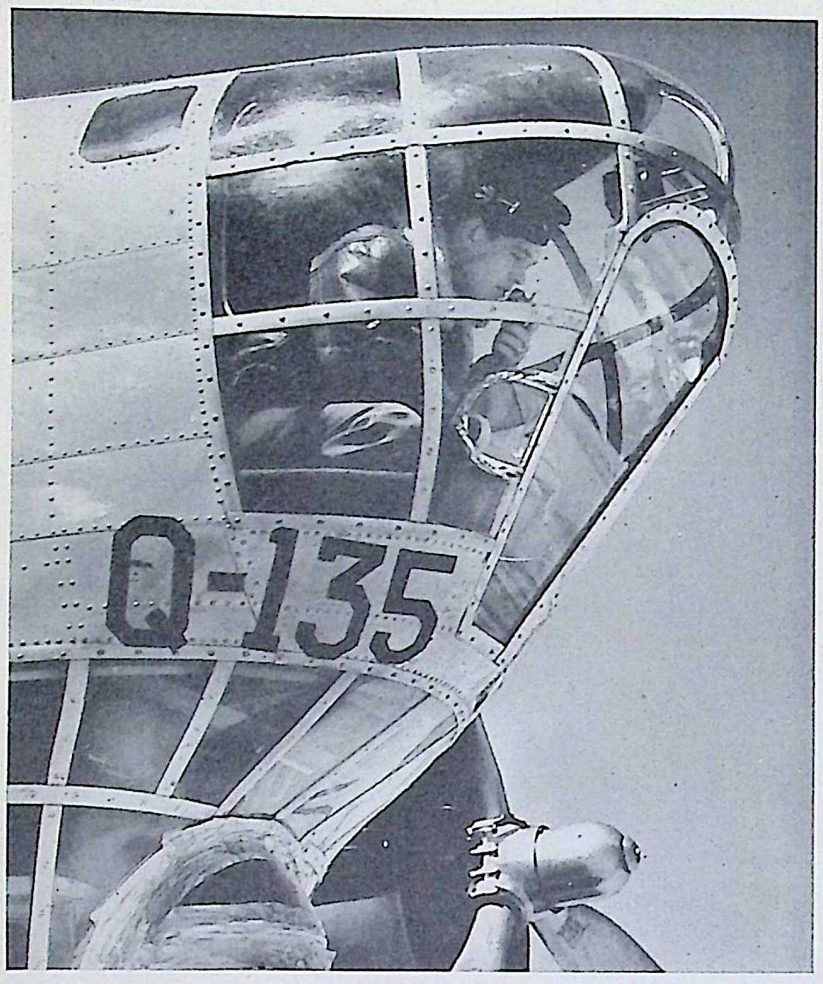
Betty Banko, Bldg. 4, and **Hazel Hobbs**, Bldg. 4, recently received diamonds—and very lovely ones, too. Betty is engaged to **Jimmy Aagesen**, who is farming right now, and Hazel's lucky man is **Sgt. Le Roy Rardin**, with the Air Corps in Africa.

The Memorial Day week-end was opportune for the following women guards to visit their homes: **Edna Lytle**, Pearl, Ill.; **Pearl Halberg**, Minonk, Ill.; **Kay Koncor**, Streator, Ill.; **Frances Dempsey**, Chicago; **Villa Eggleston**, Crystal Lake, Ill., and **Zelma Kinard**, Cedar Lake, Ind.

Mary E. Smith would like to obtain a copy of the poem "When Pa Plays Baseball." Anyone able to furnish the said data will receive a hearty thank you.

Women guards enjoying vacations are **Gladys Koerner**, veteran of the graveyard shift; **Verla Chism Fisher**, who is in Paris, Tenn.; **Irene Thomas**, who is attending her daughter's graduation ceremonies at St. Francis' College.

Mable Peterson had her daughter, **Mable Ann**, as a guest for a week-end.



BOMBARDIER'S NEST is the name of this post in the nose of a giant bomber. From this advantageous position, he is in constant communication with the pilot, and when the target is reached he becomes "Captain" of the mission until after the bombs are dropped.

(Army Air Forces photo)

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

There is no doubt that EOP has the best dressed car checker of many an ordnance plant, namely, **John "Bunny" Arthur** who has added a new straw hat to his flashy attire.

Double congratulations are in order for **Switchman and Mrs. Paul Hatcher** on the arrival of twin sons.

There should be no worry as to food shortage in this plant with such capable farm owners as **Matt Ludig, Ernie Wendt** and many others in the Railroad Division. With any luck in the weather, these men may become truck-gardners.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Anyone in need of housecleaning aid can call **Joe Thompson.** He's reputed to be good.

Aspirin tablets have become quite popular within the Telephone Division since the arrival of the little brown envelopes from the Treasury Department.

Gertrude Crowley's home work for the last two weeks are now in evidence. Cute, aren't they?

Jim Soule is contemplating changing employers—going to work for his Uncle Sam.

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

The latest addition to the welding room is **Robert Plese.** Bob plays third base on EOP's ball team and handles "the hot corner" well.

Frank Koch says that giving yourself a hot foot is not his idea of a good joke.

A letter was received from **John Hanson,** former employee, who is now riding the waves.

Radio Ramblings
By Kay Richardson

Merle Eberhart's happy countenance is missed around the Radio Division. Merle is now with the Army and all wish him luck.

Al Johnson—(poor boy)—once again finds himself on the split shift. He eats his supper at breakfast time, isn't hungry at dinner, and goes to bed when everyone else is getting up. Al has a long list of disadvantages for anyone who would care to hear about them.

Clarence Coope is expected to raid his Victory garden of carrots any time. Coope is on the night shift once more, but please don't remind him. He's trying so hard to forget.

The six little puppies which are the property of the Radio Division draw a great deal of attention and that's for sure. It could definitely be said that they are "watched" dogs.

Gust Hahn apparently is the only one around who isn't frettin' about his income tax. He must be the only one who has the money to pay it, while others keep on singing "Oh where, oh where has my money gone?

Two experienced gardeners showed up at work on their looked-forward-to day off recently. **Larry Jack** and **Barney Johnson** are really enthusiastic about their Victory gardens.

Service Garage Spares
By Eleanor R. O'Keefe

Glen Bitterman said his greatest disappointment in weeks was not seeing the president **(A/C Walter H. Murphy)** of the Thursday Night Club on Sunday.

Fishing season request. **S. J. ("Kelly") Kulkulski** would like to rent a scooter which makes excellent mileage.

Carl Adams' vacation conversation is as follows: "Let's not talk about that."

Marvin Christensen says that Mussolini is a sort of material used for women's dresses.

It is rumored that the new crew from the Richards Farm Garage, now stationed at the Service Garage, is satisfied with the new surroundings. Thus, one medium-sized family becomes one big happy family.

Electric Shop
By Ben Webster

John O. Woodard, foreman of the Electric Shop, is confined to a hospital by illness. Mr. Woodward has served as foreman since the beginning of construction, and all hope it will not be too long before his return.

Uncle Sam's Army inducted another electrician last week—**Raymond Rossi.**

Several of the fellows have been limbering up playing baseball, or, rather, stiffening up. When does a soft ball become a hard ball? **Carlo Richards** has the answer.

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Congratulations go to **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogel** on the arrival of a nine-pound son.

Of the four men who received certificates of merit, the gang here is happy that **Edward H. Bick** and **George Bigelow** are employed at the Machine Shop at the present time, and **Nicholas Whitney** and **James Gordon** are former employees. Congratulations go to them for their fine achievements. **Supt. J. A. Cocker,** superintendent, was especially proud and elated.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Bob Harder believes the telephone is here to stay but still continues to talk loud enough to be heard in Timbuctoo.

Abie Stratton tests his vocal chords in the shop by singing the scale in tune with pipe when it is hammered.

Paint Shop Patter
By Blackie Blackburn

EOP has lost the smiling and happy-go-lucky foreman of the Paint Shop, **Earl "Diz" Whipple,** to Uncle Sam's Navy. His many friends wish him the best of luck.

Congratulations are sent to **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Singer** . . . and to **Uncle Tom,** too . . . on the arrival of a son at St. Joseph Hospital June 8.

Gene and Wallington Dancey seem to be quite down-hearted because the grass is so high and the pheasants so hard to see.

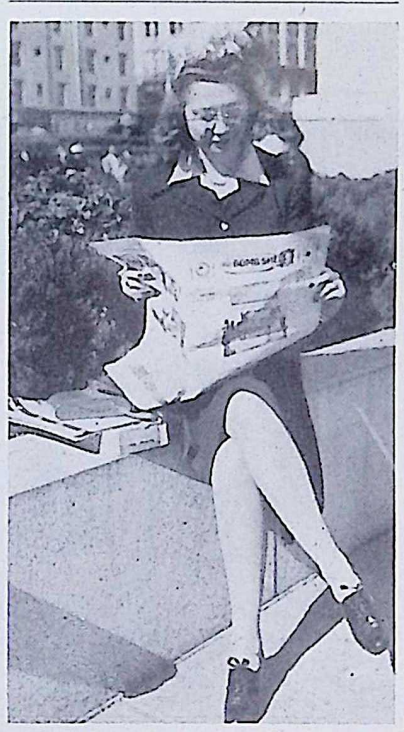
Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

Edith Cerre is back from vacation after visiting her mother in Peoria.

Harry Eaton is awaiting greetins from Uncle Sam.

Harlan Moats, better known as "Sparky," has moved his family to Wilmington.

Blanche Gensler is welcomed back after spending some time at the Motor Pool.



EVIDENCE that The Bomb-Shell reaches extreme sections of this country is shown in this photo, taken in San Francisco, of Dorothy Reimer, formerly Dorothy Becker of Personnel (Ordnance), reading the paper. Dottie left EOP over a year ago and is married to LaVerne Reimer, USN. The picture was sent by Bernard Kapsch, USN, San Francisco, formerly of Ordnance Inspection.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Mary Norwick and **Margaret Hutton** were recently added to **J. F. Dolan's** payroll staff.

Dorothy Mulligan will soon be joining her husband in Florida.

Ruth Berg and **John Burke** are on vacation. Ruth is at home in Momence and John left for St. Louis.

Frank Wilkinson of the Bond Department will spend the week of June 12 in Champaign.

Evelyn Blaydes, Payroll, left Saturday, June 5, for her former home in Kentucky.

Joe Stark's friends in the Engineering Department were glad to hear that he is doing well in his new position at the Illinois Water Treatment Company at Rockford. Mr. Stark resigned recently as superintendent of the Water Department here.

Frederick Poplausky soon will be strolling down the sidewalks of New York, and you can't deny that "Pop" won't have fun on vacation.

Kem Peterson of the Consolidated Aircraft Company, Fort Worth, Tex., was a visitor here June 9. His father is that jovial gentleman, **W. E. Peterson** of the Engineering Department.

C. L. Huggins, formerly of the Expediting Department, is now with an aircraft plant in Chicago.

Sue Jubera, Rose Haley, Mary Rozich, Ann Muren and **Helen Tusek** had a memorable Memorial Day picnicking at Highland Park.

Jean Hine's husband came home on furlough June 12.

Jack Breitfuss has returned to Chicago.

Those interested in unusual jewelry might like to see the new ruby ring **Jean Oliver** is wearing.

Howard McCorkle is on the sick list.

Vince Cantarella is back in little old New York planning to enter the Navy.

Harold Johnson of Camp Livingston, Louisiana, former timekeeper in the Fuze & Booster Area, was a visitor in the Administration Building.

The Payroll Department is sponsoring a picnic at Hammel Woods Sunday, June 27. Everybody is invited. Bring your own lunch and come early. A good time is expected.

Margaret Ott, Mail Room, left for Fort Benning, Georgia, June 12 on vacation. They say her heart throb is down there. His name is **Pvt. Howard Kroening,** former Government inspector in Group 63.

Jackie Binzen is vacationing because **Tech. Sgt. Theodore Barnville** of California is home on furlough.

Bette Fedderson and **Margaret Adams** visited Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Bette went to see **Bob Stewart,** formerly of the Mail Room.

Barbara Machias, 10-year-old daughter of **John Machias,** Payroll, underwent an operation May 14 at St. Joseph Hospital, Joliet. She is recuperating and wants her friends at Washington School to know that she is thinking of them.

Cpl. Lloyd Smith is home in Joliet on furlough. "Smitty" was formerly a chauffeur here and was expected for a visit.

Edith Lewis planted tomato plants in her Victory garden and, lo and behold, there were tomatoes on them the next morning! *(Wotta-ell..Editor.)*

Beautiful flowers in the offices of the Administration Building are due to **W. B. "Farmer" Manchester.**

Rita Dwyer spent the week-end in St. Louis.

Stanley Nyren, "bundle o' smiles," Purchasing Department, is on vacation.

Geraldine Almon, Evelyn Vilt, Helen Boling, Hazel Gleason and **Marilyn Rhodes** planned to spend the night of June 17 in a cottage on Kankakee River near Wilmington.

Marian Shelley, Purchasing Department, is in California visiting her brother, **Frank "Zeke" Shelley,** at Camp Roberts. The "worry wart" worried for three weeks whether she would be able to get train connections, so all were happy when a card said that she had arrived.

Bob Bailey's time is taken up between his new boat and his new daughter born recently. The boat is 17 feet long, and the baby just a little thing. Maybe she will grow up to be a WAVE—she is a wave of sunshine now.

Al and **Emily Voegtle** were visitors here Friday, June 4. He is in the armed services at Camp McCain, Mississippi. Emily was formerly employed in the Purchasing Department, and everyone was glad to see "Little Bug."

Dawn Schultz is now working at the new Post Office Building in Chicago.

Miss Boling's heart is all aflutter—**Staff Sgt. Walt Wheeler** of El Paso, Tex., will be home June 21 on furlough.

The only member of the Expediting Department to enlist in the armed forces is **PFC. R. F. Raycraft** of Miami Beach, Fla.

N. S. Gustafson, former expediter, is employed at the Dodge Plant, Chicago.

Otto Wehr has returned from a vacation and **Joe Bebej** left for one. Both are chauffeurs at the Administration Building.

Barbara Melin, former secretary to **G. B. Pumphrey,** is having the time of her life being a little housewife at Batavia.

Billie Nicholson, secretary to **W. E. Canniff,** is vacationing in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Ever see a carnival performer dive from a high tower into a tub of water?

What a thriller!

But you wouldn't try it. Too risky, you'd say.

Yet when you dive into unfamiliar water you're taking a greater risk.

Don't be foolish around water. If seven thousand Americans who drowned last year had known *and obeyed* a few simple rules they would be alive today.

Don't dive into water you don't know. It may be dangerously shallow or hide rocks or stumps that could break your neck.

The National Safety Council recommends that you wait two hours after eating before going in swimming. Remember, too, that swimming requires good general physical condition.

Stay out of the water if you're overheated from exercise or the sun. Wait until you cool off, then go in, *but never alone.*

Whenever possible, swim where a life guard is on duty. But no matter how many people are around, do not swim far from shore, unless you are accompanied by a boat.

If you suffer cramps in the water, don't lose your head. Try to float while signaling for assistance.

Keep yourself safe by taking no chances. Learn rescue methods and artificial respiration so you can save others.

Native Hollander Now Greases Blockbusters Here

"I hope every bomb I grease finds its proper target," said **Martin Baker,** native Hollander, now employed as service man to blockbusters in Group 3-A.

Mr. Baker was born in Friesland, Holland, in 1878. He came to the United States from Amsterdam in 1912. Still in Amsterdam are four of his children, two brothers and two sisters, from whom he has heard nothing since Germany invaded The Netherlands. One of the brothers has been on the Amsterdam police force for 25 years.

A son, **Jake,** 26 years old, is a lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps, and a daughter, **Grace,** 23, is a WAVE. Mr. Baker has been a carpenter for 35 years and was transferred from carpenter work for EOP to operations recently.

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EOP Honor Roll

Clarence William Adams
Anthony M. Bajt
Leo Joseph Bell
Raymond Joseph Biggins
John Wesley Boyd
John Cameron Brown
Benard J. Clauss
Dennis Collins
Duane O. Culligan
Laura Eugene Davis
Robert B. Douglas
Herbert Drummond
Kenneth Eugene Ealy
Edward R. Ecklund
John L. Edmon
Miels Ehmsen
Orin Wilson Fast
Lester Harlan Fears
Robert Francis Feeney
Harold Edward Fraher
Joseph Louis Gasparich
Edgar E. Grove
Jerome K. Hancock
Willis Ray Harms
Wendell V. Harrison
Frank Alexander Hauser
Ray Vernon Hess
Noble Garland Hinds
William N. Hoegsted
Earl E. Irvin
Gerald John Jacobs
John Persing Jennings
Earl Koehler
William Edward Kollman
John Robert Knauer
Lionel B. Lamie
Peter Paul Lazar
Robert John Libertor
Robert Leland Lindsey
Charles L. Linko
John Joseph Loetscher
Joseph B. Lovera
Robert Leroy Lydigsen
William L. Mammen
Robert Emmet Manning
Raymond Eugene McCoy
Robert John McKeon
Norman E. McNett
John H. Meinert
Paul Toney Meli
Robert W. Nesbitt
Alan Lloyd Niehls
Wendell J. Overacker
Robert Rolland Palda
Frank Peter Paul
William Louis Petty
Harriet E. Porter
Joseph Elmer Powell
Lloyd Merle Raridon
Raymond Francis Rowan
Edward Earl Schultz, Jr.
Donald James Shepherd
George Donald Slajchert
John Glen Sorenson
Angelo J. Sperelakis
Leonard J. Suhadolc
Albert William Tarter
Frank Richard Terlep
Charles R. Testa
Lloyd Olen Thorne
Arnold A. Thurston
George E. Vickery
Walter Royce Vickery
Peggy Warren
Carl C. Whittle
Andrew George Zoph

EOP WAAC Speaks

A few words on life among the WAACS were spoken by **Betty Foster**, former forelady, June 12, in Fuze & Booster, at the Treasury Center program in the Public Service building, Joliet. She is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

News from the front. . . . Got a V-mail letter from **Jimmy Walker** . . . you remember him from Stores and Transportation . . . he's somewhere in England and having himself a heck of a time . . . says he enjoys the English brew . . . but has a "devil of a time" with the King's English. . . . Bet they can't understand that Missouri drawl of his either.

Harold Kapsch, formerly of Timekeeping, is keeping things moving up Camp McCoy way . . . guess from all reports he has dropped some of his excess weight. . . . His brother **Bernie**, is in the Navy stationed in California.

A group of the guys and gals went to Kankakee to give the glad mitt to the new **Mrs. Tommy Haigh**. . . . From all and sundry reports, a good time was had by all. . . . By the way . . . have you noticed how settled Tommy is now?

Bea Peterson of Auditing is vacationing . . . spose she'll be back with a swell coat of tan and lord it over us pale faces. . . . See **Lois Dix** is still on the upgrade after her operation . . . slow going but successful . . . glad she has those nice rosy cheeks again.

Say, don't know whether you readers were advised or not . . . but **Phil Keller** formerly of Payroll, is a papa and a proud one, too. . . . Mama is the former **Evelyn Gleason.**

Margaret Jesberger is looking in furniture windows . . . so the good word goes . . . wonder if it is the good looking furniture or the star dust of romance that inspires such looks?

Lee Sopher of Personnel was seen on the streets of Streator (cute phrase, no?) t'other day looking like a page from "Charm" . . . seems as though she has a new outfit that she hasn't sprung on her EOP friends yet.

Marie Maren (cutie pie) of Mail and Record has a sad look these days . . . guess that mail man hasn't been able to get those letters from **Jimmy Veatch** out from camp in time to suit Marie. They're engaged you know—and his so-o-o far away—Yep, he's somewhere in Australia.

Heard from **Bill Turndahl** down Tennessee way and says he expects to be in the Air Corps soon . . . transferring from his present branch of service . . . He's married now . . . but still likes to hear the dirt from good old EOP . . . Gosh, that's one thing about this place . . . sorta like graduating from school . . . ya know, Alma Mater and that stuff . . . no matter where the kids roam they always want to know where Johnny is or what Sallie is doing now . . . Would be fun to have a reunion one of these days, wouldn't it?

Claire Donoghue Yeoman was visiting here last week . . . You remember her from **Capt. K. D. De Young's** office and her hubby . . . **Lt. Dale Yeoman** . . . they are now billeted in Baltimore while Dale is at Aberdeen . . . she looks wonderful and says they like Baltimore.

Helen Harmon has been pretty quiet about the Army lately . . . wonder if she has traded the land lubbers for sea hawks.

Ann Kulpa's secret is just about to break . . . she will dish it out herself about press time . . . **Molly Baker**, teletyper, and her eminent colleague have a jam session every once in a while . . . the colleague is none other than pretty **Ann Melovic.**

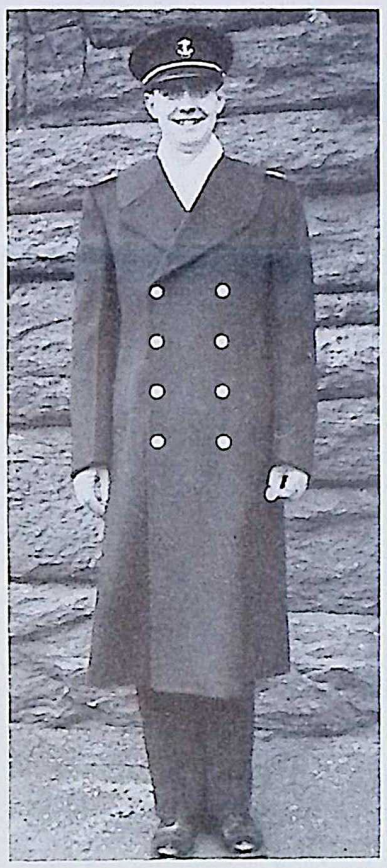
Speaking of Mail and Records . . . if you see a big black wreath hanging on the door . . . don't be alarmed . . . it's just their way of telling the world that they are in mourning . . . their last male has been inducted into Uncle Sam's army . . . **Mel Huston**, the teletype kid . . . **Jo Kush**, chief of the Section, will have to change the name to Fe (mail) and Records . . . The gang from this office had a picnic for him at Nowell Park in Joliet and everyone had a hilarious time munching hot dogs and mustard and all the trimmings . . . **Lt. C. R. Crandell** and the missus looked like they had a good time.

Orchids or a medal are in order for **Ann Lipsar** of Operations and Transportation . . . she has been taking subjects at night school and has attended twice a week for six months . . . nary a day or night AWOL.

Does anyone know what that pet phrase **Jo Vilt** . . . blonde queen in **Maj. G. A. Grant's** office . . . uses when she requests a file???? Word is out that **H. H. "Red" Bowler** looks like a million dollars in his Ensign uniform . . . with that hair and those Navy blues. Some time ago Lieutenant Crandell had a "cocktail" party for the Administrative Section at his home . . . the guests had such a swell time that they are reciprocating by having the Crandells as guests at a dinner this week . . . sorta nice, don't you think????? . . . Proves the theory that if you all try a little to get along with each other that you can make working fun and not just "another pay day."

Some of the nicest news heard during the week was that of it being **MAJOR David P. Tunstall** . . . he was promoted from captain . . . sure deserved it and everyone is very happy . . . he's down St. Louis way now, you know.

Haven't heard much from the Payroll kids lately, don't suppose **Danny Considine** is working them too hard, do you????? . . . Customer's Contribution: Wonder what **William J. Leeland** is studying train schedules for???? . . . Vacation????? . . . **Betty Wilhelmi** of Personnel has gone to see her heart throb . . . **Bob Kennedy** . . . he's out East with the Armed Forces . . . probably come back as Mrs.



MOTOR torpedo boat duty at Portsmouth, N. H., is now the assignment of Ensign Orin Long, former Government inspector in Group 3-A.

From the Timekeepers

Best wishes and that sort of thing go with **Betty Lou Page** . . . She's now in the Payroll Audit Department in the Administration Building.

Lorreto Franke has a swell California Tan . . . Sure . . . she just returned from spending some time with husband, **Bill** . . . He's one of Uncle Sam's boys, too . . . Get her to tell you of the "sightseeing" trips she took . . . were swell.

Summer is officially here . . the sport shirt has made its debut along with the gals "bottle stockings" . . . Course all the gang misses **Eddie Reichert's** butterfly bow ties, and **John Kolb's** and **Frank Bravato's** bright colored cravats . . . too bad they had to dispense with them . . . kinda brightened things up around the old place.

EYES OF THE AIR are the powerful cameras carried by each bomber. Here is shown a bombardier photographer as he appears when recording the results of the bombardier's efforts to place his "eggs" smack on the target.

(*Army Air Forces photo*)

Ordnance Inspection

CATHERINE TOMLIANOVICH
Correspondent

Journalistic endeavors have never been the ambition of this writer. I am the means to an end. The contributions and co-operation of the personnel of this Department and the toil of my predecessors, Gerry Ward and Helen Wissert, have made this column. Let's carry on!—"Tommy."

Office

W. F. Douville's hurried trip to Washington, D. C., June 3 must have been successful. He was all smiles on his return. . . . What happened to that upswept coiffure **Lois Martin** was sporting not too long ago? Could it be that **Esther Noffke's** blond tresses were competition? These two got together on the ball diamond June 10, but the Group 8 team was victorious by a score of 14 to 4. **Bernice Shroba's** recent visit to the trailer home of **Linnetta Parry** left her all agog. Her entire views on trailers were squashed. The conveniences and particularly the porch light intrigued this lassie. More trips to Wilmington are indicated. Wouldn't it be novel to know that Linnetta could get safely to EOP from Joliet? . . . **Betty Ross**, auburn-haired mail girl, has had some difficulty collecting the going-away gifts of this Department's males. Suggestions will be appreciated. . . . **Ethel Campbell** is talking about a trip to Indiana. . . . Who's in favor of having **Delores "Penny" Dagon** do her hula dancing in the corridors? . . . What happened to **Stanley Eisler's** sunburn? It came and went—but fast.

Group 3

W. K. Hillenbrand, line inspector, feels quite lonely with the loss of **Alfred Dietz** to the armed forces. . . . The inspectors on Shift 2 sympathize with Mr. Hillenbrand. He is very tidy about his car. He went out of his way the other day to pull out of a parking place so his passengers could step into the car from the roadway when one deliberately walked through a mud puddle and stepped into his car. The results were worse than a TNT explosion. Not enough, when he picked up this same passenger next morning, the fellow had the audacity to squat himself squarely on his lunch. . . . "Who rides with who?" was the subject of debate between **Marion Carter** and **Francis Taylor**.. 'Tis said the matter was settled out of court and perhaps this is the last of it—until the next time. . . . If you know a joke, tell it to **Paul Roesener** who really enjoys them. . . . It has been suggested that the Ordnance Inspection Department have a picnic. This could be accomplished by each pooling a few ration stamps. No doubt, the result would be pleasant for all. Contact Mr. Hillenbrand for further information.

Group 4

Additions to the Government personnel in Group 4 are **Marian "Scottie" Westcott**, **Fred Stade** and **Margaret Olszta**. . . . Many wonder if it was permanent when **Elizabeth Heim** told about being taken over to Salvage. . . . The Government Inspectors would like to know what **Frances Olroyd** was doing when her chair toppled over. Or was it the fault of the chair? . . . **Saveta Dorsey** is at home ill. All hope she will soon be well again to carry on her inspection.

Group 7

This group's Government gang really misses **Robert "Bob" Cretcher** who is now in Group 6. Most of the "wimmin'" are trotting around with long faces. . . . All feel sorry for **Audrey Evenson**, recent bride, who is all too soon to lose her husband, **Roald "Bud" Evenson.** He will be inducted June 23. . . . **Helen Biernat**, alias the "Promoter," is viewing the Group 7 Government office with wild ideas concerning redecorating —wicker furniture in a second story for the girls to spend their rest periods. . . . Pilcher Park experienced more than rain last Sunday. Miss Biernat, **Ruth Phillips** and **Catherine "Cathy" Cyphers** did the inevitable Spring picnic and as a result looked like something the "cat dragged in" the following morning. The food was alright, they agreed, but the bugs and the rain—there's nothing like your own backyard for a picnic. . . . For anyone interested, let it be known, the diet marathon at 7 still is raging. Steam baths have entered into the picture, but so far plain starvation seems to work wonders. When the *boys* come back, they'll probably be unable to recognize sweethearts, etc. —meaning wives.

Group 9

E. J. Nemanich has a new problem—to be or not to be a soldier. . . . Group 9 bade farewell to two inspectors. . . . Many wonder what the sudden attraction is here. All the inspectors are making themselves beautiful with their new fuzzy permanents. . . . The personnel of Group 9 wishes a speedy recovery for their former co-worker, **Dorothy Magolan**, who has been ill.

HOURS OF ENJOYMENT for Elwood Ordnance Plant employees, their families and friends have been furnished by the EOP band, members of which are shown here. They have played at most of the dances and frolics during the last year. Pictured left to right are Norbert McLuckie, saxophone; Frank "Bubbles" Wesley, trombone; Clayton Formento, saxophone; Joe Mattei, trumpet; George Zelke, piano and leader; Stuart Moloney, drums; Edwin "Tiny" Morrisette, saxophone, and Ralph Keck bass viol.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

The lads at Central Fire Station gave out June 6 with a "Harvesters' Special" that reminded many of those ex-barefoot boys of the old fashioned threshing parties. **Tony Schnelton** prepared the chicken, and **John McGee** made marvelous magic in the lemon cream pie department. The guests included **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Day, "Tate" Ehman, Bob Tures, Arch James, Frank Rutkowski, Dave Current, Al Renn** and **Walt Van Winkle.** The office was well represented by **Chief Roy W. Mortenson, Ellen Dill** and **Kay Noonan.**

It is rumored that after dessert a contest was held to see who could reach the bunks upstairs first. The prize (a left-over wishbone) was won by the speedy chief, who negotiated the gruelling distance (two flights of stairs) in the incredibly fast time of two hours and thirteen minutes. Of course, Mr. Mortenson had the edge on the rest of the gang because a few days previously, he got the nod over some of the Grab and Gulp champs of Station 2. The occasion was a farewell feed for **Grover C. Alexander,** and "Chiefie" had to outeat such champs as **Chuck Jiskra, Ed Carter, Lon Seaton, Jim McGinnis, Tom Bretto** and **Vern Martin.**

Speaking of Station 2—it's on the grape that an expedition is being formed to investigate certain housing conditions in the suburbs of Wilmington. **Pat O'Donnell** and **George Hayes** have offered to act as guides and **Al Newman, Walt Williamson, Jake Schuck, Frank Dupuis, Verne McKimson** and **Larry Bade** are going along, just for a ride.

They say it's a woman's right to change her mind—and as far as **Frank Scoma** is concerned, the gals can keep it. When the "Rockford Rascal" tried to change his mind about his vacation, he started a tiff that made the battle of Stalingrad look like the annual meeting of the Peony Chapter of the Flower Fanciers Fraternity. Among the would-be assassins pulled off the Scoma frame the following were identified: **Ed Powell, George Learned, Joe Drazy, Tony Doman, Fred Johnson, Don Barnett, Wiley Bell, Jim Bolton** and **Dayle Pratt.**

Loris "Candy" Hart finally made the grade and is now officially in the Army. He left for training June 18 . . . all hope he'll be able to get the furloughs he wants and wish him the best of luck.

Rumor has it that **Joe Catalani** no longer stays over on his "short changes."

Frank George now full realizes the importance of making telephone calls after the 3:30 shift.

Clyde Townsend suddenly stopped bringing flowers to the station, thereby creating a mystery.

There's something about the wee morning hours that attracts **Walt Panian,** but it's hard on the neighbors.

Rumors are flying about (from reliable sources) that **George Collins** is going on a diet.

Rumors are also flying about (from sources whose integrity is not doubted) that **Willie Davis** is taking piano lessons from **George Zelke.**

Harry Nielsen is going to get eight hours sleep every day.

Charles Tyler is going to tell the truth—once.

Warren Colby isn't going to "blow his top" anymore.

Johnny Connelly has quit calling up people at 3 in the morning.

George Bexson is a whirlwind at cribbage.

George Bereolos has given up smoking cigars.

John Smith has thrown over his harmonica for an ocarina.

Martin Hanson has given up snuff.

Ed Stricklin is going to turn over new leaf number 6438.

Marty Knowles, now of the Seabees, visited the department and received a royal welcome.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN

Correspondent

Foreladies **Flossie Marshall** and **Della Norman** received lovely gifts from the girls on their shift in honor of their birthdays.

Zelma Shaffer was called home by the death of her husband's mother. Group 3-A extends sympathy.

Darline Maass left bomb-loading at 3-A for the west coast in favor of matrimony.

Thelma Keppen, who was injured by a fall several weeks ago, returned to work June 7.

Bob Walsh is sporting a wonderful shiner. Must have been a wide door.

Sympathy goes to **Gladys Pierce** whose sister and brother-in-law were killed in an accident recently.

Juliette Noel wishes to thank her friends on the line for their expressions of sympathy in her recent loss.

Orbie Lauderdale wondered what kind of meat he had in a sandwich the other noon. Investigation proved it to be raw hamburger, awaiting the pan and onions.

In a letter received recently by **Gerald Hall, Edward Rossi,** former employee, told of winning his lieutenant's commission and the hand of a fair lady in Morris. Congratulations on both scores are extended.

Anna Jancuska has returned to work after a week's absence due to an injury. Next time she will know better than to move a piano and a stove by herself.

Josephine Purdy is a surgical patient at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet. She can now receive visitors.

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick received a letter from former clerk **Edward Peterson** giving "Pete's" address as "Sgt. Ed. J. Peterson, Lowry Field, Colorado."

An authentic source reports that certain government inspectors went home laden with bouquets of peonies the other evening. **Roy Halliban** and **Kermit Long** hoped to win consent to "visit a sick friend."

A card from former **Asst. Supt. George Costello** said that he is "in the pink" at Camp Peary.

Condolences are sent to **Joe Petko** because of the death of his mother.

Bill Baer was pleasantly surprised with a pot-luck supper and a gift by the girls on his shift to celebrate his birthday and fifth anniversary.

IMPRESSED by her charm and her ability as a chauffeur, representatives of Chicago newspapers sent Kathryn "Dixie" Dixon an official WOW bandanna following their recent visit here.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM

Correspondent

The Inspection Department extends congratulations to **Elmer Nesius,** former senior inspector of Group 7, who has just received his commission as an ensign in the Navy. He visited here June 14.

Group 27
By Harry Tanner & Robert Clark

Lawrence Myers is back from a vacation with his bright and cheery smile. While gone **Ted Hintz** had the pleasure of traveling all around the plant hearing everyone's heartaches.

Steve Mentis is enjoying a well earned vacation.

Virgil Mooty eats his meals in a restaurant so he can turn his ration points over to **Micky Mauss.**

George Erdei spent a vacation by taking a truck ride with his brother-in-law.

If anyone wants to know the last minute details about fishing, get in touch with **Cecil Young.**

Every time Mr. Erdei sees **Bob Clark** and **Harry L. Tanner** talking he thinks they have him on the pan.

Charles Luther has been transferred to field duty.

If anyone wants the history of Carbon Hill, get in contact with **John Vidano.**

Group 62 South
By Thomas F. Dillon

The Inspection Department, as well as the other departments here at South Inert, extend sympathy to **Alex Stein,** whose father died suddenly at Phoenix, Ariz. Alex had arrived there only a few hours before to spend a vacation with his parents.

Berry Carlson's ability to grow peonies is undisputed since he brought a gorgeous bouquet to the office. Berry said he had more difficulty in bringing them than growing them, since all whom he met along the way to work wanted one.

Group 62 North
By John Ney

Leslie Cloyd has returned from spending a vacation in Peoria.

John Ney has returned from a vacation, and has a lot of alibis for no fish.

The Garden Club is practically *swamped* with inquiries as to where it is.

Group 8
By Laverne Gomora

Ralph Pratt, senior inspector, after a week's misery with sunburn is again receiving slaps on the back from his friends without the need of a referee.

Shirley Magosky has had writer's cramps for two weeks, and is now sending her boy friend a bracelet as a peace offering.

Jean Nelson has forgotten how to smile since her one and only joined the Marines.

Group 9
By Helen Feeney

Who do you think was the first to strut her stuff in one of the new uniforms? None other than **Olive Bisping.** She was one of the lucky ones who got one to fit (almost).

Betty Meents is wearing a silver bar received from her lieutenant friend.

Inez Ross blushed when she was complimented on her new blue uniform.

Group 6
By Betty Johnson

Ann Murnick has taken a vacation. **Willard Vail** chose New York City for a vacation.

The inspectors will be glad when **Marie Brosset** gets back. She and her family went to visit her brother in Salina, Kan.

Roller Skating Sport Of "Youthful" Pals

It is said that the season of Spring casts its magic spell upon the hearts of lovers, but less frequently does it turn back the pages of time and cast an urge to roller skate upon "boys" past the 50-milestone of life.

Nevertheless, it has happened to **Frank Wickman,** Group 1, and **Nelson Wood,** Kankakee Ordnance Works. They are two jovial pals who find time heavy on their hands after the evening meal. Therefore, the roller skating rink is now on their evening list of indoor sports.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire. . . . . Dial 17
To call police. . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only) . . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO

Correspondent

Vacations have taken over the spotlight and among the first to enjoy them are **Laverne Hahn, James McHugh, Clarence Peet, Connie Howard, Al West** and **Alice Petke.**

Group 70 clockhouse is having new improvements added, including the installation of two more clock alleys to take care of the increase in personnel. Material checkers who formerly occupied the space have moved into new offices.

Eddy Swanson, Bill Seely and **John Mandzuk** have been inducted into the service.

Many wonder why **Zona Bond** has been so quiet lately. **Bill Beaman** spends lots of time in the Legion Hall in Joliet. **Bob Griffin** is having his tonsils removed and any day is expected to take a change for the nurse. Competition is keen at Group 1 as to whose smile is the heartiest, **Shirley Van Dyne's** or **Helen Otis'.** Many swear that both can be heard.

Arch LaBorence is talking to himself since his crew deserted him, has even started a new hobby, collecting bugs and beetles. **Jules Ruppert Bunge** and **Mel Roach** went to Group 3. **Gridley Wheeler** and **Dale Aman** have found no permanent home but are on the loose. **Helen Kelly** returned to Group 4 while **Maurice Goodspeed** went to Group 70.

Bernice Hagen will be "middle-aisling" it about July 2. **Eula Weaver** is tearing the town apart with boy friend home on furlough. **Irene Blaha,** 17 jewel timekeeper at Group 7, has a good many bows on her string.

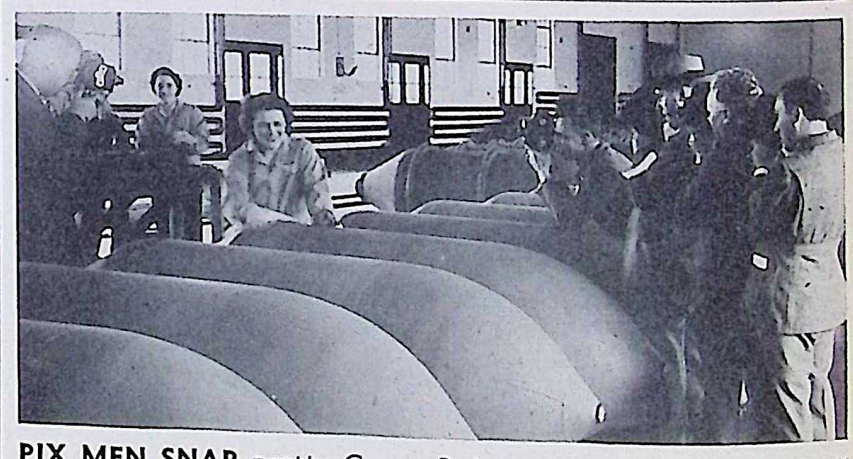
Sylvia Drysanski has had to increase her vitamins since **Artie Couch** replaced **Frank Zupancic** as key timekeeper of Group 8. Says she has to do more work now.

Ray Bryant has moved into Joliet to be closer to his work. **Barney McShane** was first in the department to sport a new straw. **Clyde Mulligan** and **Ray Lunkusky** are two pals who really stick up for each other. Ray has replaced **Herbie Drummond** at Group 64 since Herb's induction. **Milton Treitel** is planning his vacation to New York already, although it is still several weeks away. **Gerry "Cindy" Parthun** loves to go out with sailors . . . for patriotic reasons, she says.

Harold Johnson was home on furlough. **Helen Kelly,** spinster, was giving advice to **Mr. Roach,** bachelor, on the happiness and advantages of married life. Mel's proposed vacation trip to California is probably what brought up the subject.

The nicknames, "Lovey-Dovey" and "Dagwood" have been hung on two prominent timekeepers constantly seen with each other. **Lawrence Holz** replaced **Bill Prindle** at Group 6 while Bill was on vacation.

Charles Swanberg committed the unpardonable sin of all keymen timekeepers by forgetting to clock his card.



PIX MEN SNAP pretty Group 3-A worker as The Bomb-Shell photographer catches them in action. The five cameramen pictured are representatives of the major news reel producers who took movies in Groups 3-A and 1 May 20.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

Flower boxes have been hung beneath the windows at the North Inert office to augment the effect created with picket fences. Various contributions of seeds and flowers were planted. **John Ney** contributed a true shamrock plant and some four-leaf clovers which he obtained while on vacation at home in Wisconsin. He brought back all the fish that he caught in an eye dropper.

Frank "Storage" Zupancic and **Fred Ford** are leaving for vacations. On the return list are **Richard Ashworth, George Newton,** and **Andy Cherrie.** Richard and George found home life and local outings the best on the bill for wartime vacations. Andy claims he is caught up on his needle work. **Walter Mork** is spending one week with his daughter in Decatur, Ill. "Wilhe," the mascot cat, also had a vacation over Decoration Day without food or fiber . . . the last supper lasted, however.

Edward Sheridan of Group 27 receives a posy for his desk each morning from some of his admirers. There is some controversy as to who should bring the posy each day. Eddy has developed into quite a wrestler. He took on an opponent who was too good for him and **Larry Lazier** was so interested in watching the match that he missed his bus.

PFC Thomas Delockery a former timekeeper at South Inert is now serving in an engineering and aviation unit in the Army.

Several cases of web feet are reported to have developed at Group 27. They say its from wading around in the mud, but it might be from "ducking" the foreman.

There is a person high up in the Traffice Department who, by his own devices, obtained some "red stem" tomato plants. These special plants in due time produce huge blossoms as large as three inches in diameter. At that rate if they develop into tomatoes he will need one of his box cars to haul them to market, but if wet weather continues, he can just "Wade" in after them and float them out.

Ann Baldwin of Group 27 spent the week-end in Carlinville visiting her parents. Mary Berg also of 27 has a new place to carry her boots . . . in her pocketbook.

Al Gierich, pilot of Group 27, is spending a few days' vacation with his son who is being inducted into the Navy.

Robert Clark, inspector at Group 27, has seen so many cans that he does not care if they ration cans or not.

Mr. Ford of South Inert was pacing the floor waiting for word of his offspring . . . a boy or girl . . . the phone just rang—it's an eight pound son.

On the Side—The friendly satire directed at Scorchy has had an adverse effect on his personality . . . instead of spurring him on to bigger and better writings it has changed him from a belligerent two-fisted, egotistic man about the plant into a weary apologetic writer as evidenced in his article on Vitamins in Vol. 1—No. 26. In Vol. II, No. 1, he failed to contribute his column entirely. This is a regrettable state of affairs and if his feelings are so easily hurt, perhaps all could get together on a booster campaign to raise his withered spirits and re-inflate his ego back to the pre-feud era.—C.H.M.

Allies of World War I Work Together Here

Calvin A. Kemper, Group 27, reports the most interesting episode of his two years at Elwood Ordnance Plant; a saga of ammunition and war connecting EOP and Africa with World War II and World War I. **James E. Hall,** now a watchman at Group 27, at last figured out where he had previously seen **Sperios K. Chellios,** gang leader at Group 27.

Hall had to recall Chellios with a mustache and in an officer's uniform. He had to travel back in memory to May, 1916, when he was a veterinarian on a vessel carrying mules from the United States to Italy. The ship was torpedoed and had to put in at a port in Algeria for repairs. There Mr. Hall encountered Mr. Chellios who was then a lieutenant in the French Foreign Legion.

The next time they met was 26 years later at Elwood Ordnance Plant where they now reminisce about mules and camels, as compared with armored cars and tanks which are now being used in the same spot. Mr. Chellios does not feel that the mud of Group 27 reminds him of the sand of the African desert, so he has with him a small photograph showing him attired in his Foreign Legion dress uniform of 1916.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON

Correspondent

Group 63

Larry J. Dunda

The material checkers' staff has a new addition in the person of **Lawrence K. "Whitey" Brownfield** of Mason City, Ill. The "Whitey" part of his moniker is the "something new that's been added" since he joined the "63" gang.

A further step toward progress has been made with the delivery of a "moto-scoot." It fills a very practical need for quick trips into the area for rush orders, track lists and check-ups and for jaunts over to "Hall Siding" or 63-00 as it is also known. **Paul Hall** and **Floyd Borah** are two who will attest to its usefulness.

Ed LaRocque, senior material checker, is enjoying a well-deserved (?) vacation. High spot of his time off will be the furlough of his son after a two-year service in the Navy, most of which was spent as an ensign aboard the destroyer "McDonough" in the Pacific and at Pearl Harbor.

The sympathy of the group and of the entire plant is offered to **Rudy Schramm,** whose wife died. He sends thanks to everyone for their condolences and help during his bereavement.

Group 68

Elmer Zost

John Austin, former employee in 68 and now stationed in Massachusetts, surprised the fellows with a visit June 7.

In spite of all lectures delivered by co-workers to **Earl C. Mayes,** he insisted that he would be married. The date—June 12. The place—Methodist Church in Clifton. The lucky girl—**Frieda Vogt** of Kankakee.

The only eligible bachelor in "68" now is **William A. Reilly.** But don't rush, girls, he has just received his 1-A classification.

Jim Halpin, night foreman, is spending a vacation working on his new home near Kankakee.

Robert Swinford is really worried about the marital status of **Matt Rotkovich.**

Frank Perino probably will return from his fishing trip with lengthy stories of how this one and that one got away.

Question of the week? How can **Leo Stickler** wander around with four and five checks in his pocket?

POSING interestedly, Nancy Evelyn Lanoue, daughter of Wilfred Lanoue, guard in Group 1, was one year old when this photo was made.

Group 3-A Captures Inter-League Title

The championship of the bowling teams which have been bowling in leagues in near-by communities was decided on the EOP alleys June 9, and the scores showed that the "maples" really had to take it.

Group 3 A, with a total of 2778 pins, was high. **Wilfred Spiers** had high game for the team, 240, and the average was 186 pins a player.

The teams finished in this order; Group 3 A—2778; Engineering—2688; Carpenter Shop—2656; Bus Drivers—2627; Guards—2612; Administration—2437; Investigators—2410; and Machine Shop—2340.

One of the highlights of the meet was the 996-game rolled by the Engineers. **Charles Griffin** bowled high game of 246. High series was made by Spiers, 613. Second high series was **Colby Erikson,** 601, also from 3-A. **Al Nelson** of the Engineers was third with a score of 564 pins.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE

Correspondent

Ed Doyle and **Bud Warriner** say **Leo Wagner** should learn to paddle his own canoe before he takes anyone for a boat ride hereafter.

The girls on the Kankakee bus call **Harry Hilgert,** "Dimples." He is trying to induce **Bill Billings** to part with some of his real estate.

Bob Bolte may go in for dog racing now that he is the proud owner of a real hound. He says it is scheduled for some blue ribbons.

George Weber wants to know why the kid in the drugstore tried to sell him some fish hooks.

According to **Hayden "Bunny" Hardy** there is no meat shortage at the Hardy home (plenty of rabbits).

Mike Zola says he doesn't mind the meat rationing because he is shy his teeth.

All were sorry to see **Sammy Morgan** leave and wished him good luck in his new position.

All the boys who ride with **Herschel McLaughlin** have bought spurs so they can jingle, jangle, jingle.

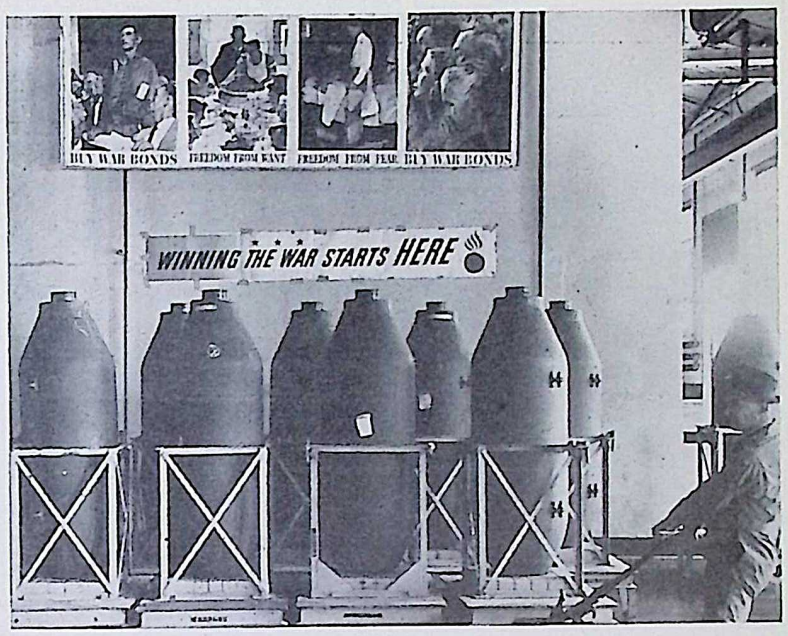
Edward "Farmer" Copp put his spuds in just before the last big rain.

Everett Denover and **Marion "Butch" Bertolet** got some bargains in Chicago June 6. If Butch had not been along, Everett no doubt would have paid $40 for that two-pants suit on Maxwell Street.

Leo Lamping, guard, was seen changing a tire for two persons of the fairer sex. This happened on Chicago Road but he claims it is all in the line of duty.

Willie McKnight certainly likes the cool weather.

George "Tarzan" Biddle misses **Chuck Gorman** and his grapes. George can furnish more details.



THE FOUR FREEDOMS are graphically illustrated in a series of posters by the celebrated artist, Norman Rockwell, in a display arranged in one of the bays in Group 3-A. Foreman Colby Erickson and Safety Engineers Emory Akeman and Don Crowther did the arranging.

Material Warehouse

FRANK McCORMICK

Correspondent

John Bradecich, material checker, is planning on a trip across Lake Michigan to one of the Michigan summer resorts for a vacation. All hope Johnnie will carry a life preserver in case the boat is torpedoed by a sea gull or a catfish. If Johnnie wants to go into seclusion for the vacation period he can join the House of David at Benton Harbor, grow a beard and save a barber bill.

When meat rationing started, **Kenneth Pratt** figured out one way to beat it, so he trapped a baby turtle and hid it in his desk and waited for it to grow large enough to prepare a pot of turtle soup. The turtle grew so large he couldn't open the drawer and he had to call the carpenters to help him get it. No soup, yet!

Chester "Pops" Melville is on vacation and intends to stay close to home. He may attend a few ball games, go fishing or visit the local race track.

Q. Can you give me a description of the new overseas ribbon that soldiers will wear who see service in Africa?

A. It's a green ribbon, 1⅜ inches long and ⅜ inch wide. In the center are red, white and blue vertical stripes. In addition to the U. S. colors, the green, white and red of Italy are at its left end and the black and white of Germany at its right end—the colors of the enemies against whom the holders are fighting. The ribbon also signifies service in Europe or the Middle East.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN

Correspondent

A cordial welcome is extended to **Betty Grady** from Kankakee.

Phylis Clair, who left on vacation June 9, was heard to offer to let **Margaret Bruce** type a certain report so Margaret would get some practice in typing it before Phylis left.

Ray Banker was happier than most last week when son, **Paul,** finally arrived home after a 14-month absence. She says instead of one wedding in June, she is having two, as both son, Paul, and daughter, Eleanor, are taking that final step and its not a double wedding either. This is the way she is spending a vacation.

Harry Brown and **Frank Folwell** have been trying to figure out just whose bank **Betty Welch** robbed in order to get the 25 pennies she displayed. Frank insists it was baby sister's, while Harry says it was baby brother's.

Those enjoying vacations are **Joan Schwartz** of Group 4-9 progress clerks; **Don Nelson,** inventory clerk; **Jim Murphy,** property. Those on vacation last week were **Argyle Dalziel** and **Jim Thompson,** inventory clerks, and **Paul Sommerville,** Group 3, who went home to Iowa to visit.

June Kuglich, who was visiting her husband in California, thought for awhile she wouldn't get home as she couldn't get a reservation. But after a few days delay, June arrived home none the worse for her experiences which included the train hitting a cow.

Johnny Williamson, formerly in charge of the progress clerks in Group 2, is now filling a similar assignment in Group 3.

Orville Rasmussen and **George Hayward** have been transferred to taking inventories and are now titled inventory clerks instead of progress clerks. **Donald Starr** left to take another job and all wish him the best of luck.

Fred Legris was absent two days treating a bad cold. Doctor's orders are to move to a colder climate. It's too dry and hot here.

Mayor George Sangmeister says it will be too bad for members of the Joliet Police Department if they are caught violating any of Frankfort's ordinances or overparking.

Helen Hausser is wearing a very charming locket received from her husband when on furlough.

Elva Thomas wore out a pair of shoes trying to spend her No. 17 stamp. So she was begging for another stamp.

Jake Debri returned from a vacation spent in Iowa. **Frank Weston** is now vacationing and **Pete Conroy** will be next to go.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS were extended by this delegation from Group 63 May 26 to Ray Pfeiffer and John Paul Edward Hall, Jr. (second and third men respectively from left in front row). There were decorations and refreshments at lunch period.

NEWS REEL PHOTOGRAPHERS who took movies in Groups 1 and 3-A May 20 posed for this picture before leaving the plant. Shown left to right are Emile Montemurro, Movietone News; R. E. Hollahan, All American News; Jack Lieb, News of the Day; Floyd Traynham, Universal, and Fred Felbinger, Paramount News.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

Group 4 wishes **John Kinney** the best of luck. John left recently for the Navy Air Corps and is stationed at the Lewis School of Aeronautics at Lockport.

Mary Jane Fulton is going back to pigtails. Reason: She finally met the right boy and he's kinda young.

It seems as though **Sue Vehrenkamp** is going in for midgets. That trip to St. Louis brought her in contact with **Johnny** of the Philip Morris.

Could the lonesome look on **Bing Engers** face be fore a certain young ensign who is among the absent?

After lifting a few shells **Jed "Jeddo" Mees's** famous last words were "The name is *Simpson* not *Sampson*"!

Group 4 wished **Bob Welch** lots of luck in his new assignment in Group 1.

Minnie Haywood thought she saw somebody down in LaSalle one Saturday night. She doesn't know it—but she did!!

Scene in Group 4: **Julie Schayer** tearing into the assembly building to see **Lil Clyne** about skids.

Julius Schayer is mighty proud of his new sun porch in the South end of his shipping room.

There is good reason to believe that a designer is here. It's **Mary Baue** and she specializes in hats.

Marion Matrella, forelady, has returned from a two weeks' visit at her home in Bissemer, Mich.

Lola Henry's thoughts just can't keep from straying over Missouri way.

T. Sgt. Robert "Red" Jones, formerly of Group 4, recently enjoyed a fourteen-day furlough. Red is stationed at Camp Maxy, Texas, in the medical corps.

Betty Johnson always had the idea that birds have *fur* instead of *feathers!*

Everybody is wondering who this *Bill* is that **Lois Schultz** is singing about?

Group 5
By Cora Kay

Back to childhood days—**Dalton Daly** with the measles.

Art Couch, timekeeper, was transferred to Group 8. Welcome to **Frank Zupancic**, new timekeeper, is extended.

Julienne Hughes is spending ten days in Wisconsin.

Eva May Espy journeyed to her home town, Centerville, Ia., to march down the aisle to the strains of the wedding march. Her new name is **Mrs. Chester Paul Fiedler.**

Ginger Bendrick is showing off a beautiful new diamond and 'tis rumored that she is engaged to **Bill Burk**, former foreman in Group 9.

Welcome is extended to **Waldo Baldon** who is now in Group 5 coming from Group 6.

Dell Milliken, foreman, came from Group 9 to Group 5.

Group 7

Trannie Jefferson, change-house maid, is ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

Catherine Simpson and **Margaret Ghigo** are sporting the very latest in pierced ears.

Kenneth Eimen, foreman, is on vacation.

Larry Patton, assistant superintendent in Group 7, is on vacation. He will spend it visiting his mother in Atlantic City, N. J.

Della Cashen was greatly missed while on a trip to Camp Hood, Texas. She said goodbye to her son, Bob, who is leaving for active duty. Believe it or not our Della has a son 20 years old.

Lou Ruark is leaving to go to Gregg Business College in Chicago.

Catherine Simpson returned to work after a week's trip to Richmond, Va.

Joan Schauland and **Ann Grobarcik** enjoyed the pot-luck dinner given by the girls, especially the potato salad.

Everyone would like to know why **Martha Hall**, one of the powder girls, always sighs and then says "Good old California."

Theresa Maynard spent the week-end in Virginia, Ill.

Anyone living in Morris can ride with **Howard Sampson.** He has only seven passengers now, but he wouldn't mind another. Maybe he could use a station wagon.

Llora "Sis" Thontlin left to await a visit from the stork.

Hyke Weather sure walks around the Assembly Room with a sparkle in her eyes since her husband was home on furlough.

Every one welcomes **Joe Smith**, assistant superintendent, back to Group 7.

Group 8

Group 8 celebrated home-coming week when **George Elum** returned to the fold. A ball-game between Groups 8 and 9 was the major event. The teams really put on a show. Group 9 ran off with, (No!—slipped up on)—a prize score of 19 runs against Group 8's 15 runs.

While speaking of baseball, don't forget the Group 8 Girls team! They have won the two games played, first with Groups 4 and 5, and second with Group 60. In the first game, Group 8 won by a score of 17-13. Batteries were **Theresa Seno** and **Betty Stalzer** for Group 8.

In the second game of the season, Group 8 won over Group 60 by a score of 13-4. Batteries for Group 8 were Seno and Stalzer. Highest batting averages for these games so far this season go to **Eileen Woodcock**, Group 8;—**M. Haulse**, Group 45; **Seno**, Group 8; **Olga Prebish**, Group 8, and **Kay Cusick**, Group 60.

Group 9

Group 9 welcomes a new Superintendent, **John H. Walker**, also Foreman **Bill Lipsey** and Foreladies **Ruby Armbrust** and **Lillian Carlsoh.**

Good wishes for the best of luck go with **Supt. W. D. Whaley, Jr.**, and **John Neeley**, assistant superintendent, who have gone to Group 4 and 5.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for forelady **Clara Favaro.**

Seems nice to have **Dorothy Murphy** back in Group 9.

Chemical Laboratory
By Clarice Petrelli

Bob Wessels says he is not interested in girls, yet he is seen quite often with two or three girls —safety in numbers.

Sammy Koons would like every group to know that he is going to spend his vacation *fishing.*

The laboratory staff was pleased to see Ensign **John Kinney**—He really looked fine in his uniform.

William Wheeler received the important letter he has been awaiting—he is now an ensign. Though he is very modest, he seemed quite interested in the colors of the uniforms.

Group 4's loss was the Chemical Laboratory's gain—**Denny Elliott** is back home again.

The laboratory staff was happy to receive a phone call from **Eddie Merriman**, seaman, former employee of the laboratory.

Group 45
By William Blouske

Many wonder why **Alice Jones**, truck driver, is always receiving flowers.

Summer is here! **Christine Franklin** was seen wading in the mud trying to get a truck out.

Alice Hanlon is all smiles; could be her husband, **PFC. Jerry Hanlon**, will be home on furlough soon.

Tillie Watson has an addition to her family—no—a puppy.

The gang at group 45 are sorry about **Mary "Red" Lampman's** broken toe.

Marcella Barchark is buying furniture. Could be wedding bells!

Dorothy Hallett, truck driver, is happy now. Her Marine boy friend is home for a few days.

Ruth Schaubel is willing to give anybody pointers on climbing fences.

Shirley Hoeller looks cute with her new permanent.

The girls of group 45 are pleased to have the office girl, **Ruby Frederick, Bill Blonske, Emmy Bishop**, change house matron, and **Jennie Murdie** time keeper.

All wish **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blonske** a pleasant vacation. They left for New Jersey June 6.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Practice sessions for the EOP baseball team so far this season have been confined to the games played with the Illinois State Penitentiary and the inmates furnish fast competition. The EOP baseballers got started on their regular schedule by winning from the Kankakee Browns.

The Softballers have more than a month's postponed games to make up, but both leagues did get started last week. Look 'em over if you don't think the girls can hit. The same can be said of the men, especially **John Kusinski** and **Lt. C. R. Crandell.**

The Victory gardeners have been getting in some extra licks the last few evenings. **Ted Auer** said he was going to forget his garden until he could actually do some good. When he looked it over he found a lot of vegetables had to be harvested, in addition to a nice crop of weeds.

There are really some nice looking gardens in Group 60. The Chicago papers are recommending that much of the garden produce be dehydrated. The Recreation Department has plans which are easy to follow, so those who are interested can build a small dehydrator for home use, also instructions for storing and using dehydrated foods.

If you are a tennis player, beginner or not, be sure and register at the Recreation office. If you are a beginner you will find many of the better players are willing to help you with your game. If you are a good player you can improve your game by meeting others who have skill. The four courts are in perfect shape and have been used frequently recently.

The Department will build horse shoe courts in Group 8 and at Richards Farm for the boys there to get in shape for tournament play. The new courts in Group 60 should be in use by the time this is published.

Myrna Faris says **Mary Vranesic** submitted the winning title in the dance-naming contest sponsored by the dance committee of Group 3-A.

Don't be too alarmed by the creaks and groans heard around the Administration Area, because it's only the aftermath of the girls' first softball game this season.

Georgia Hulse, manager and catcher of Group 4-5 softball team, says "There just ain't no justice" when it comes to getting hit in the face by a ball! (her mask was lying beside her). And her boy friend was home on furlough, too.

Angie Lucas, Sadie Atkinson and **Marge Glover**, of the War Department, have been spending their luncheon period bowling. Finally they invited their boss over to bowl with them (loser to pay for the games) and what a trimming they gave him.

RETURNING for a visit, Sgt. Bob Bryant, formerly of Personnel and Group 1, stopped seeing friends long enough to pose for this picture.

Group 8 Captures Girls' League Opener

The girls soft-ball league got under way June 3 on the Administration diamond. The heavy hitting of **Ilene Woodcock**, centerfielder for Group 8, put them at the top for the game. Some pretty fast pitching on the part of **Theresa Seno** also helped Group 8 win over Groups 4 and 5 by a score of 17 to 12. For the losers **Mickey Sampson**, pitcher, was the star.

Group 8

	AB	H	R
Laverne Gomera	4	2	4
Olga Pribish	5	1	2
Janet Bailey	4	0	2
Dorothy Lehman	4	1	0
Alice Binns	4	0	1
Theresa Seno	3	1	1
Ilene Woodcock	4	3	3
Betty Stazler	4	1	1
Jerry Preboy	4	1	1
Sylvia Druansky	2	0	1
Norma Olson	2	1	0
	40	11	17

Groups 4 and 5

	AB	H	R
Mickey Sampson	3	1	2
Georgia Hulse	4	3	3
L. Schultz	4	1	1
M. Foster	4	2	2
Bee McLuckie	4	0	0
L. Robertson	4	3	2
H. Kuhyda	4	3	1
L. Englert	4	1	1
M. Smutnak	4	0	0
C. Bazaar	4	0	0
	39	14	12

Group 8 repeated again June 10 by trimming the Administration team 13 to 4. Practically the same team, with more confidence, played a much faster game.

Group 8—13

	AB	H	R
Laverne Gomara	3	2	2
Janet Bailey	3	1	1
Olga Pribish	3	2	3
Dorothy Lehman	3	2	2
Ilene Woodcock	3	1	1
Betty Stalzer	2	2	1
Geraldine Preboy	3	0	1
Theresa Seno	3	3	2
Chris Cimovich	3	1	0
Sylvia Dryansky	3	1	0
	29	15	13

Group 60—4

	AB	H	R
Esther Nofke	4	1	1
Kay Cusick	3	3	1
Vera Gussman	2	2	1
Claire Shols	3	1	1
Lois Martin	3	1	0
Bernice Jones	3	1	0

EOP Nine Takes Kankakee to Camp

It finally quit raining so it was time for the EOP baseball team to have a change of pace, too. This was done Thursday evening, June 10, at Kankakee when the Kankakee Browns were defeated 4 to 3.

This was the first of a series of twilight games to be played by the EOP team to give the folks that live in the nearby communities an opportunity to see their team in action.

Highlighting the game was **Eddie Murphy's** theft of a run by stealing home in the sixth. The box score follows:

EOP 4

	AB	H	R
Plese	4	2	0
Spezio	3	0	0
Keenan	2	0	0
Murphy	3	1	1
Enger	3	1	0
Hankes	3	0	1
Juricic	3	1	1
Tracy	3	0	1
Emanuelson P	2	0	0
Hoffman P	1	1	0
	27	6	4

Browns 3

	AB	H	R
Reiken	4	1	0
Druschle	4	1	1
Carpenter	2	0	1
Gianotti	4	1	0
Gineus	2	0	0
Lydigsen	3	1	0
Stirr	3	1	0
Schipper	2	0	0
Hammond	3	1	1
	27	6	3

Ann Kakara	2	1	0
Myrna Faris	2	0	0
Irene Murphy	2	0	0
	24	10	4

EOP Nine Loses To Joliet Old Prison

The EOP baseball team lost a close and exciting game to the strong team of the old State Prison Sunday, June 6, by a score of 6 to 5. Although the EOP boys were outhit, they played heads up ball and scored their six runs on that many hits.

Tall, dark and good, is the best description for **"Pitch" Davis**, the colored boy who pitched for the Joliet nine, for although he allowed four hits and walked one man in the second inning, which accounted for four of the EOP runs, he settled down and pitched great ball for the rest of the game, allowing but two more hits and striking out six additional men. The box score follows:

EOP	AB	R	H
Plese, 3b	5	0	1
Spezio, rf	5	0	0
Juricic, ss	4	0	0
Murphy, 1b	3	2	1
Enger, cf	3	1	0
Beebej, 2b	4	1	2
Irwin, lf	4	1	1
Ambrosic, c	4	0	0
Hoffman, p	3	0	1
Beasley	1	0	0
	36	5	6

Beasley batted for Hoffman in 9th.

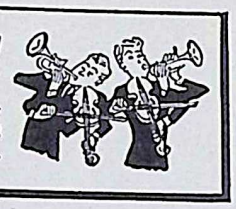
JOLIET	AB	R	H
Smith, lf	4	0	1
Lawrence, 3b	5	0	1
Edwards, rf	3	1	0
Jacobson, 1b	3	2	1
Lupa, ss	4	1	3
Mavopolous, 2b	4	1	2
Musica, cf	4	0	0
Wigley, c	2	1	1
Robinson, rf	1	0	1
Davis, p	4	0	1
	34	6	11

Beasley atted for Hoffman in 9th.

EOP .....0 4 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—5
JOLIET .....3 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 x—6

OLD FRIENDS at Personnel Department were glad to see Cpl. Jack Moilan during his recent visit here.

Happy Birthday to You!



This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

June 21

Hazel Allen, Group 7; **Audrey Brockhouse**, War Department; **Chester Anthony**, Utilities; **Francis Berg**, Group 3; **Marie Broset**, Group 6; **Martin Brueggert**, Group 6; **James Carey**, Guards; **Marvin Christensen**, Utilities; **Hopper Combs**, Fire; **Larry Decker**, Group 1; **Daniel Eller**, Guards; **James Fagon**, Group 3; **Bruno Fatheree**, Guards; **Richard Fitzgerald**, Group 3; **Emily Gustat**, Group 1; **Nels Johnson**, Guards; **Deloris Kapella**, Group 1; **James Kolar**, Guards; **Anelia Kompare**, Group 1; **Melvin Nelson**, Group 2; **Lt. R. E. Pinnick**, Officer; **Pauline Pomykola**, Group 1; **Laura Sass**, Group 9; **George Snapp**, Guards; **Isabelle Stern**, Group 6.

June 22

John Bilesio, Utilities; **Roscoe Birch**, Utilities; **William Braun**, Group 1; **Mary Byron**, Utilities; **Sam Chernoff**, Group 3-A; **Lillian Connelly**, Group 1; **Susan Faford**, Group 1; **June Gehris**, Group 1; **Esther Janssen**, Group 9; **Margaret Jandura**, Group 9; **Frank Jirousek**, Group 3-A; **Edward Karez**, Group 2; **Elbert Lemley**, Guards; **Ruby MacInnis**, Group 1; **Loren Miller**, Utilities; **Harlan Moats**, Utilities; **T. Nichiporenko**, Group 2; **Frank Reilly**, Group 1; **Gerald Riley**, Group 61; **Roland Salzman**, Group 3; **Frank Tedrow**, Group 3; **Marie Thom**, Group 4; **James Umphrey**, Group 66; **Russell Waggoner**, Group 3-A; **Oliver Welson**, Group 1; **George Zatteau**, Utilities.

June 23

Gloria Annunzi, War Department; **Dalton Daly**, Group 6; **George Duso**, Utilities; **Oscar Frazer**, Guards; **Louise Hopkins**, Group 1; **Arthur Kuehn**, Group 1; **Robert Ross**, Inspection; **Fred Sperling**, Group 1.

June 24

John Ahearn, Timekeeping; **Joseph Albert**, Group 2; **Ruth Berg**, General Accounting; **Norma Black**, Group 1; **Raymond Brehn**, Group 2; **Clark Burks**, War Department; **Frances Collins**, Group 3-A; **Agatha Drager**, War Department; **Patricia Engel**, Group 4; **Walter Gardner**, Utilities; **William Haywood**, Group 2; **Henry Heinan**, Utilities; **George Herron**, Group 3; **Virgil Jeffords**, Utilities; **Ruth Kimmel**, General Plant Protection; **Elaine Levanduski**, War Department; **Egnasio Lucca**, Utilities; **Sophia Marso**, Group 5; **James Mitchell**, Group 3-A; **Pearl Morris**, Group 7; **William McRoberts**, Group 2; **Helen Otis**, Group 1; **Laura Pine**, Group 1; **Vera Renehen**, Group 1; **Anna Riscile**, War Department; **Ruby Rhodes**, Group 5; **Michael Riegel**, Maintenance; **Valeria Silver**, Group 1; **William Simonds**, Engineering; **Helen Uhlander**, Group 5.

June 25

Carl Adams, Maintenance; **Ray Banker**, Production Planning; **Kenneth Brooke**, Fire; **Veronica Carlson**, Group 5; **John Cerry**, High Explosives; **Herbert Farr**, Utilities; **Thomas French**, Utilities; **Ira Gensler**, Utilities; **Peter Giordano**, Group 1; **Arthur Glaw**, Maintenance; **Bernett Hinton**, Finished Rounds; **Louis Hoffman**, Utilities; **Harold Houser**, Group 1; **Velma Jackson**, Group 7; **Arletta Jessup**, Group 1; **John Juricic**, Group 2; **John Kalek**, Group 1; **Margaret Kerr**, Group 8; **Frank Kern**, General Offices; **Edward Kohm**, Group 3; **Jeannette Larson**, Purchasing; **Eva Luyster**, Group 3-A; **John Machias**, Group 16; **Lyman Montgomery**, Utilities; **Lucy Purkisu**, Group 6; **Thomas Riley**, Group 3-A; **Elwin J. Savage**, Guards; **Lester Schroeder**, Guards; **Elmer Turner**, Group 3-A.

June 26

William Beers, Group 3; **Clarence Carlson**, Guard; **William Carender**, Group 1; **Jesse Carder**, Group 66; **Harry Chatterton**, Group 4; **John Dempsey**, Utilities; **Wanda Foutch**, General Plant Protection; **Frank Grey**, Group 1; **Barney Hall**, Utilities; **Robert Hill**, Group 1; **Joseph Killelea**, Group 1; **Peter Maas**, Guards; **Robert Marlette**, Inspection; **Louise McDermott**, Plant Protection; **Nina Meyer**, Group 1; **Albert Murphy**, Guards; **Leo Warren**, Group 66.

June 27

Armond Ashline, Group 3-A; **Jay Bolton**, Group 1; **James Challender**, Utilities; **Laretta Clark**, Group 5; **Edward Dite**, High Explosives; **David Early**, Utilities; **Harry Eungard**, Utilities; **Lorna Haller**, War Department; **Orval Hansen**, Group 1; **Meryl Hooper**, Group 68; **Charles Hoss**, Utilities; **Virginia Hunter**, Group 7; **Dan Larkin**, High Explosives; **Donald Lommatsch**, Group 1; **Kenneth Meyers**, Group 3; **James Mueller**, Group 1; **James Ostrowski**, Group 1; **Oscar Otterson**, Utilities; **Orval Riggs**, Fire Guard; **Raymond Sack**, Maintenance; **Anna Schrader**, Group 5; **John Snider**, Finished Rounds; **Margaret Sowa**, Group 9; **Clyde Stagner**, Maintenance; **Grant Tinberg**, High Explosives; **Claude Tummel**, Maintenance; **George Webb**, Maintenance.

June 28

Paul Arseneau, Group 1; **Pietro Bucciferro**, Utilities; **Leva Bumgarner**, Group 9; **Raymond Couture**, Group 1; **Mary Pensmore**, Group 5; **William Frazer**, Group 2; **Megideo Ganz**, Nitrate Amonia; **Agnes George**, Group 1; **Harold Gilbert**, Group 1; **Maurice Goodspeed**, Timekeeping; **Jacob Griggs**, Group 3; **Walter Hamrick**, Group 3-A; **Lawrence Johnson**, Nitrate Amonia; **Bernadine Keto**, Payroll; **Ella Knowles**, Group 6; **Laurice Molton**, Group 2; **Lucy Ruark**, Group 7; **Rosela Sanders**, Group 5; **Edith Senesac**, War Department; **Roscoe Sidell**, Medical; **Fred Smith**, Maintenance; **Leroy Tomastick**, Maintenance; **George Wohnke**, Utilities; **James Zenisek**, Inert Storage.

June 29

Joseph Alves, Group 4; **Walter Bollier**, Group 3-A; **Anton Cekuta**, Utilities; **Arthur Couch**, Timekeeping; **Frank Craeraft**, Utilities; **Clinton Davis**, Utilities; **William Fleischer**, Group 3-A; **Fred Geiger**, Guard; **Edward Giles**, Material and Stores; **Willie Gilkey**, Finished Rounds; **Charles Harrison**, Safety; **Minnie Haywood**, Group 4; **Frank Higgins**, Utilities; **Dorothea Housman**, Group 1; **Peter Juricic**, Watchman; **Edith Lewis**, Timekeeping; **Ann Lipsar**, War Department. **Donald McCormick**, Group 1; **Hubert McDonald**, Group 1; **Dorothy Milby**, Group 1; **Delmore Moseley**, Utilities; **Joseph Motta**, Nitrate Amonia; **Juliana Meyer**, Group 1; **Anne Murin**, Group 16; **Angela Murawski**, Group 3-A; **Richard Nemanich**, War Department; **Philip Park**, Group 11; **Roy Perino**, Maintenance; **Claude Skinner**, Guards; **Roy Woodall**, Group 3-A; **Opal Wright**, General Plant Protection.

June 30

Charles Ayers, Utilities; **Evalyn Bottom**, Group 9; **Marcella Bowden**, General Plant Protection; **William Bryant**, Utilities; **Theodore Calobuono**, Group 2; **Estelle Clark**, Group 9; **Olaf Dahl**, Guard; **Joseph Domagala**, Inert Storage; **Lorraine Guenette**, Guards; **Joseph Jerris**, Group 1; **George LeClaire**, Material and Stores; **Everette Manthey**, Utilities; **Paul Martin** Utilities; **Floyd Miller**, Group 3; **Clarence Monnette**, Guards; **Walter Panian**, Guards; **Richard Sebastian**, Group 66; **Hugh Thompson**, General Accounting; **Floyd Vance, Jr.**, Maintenance; **Alice Ward**, Group 1.

July 1

Donald Anderson, Group 3; **Clyde Botham**, Utilities; **Leonard Capista**, **Group 1**; **Jerry Caron**, Group 3-A; **Ward Edwards**, Group 4; **Katherine Foster**, Group 1; **Margaret Haake**, Group 1; **Mamie Halbleib**, Group 1; **Marshall Hughes**, Group 2; **Robert Kiser**, Utilities; **Dorothy Leasure**, Group 1; **Walter O'Hearn**, Group 7; **Adelor Pompert**, Group 1; **Mary Strallo**, Group 1; **Josephine Terlep**, Group 1; **Martin Testore**, Group 1; **Marion Yeager**, War Department; **Phillip Zeller**, Group 5.

July 2

Henry Branz, Group 1; **Fred Crater**, Inert Storage; **Hester Ferrish**, Group 1; **Anna Fogarty**, Group 8; **Robert Funkhouser**, Group 1; **Marion Griffey**, Personnel; **Mary Hoover**, Group 1; **Dorothy Kaldem**, Personnel; **Helen Malzow**, Group 1; **Clinton Matteson**, Personnel; **Adeline Ryan**, Group 7; **Charles Vismara**, Utilities; **Bronzel Waltz**, Utilities; **Cassie Yarbrough**, Group 1.

July 3

Percy Boulward, Nitrate Ammonia; **Claude Cooper**, Guards; **Lawrence Crawford**, Group 2; **Grace Davis**, Group 5; **James Decker**, Utilities; **Charles Downes**, War Department; **Eugene Earp**, Personnel; **Wilbert Helmick**, Group 3; **Julia Herron**, Group 1; **Edward Johnson**, Utilities; **Henriette Krumwiede**, Group 3-A; **Frank Molek**, Group 3; **Walter Osman**, Group 1; **Ruth L. Phillips**, War Department; **Alfred Stewart**, Group 1; **Thomas Velth**, Guards; **Genevieve Veronda**, Group 7; **Leslie Wilson**, Production Planning; **Lois Wyss**, Group 1.

July 4

Ora Armstrong, Group 1; **Donald Barnett**, Fire; **Grace Barber**, Group 1; **Orville Benton**, Guards; **Helen Bevering**, Group 1; **Leonard Boldt**, Utilities; **Herman Conrad**, Utilities; **James Crain**, Group 3; **William Crawford**, Guards; **George Desmond**, Group 1; **David Dwyer**, Utilities; **Henry Fatland**, Guards; **Wayne Garner**, Guards; **Clarence Hartford**, Inspection; **Chester Heggen**, Group 4; **Everett Henline**, Utilities; **Ewin Highbaugh**, Inert Storage; **Emil Jiskra**, Group 4; **Evelyn Keast**, Group 8; **Alphonse Legris**, Inspection; **Beth McLuckie**, Group 4; **George Moisant**, Utilities; **Mary Pomykala**, War Department; **Dale Roberts**, Group 4; **Mildred Stewart**, Group 4.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Irene Mulligan has made it her business to disprove one of the accepted adages. When someone remarked about her squeaking shoes, she immediately replied. "But they're paid for."

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is the rule in the Onsen household in Gardner. Discovering that her sister had taken her suitcase with her when she travelled to Texas, **Marge Onsen** searched through the sister's bureau until she found something that she could use and came away with an attractive summer purse which she is carrying while her sister is absent.

From the Corsicana Air Base, Corsicana, Tex., comes word of **Willis "Bill" Schubert**, the former mail boy with the beautiful red hair who took everyone by storm. He is a flying cadet and writes that he is proud to be a student in the Air Corps of the United States and the "set-up suits him fine."

Do you know that the Personnel Department attaches some sort of a rubber band (and with the present shortage, too) to those who have been closely associated with it or worked in it that bounces them back? Those that leave always come back to visit at the first opportunity. Most recent of this category was **Francis J. Peck** who drove up to the building to see for himself that everything was under control. **Cpl. Jack Moilan**, former photography man and now in the Army Air Corps, was greeted happily when he dropped in during his furlough. That Texas sun has tanned him until his blond hair is a startling contrast. One of the biggest surprises was a visit from **Robert "Bob" Bryant** who worked here for a year before he went over to Group 1. Bob is a good looking sergeant in the Air Corps Ordnance Division, at the Orlando Flying Base, Fla.

SCORCHY? Could be . . . but definitely it is known this is an early photograph of John E. Ryan, famous railroader of the Utilities Department.

Rose LeBeau is rapidly becoming the demonstration girl of the building. In attempting to become a beauty operator, she went to work on her face one night at home with a wash cloth, soap and hot water, with almost disastrous results. The next morning her complexion looked as if a road grader had been present to help in the operation. Days later scales appeared if she powdered her face carelessly, but the ravages have disappeared and "Rosie" is now back to normal with the "skin you love to touch." Some persons in the building have watched her gardening, too, and tell that she looks quite different in blue jeans and the gloves which her mother bought to protect her hands. She admits willingly that she's giving "her all" for that Victory garden.

Mustn't forget the other gardeners in the building, namely: **Helen McGinnis** and **Marge Forrest**. Marge comes to work at least once a week showing the blisters on her hands from using the hoe around the potatoes and tomatoes. But when anyone hints that the word of gardens is to be tossed about, that's where Helen Shines. She doesn't have a garden but a whole truck farm. There's well over 100 tomato plants. If the rest of the ground in potatoes, onions, peas, beans and egg plant is planted in proportion, more than one person has suggested that he would participate in a plan for a moonlight raid. If Helen were followed to ascertain the location, such a scheme might be feasible.

This getting married is hard work and very tiring; if you don't believe it, consult **Audrey Deiss**. "Deissie's" sister was married recently and she is just about to collapse. She swears that when she takes the final step no one is going to know about it. Oh yes, she'll let the other person in the match know, but none of the reception and shower "stuff" for her.

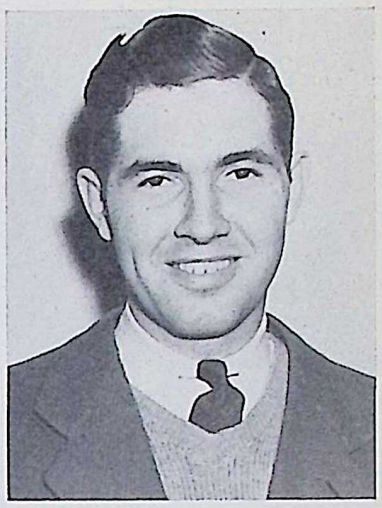
Byron Mills is setting an example for the younger men in the department. He appeared on one of the first hot days in a natty new blue summer suit topped with a panama hat looking as if he had just stepped out of a tailor shop.

Among the men's summer clothing devotees is **Russell Watt**. One distinguishing feature of his apparel is the summer ties which he chooses wildly. There's one which the girls say is orange and he insists that it is yellow. Since it's his tie, perhaps he should be given preference in the matter. There have been several suggestions made by **Betty Benedict** that he change and wear a conservative green one for a *change*. She maintains that it would look just as well with his light brown suit.

Can you imagine being embarrassed in front of your mother? Well, **Marge Bittles** claims that she was when her mother woke her the other morning and then laughed in her face. The reason, Marge, whom everyone deemed a young lady by now, was sucking her thumb. Dame Rumor, that nasty woman, is abroad again to say that **Dolores Courtney** has the same habit. If that tale bearer is wrong it won't be the first time and no one can catch her to make her suffer for the misinformation that she peddles.

As a result of shoe rationing, **Evelyn Melby** has started burning her shoes. Yes, everyone can soon figure out that this is exactly the opposite to the usual reaction to a new restriction. Digging out a pair of linen sandals that she wore last summer, "Evvie" set to work to clean them so that she could wear them again. She scrubbed and scoured with soap and a brush, and then she placed them on the open oven door to dry. The guilty party will be made to pay and pay, when discovered, but no one will admit performing the heinous crime of closing the oven door. Early the next morning, her mother arose and turned on the stove as it was chilly in the kitchen. It was only after a queer odor pervaded the house that Evvie thought of the shoes and opened that door. There they were—french fried. Being the most comfortable shoes she owned, they will never be satisfactorily replaced.

Six feet two inches of manhood stepped in the building in the form of **Vernon Peak** and now he's one of the staff. In case you want a better description of him, he has dark curly hair and is a very pleasant person with whom to work.



FINGERPRINTER to flyer is the goal of Kenneth Paul Mott, formerly of Personnel Department, now with the Air Corps in Missouri.

Bernice "Barney" Keenan was having a difficult time, but to everyone else it was mirth provoking. A regular gale was blowing in off the parking lot and Barney was wearing a dress with an extremely full skirt. As she approached the time clock with her skirt folded neatly around her a gust of wind came in the door and she couldn't decide whether to punch the card and at the same time lose her hold on the folded wings or just to pass up the whole matter. After a general laugh and teasing, **Clinton Matteson** came to her aid.

The compliment of the week is tendered **Marge Turner** with her new philosophy of life. She is ignoring everything and everyone unpleasant. As she works along all day she refuses to complain about anything. You'd be surprised what a great percentage of the time she is smiling.

Marie Stark and **Grace Stilley** spent the week-end with their families in Indiana and St. Louis, respectively.

Several want to know if anyone has seen **William "Telephone" Buck** tearing his hair out since Guards **Joseph Wyne** and **Herbert Reeves** left him.

Q. Can anyone, except a serviceman, make application to receive an allowance under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942?

A. If the serviceman does not make the application, his dependents may make it, or persons acting in behalf of the dependents.

ACTIVE duty in the Pacific is now the assignment of John Hanson, a former iron worker in Group 70 and a brother to Sgt. Martin Hanson, Fire Inspectors.

The EOP Guide Post

SALE • FOUND • LOST • RENT — BUY • SERVICE • TRADE • RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—Complete set matched golf clubs, irons and woods, also leather golf bag. For details call **Ray Bryant**, Line 5149.
GUIDE POST—

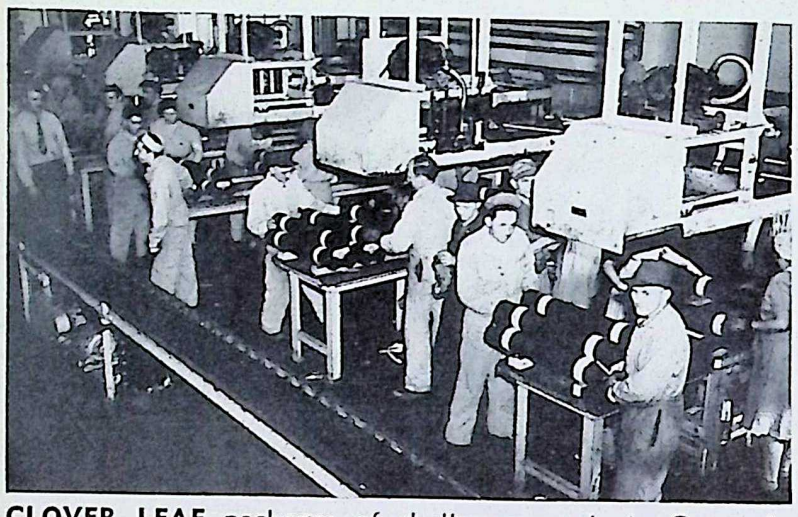
For Sale—Roadrunner trailer, accommodates 3, 12 ft. x 6½ ft. Write **George L. Barclay**, 109 N. West Street, Peotone, Ill., or call Line 2191.

For Rent—Quiet sleeping rooms for men, 521 Jackson St., 1 block north of Bungalow Grocery Store in Wilmington.

For Sale—Late tomato, cabbage, pepper and egg plants. Can deliver to Fuze & Booster or Group 3 gate. One cent each to EOP employees. See **W. R. Crosiar**, Group 3, Power House.

For Sale — General Electric table model radio; tone control, police and short wave. Call **Waldo M. Weaver**, Line 5173.

ELWOOD ON PARADE



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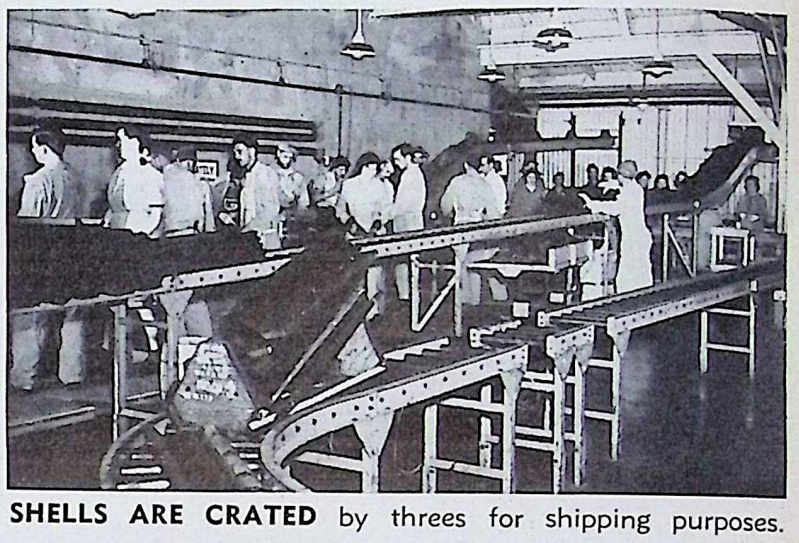

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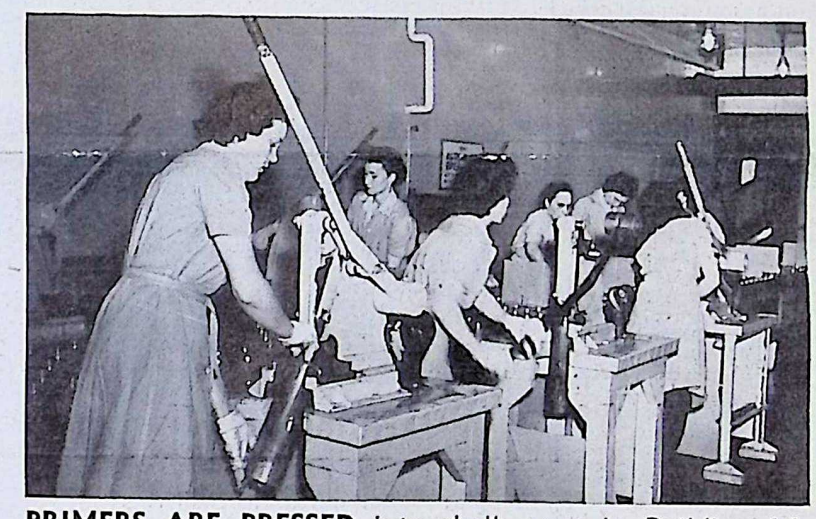
CASES OF SHELLS are crated by girls in Building 14.

GIRLS SALVAGE paper cartons with balers in Building 14.



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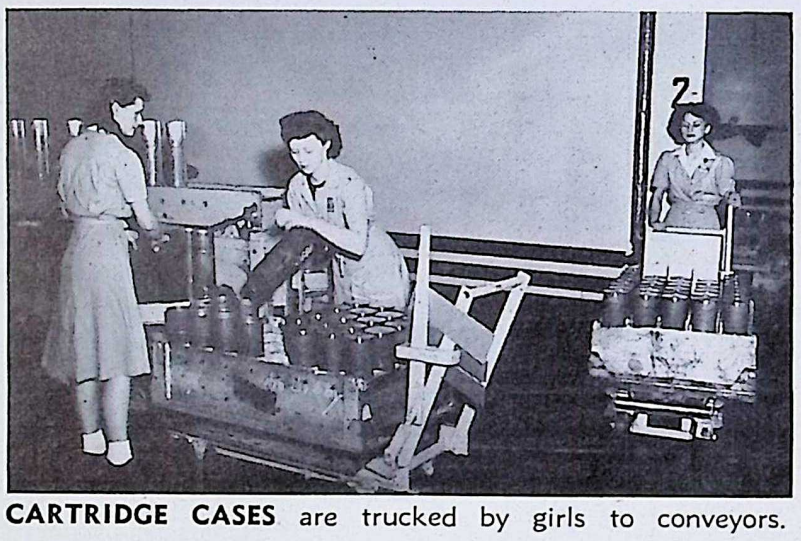
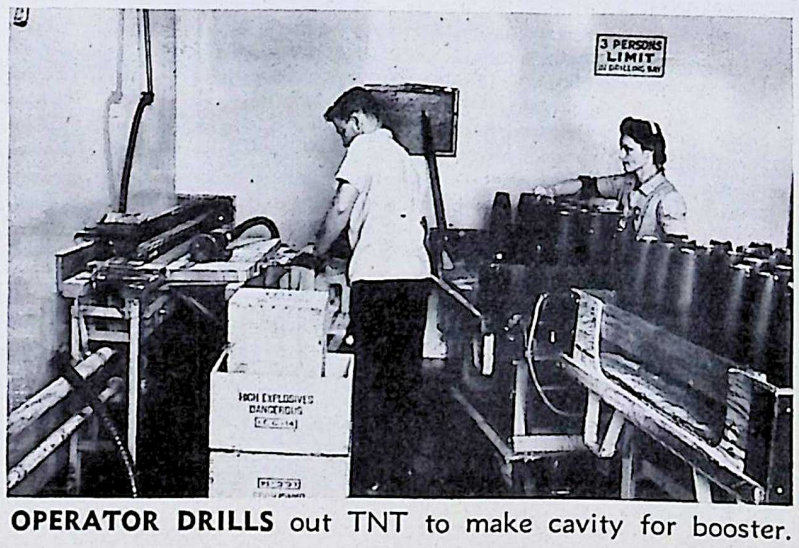


CARTRIDGE CASES are trucked by girls to conveyors.

BUILDING 10 sees projectiles being prepared for boosters.



OPERATOR DRILLS out TNT to make cavity for booster.

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EOP Illustrates Development of Army Ordnance

131st Anniversary Of Branch Recalls Many Accomplishments

Army Ordnance celebrated its 131st anniversary June 11. During the period of its existence it has formulated remarkable plans, performed numerous and interesting experiments, resulting in not only conservation of critical materials, but in finding new and astounding uses for materials classified in the less critical category.

Lt. Col. Byron Rife, commanding officer of the Elwood Ordnance Plant, said that the transition of the Ordnance Department is very evident at the plant, as it was not long ago that this section of Will County was a peaceful, fertile farm country. Now it has become a military reservation, powerful, yet kind in its treatment to this locality—an important cog in the wheel of production.

At the time construction of EOP was scheduled to start, citizens were concerned as to just what reaction operation of the plant would have on the community at large.

The site of the plant was chosen by the Ordnance Department due to proximity to the big metropolitan areas, man power supply from surrounding territories, transportation facilities and the availability of electric and water power.

In 1940, when construction actually began, the prospects of this site becoming the metropolitan area it is at the present time, was certainly a remote one. Today, there are permanent roads, such as one finds only in large

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General Aurand Lauds EOP Guards in Parade

High praise was won by the Elwood Ordnance Plant guards who participated in the Army Salute parade in Joliet June 20. Among those who extended congratulations on the unit's appearance were **Maj. Gen. H. S. Aurand,** Chicago, and **Lt. Col. Byron Rife,** commanding officer at EOP.

The following letter was sent to **Harrison Smith,** resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, by Colonel Rife:

"Last Sunday I was privileged to review the parade which was part of the Salute to Agriculture, Industry and Labor in Joliet along with Major General H. S. Aurand. General Aurand commented only once on the parade. That was when the third division passed with your men marching. He turned to me and said, 'I have never seen a finer group of men.'

"That statement, coming from a soldier like the General, struck me as being tremendous and I knew you would like to hear of it.

"I should like to pay tribute to the men of Elwood who drilled on their own time and participated voluntarily in the parade out of sheer pride in their outfit. They have that thing called esprit which has won many battles against great odds.

"I hope that you will convey to them my sincere thanks for their part in making the Salute the success that it was."

When First Shell Was Loaded at EOP

FIRST OF MILLIONS OF SHELLS was loaded at EOP two years ago July 12 by Col. T. C. Gerber, then commanding officer here, now Field Director of Ammunition Plants with headquarters in St. Louis. Colonel Gerber is shown pouring TNT into first shell, watched by W. E. Canniff, general manager (center), and Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter.

Washington Told of Loading First Shell

The following telegram was sent by Sanderson & Porter two years ago July 12 to **Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr.,** Chief of Ordnance, Washington:

"Elwood Ordnance Plant Group 2 line is the first new defense shell loading plant to go into operation. Started loading 155 mm. shells today, seven months 25 days after beginning construction November 18, 1940. Our sincere thanks to the Ordnance Quartermaster and all other Government Departments for the wholehearted co-operation we have received making this performance possible."

Tell Personnel Dept. Of Draft Status Change

Emphasis is placed by **R. T. Bassett,** service manager, on the necessity for all employees who receive notice from their local draft boards of a change in their draft status to get in touch with the Personnel Department immediately upon receipt of the notice.

Fan Caution Emphasized By Loss of Finger

Loss of a finger by an EOP employee while working on a moving fan emphasizes the need for caution around electric fans both at work and at home, according to **Rollin T. Read,** safety director.

Claude Blessman, a welder, suffered the amputation of a part of one finger and the laceration of another while working on a welding machine in Group 70 June 23. Blessman attempted to make an adjustment on the governor of the machine without first shutting off the motor. As he reached around the fan for the adjustment screw his fingers came in contact with the whirling blades.

"Warnings against cleaning, oiling or repairing machinery while in motion are not posted as wall decorations," said Mr. Read. "They are based on common sense and cannot be ignored without serious risk to the violator."

Ex-Employee Decorated For Aerial Exploits

S/Sgt. Henry J. Kwasnieski, Jr., formerly a carpenter's helper here, now a turret gunner in a Flying Fortress, has been decorated for exploits over Europe during the last several months.

Final Warning About Tax Exemption Forms

Employees who fail to return their "Withholding Exemption Certificate" by the time the payroll is made up for the week ending July 10 will have 20 per cent of their wages withheld under the current tax payment act of 1943, according to Comptroller **L. J. Kessel.** Workers deserve commendation for the prompt return of their certificates, said Mr. Kessel, but some few have failed to turn them into their timekeepers because of absence.

July 12 Second Anniversary of 1st EOP Shell

Millions of Units Loaded During Two Years of Operation

July 12 is an important anniversary in the annals of Elwood Ordnance Plant and in the defense program of the United States.

Two years ago, July 12, 1941, the first EOP shell was loaded in Group 2. It was the first shell loaded under the defense program inaugurated by the War Department as EOP was the first of the defense plants, now called war plants, to be placed in operation, just seven months and 25 days after construction was started and two months ahead of the contract schedule.

That was a great day at EOP as is evidenced by the accompanying photograph showing **Col. T. C. Gerber** pouring the first shell as commanding officer in the presence of **Harrison Smith,** resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, and **W. E. Canniff,** general manager.

Many of the men who made the feat possible are still here today, others have gone. Still here are **A. M. Lockwood,** now general superintendent of utilities, but then assistant general construction superintendent under **A. W. Malone,** now in charge of the design and construction, for Sanderson & Porter, of a plant for Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., at Huntington, W. Va.; **James J. Murphy,** superintendent of Group 2; **Claude Sayre,**

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Drivers Must Carry At Least Three Riders

Conservation of gasoline and rubber is stressed in a stepped-up program outlined to the EOP Transportation Committee by **W. J. Murdock,** chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Will County Area Council of Defense, and **George Petersen,** chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board. The program applies to holders of A, B or C Gasoline book holders and is as follows:

All car owners must carry three or more passengers to work if they expect to secure tire replacements.

No supplemental or preferred gasoline will be issued cars unless they observe this tire rule or meet the requirements of the next item.

If impossible to secure three passengers your application will be denied for tires and gasoline until you secure a certificate from both your transportation committee and Civilian Defense Council to show why it is impossible to have the necessary number of riders.

All applications for tires and gasoline first must be approved by your company's transportation committee on a special form prior to inspection of tires.

To aid in the conservation of rubber, you are first requested to use the public means of transportation where physically possible.

By pooling transportation workers together in cars you are helping the war effort in the conservation of rubber which is *critically short at this time.*

All workers where public transportation is impractical must be assured of transportation to and from work. Therefore, it is necessary to adopt this plan to keep the wheels of industry turning.

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Officials Hail Independence Day

To the Workers of America:

"Today, the first Fourth of July since the United Nations took the offensive in the European theater of war, we have something to celebrate as well as something to remember. No less praise can be given the heroes of the battlefield than the tribute we pay to the heroes of the past.

"But in paying such tribute it is well to remember the heroes of the production line. Those men, yes, and those women, by their loyalty and faithfulness to their jobs in the plants, on the machine tools and assembly lines, in the stock-rooms and offices of the nation, have shown the world that a free people can, and have and will out-work, out-produce and out-fight any combination of forces that can be brought against us by Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy or the 'new order' of Japan.

"Today the world knows we are winning the battle of production. And the world also knows how much of this battle has been won by the free American worker. As Chairman of the War Production Board I want to express to you the gratitude of your government; but I must emphasize that while the job is being done, it is not finished. We cannot relax and must not for a moment—not even on the Fourth of July—until the job is done, and our enemies have given the unconditional surrender our Commander-in-Chief demanded!"

With sincere thanks,
Donald M. Nelson,
—Chairman, War Production Board.

Statement by Under Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal:

"This year July Fourth cannot be the traditional holiday, with fireworks and teeming highways. Instead, we are on the job as usual. Many of us are separated from those we love. For our inspiration, we must look back to our first Independence Day.

"Then our forefathers fought to gain the right to live under the freedoms which today are as natural and necessary to us as breathing. Now, fighting to preserve those freedoms, we must prove ourselves worthy of the name 'American.'

"I do not mean to talk down to you men and women who have proved by your achievements in production that you realize the desperate urgency of our national crisis. You are just as anxious to win this war as anybody. But I say to you, with gratitude for what you have already done, do your best—on this extra day of work and every day—because the lives of very gallant men depend upon the added effort which all of us can put into our jobs if we really try.

"Now, as in the past, a nation which would enjoy freedom must work for it."

Statement by Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson:

"America stands free on Independence Day, 1943, because brave men on the firing line have used with skill and daring against the enemy the weapons and materials provided by the men and women of the production line. To maintain our freedom, the courage of our fighting men must be matched in the year ahead by the spirit and industry of American workers. The Army is confident American workers will measure up to that high standard."

"If it's your Monday morning stummick again, Mike Grogan, I'm a better man than you are!"

The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

This is to certify that your much maligned scribe has had his vacation and is now back at work with a vim, a vigor and a vitality that will dazzle his immediate superior and other onlookers for several fortnights into the future.

Before his departure from the shell-loaders paradise there were great expectations as to the fun and good times to be had on this, the first vacation in three years. The return to the old happy hunting grounds, talks with old friends, visits to familiar places, reminiscences here and there on events of other years would be the revitalizing agent that a sadly worn carcass direly needed.

Folks, take the advice of one who has just come back. The old places are not the same, what with war and all its displacements. The old gang is gone, most of them into the armed service, and the rest to other locations to meet the demands of war production on the home front.

Little did I think that I would return to good old EOP in a preaching mood because ordinarily I am not in favor of preaching. But my recent interlude in other parts of these united states (and it is still gratifying that the dictionary meaning of the last two words is still a statement of fact without the use of capital letters) has led to the conviction that we have all got to work about twice as hard to settle the current international argument.

Pursuing this nascent idea, I developed a few resolutions for the future conduct of certain fellow workers in our midst. It is true that these intrusions into the workday routine of those who will be mentioned later herein constitute unlawful, unauthorized and otherwise unapproved violations of the Bill of Rights, but there is reason to believe that the residual sense of humor still within the boundary fence may be an adequate catalyst to promote the desired reaction.

First of all, **Charlie Mann** will pipe down and go back to his empty shells and bombs; **Stuart Boloney** will continue his wholesome silence of the past several weeks; our new assistant general manager, **John J. Cole**, will "come up and see us some time"—reports have it that he is out in the area quite a lot these days; it is hoped that **John O'Connell** will make a survey of his new headgear—there is already an underground movement to collect contributions for a new hat for him; **"Pop" James** is hereby requested to tell more of his friends about his Sunday afternoon "blowouts"; **Hugh S. Robb** will be given a commission in the salvation army (capital letters are appropriately omitted here), and **Milton Ruick**, our genial bus driver, will henceforth be known as the "Spirit of 66."

All of these suggestions are written down not so much for their literal meaning, but more for the general idea that each and every one of you can pick them up and chew on them to the limit of your own appetite. Some wise person many years back said, with a deftness for meaty brevity, "If the shoe fits put it on." I cannot improve on that one, can you?

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then superintendent of excavation; **J. L. James**, superintendent of railroad construction; **Walter White**, then assistant, but now electrical superintendent; **E. G. McAloon**, master mechanic; **W. M. Dale**, Pipe Shop superintendent; **M. M. Ryan**, sheet metal superintendent; **J. A. Cocker**, Machine Shop superintendent, and **T. M. Singer**, Paint Shop superintendent.

C. J. Kemery, who was superintendent of carpenters, and **C. L. Utley**, who was electrical superintendent, have since died. **S. G. Joseph**, who was superintendent of concrete, is now employed by Sanderson & Porter at Kansas City.

I have written . . . a poem!

Invincible You

There's nothing to fear—you're as
  Good as the best,
As strong as the mightiest, too.
  You can win in every battle or
    test;
For there's no one just like you.
  There's only one You in the world
    today:
So nobody else, you see,
  Can do your work in as fine a
    way:
You're the only You there'll ever be.
  So face the world, and all life is
    your's
To conquer and love and live;
  And you'll find the happiness that
    endures
In just the measure you give.
  There's nothing too good for you
    to possess,
Nor heights where you cannot go;
  Your power is more than belief
    or guess
It's something you have to know.
  There's nothing to fear—You can
    and you will;
For you're the invincible You.
  So set your foot on the highest
    hill
There's nothing you cannot do.

—**Frank Scoma,**
Fire Department.

Safety Graduates Are Guests at Banquet

A graduation banquet was held Thursday evening, June 24, at the Hotel Kankakee for members of **Karl Ulrich's** class in Safety Engineering, sponsored by the University of Illinois in its Engineering, Science and Management War Training Program.

The affair, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ulrich, assistant safety director at EOP, had as its distinguished guests and speakers **F. R. Henrekin**, president of the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce; **Rollin T. Read**, EOP safety director; **Thomas Fennessy**, safety engineer, Safety and Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Chicago; **E. O. Huey**, chief Plant Protection Department at EOP; **Vernon Snyder**, safety director, Kankakee Ordnance Works; **J. J. Lichty**, field representative, University of Illinois, Extension Division, and **Dr. D. Moore**, assistant dean, School of Liberal Arts, University of Illinois.

Certificates were awarded to the following EOP employees for completing the standard course in Safety Engineering: **Lorin O. Cain, J. Lynn Catlett, Ivan G. DeMoss, Clarence T. Eide, Ralph Waldo Emmerson, Sharon C. Eriksen, Frank Grey, Herbert E. Hafele, Charles C. Hoss, Charles W. Juskra, William Klegman, Ralph S. Lord, Roy E. Morris, Juliette Noel, Elmer Pilcher, Winfred Prickett, William L. Siefert, Karl E. Son, Jr., Medill Trovillion** and **Guy Woolens.**

The course consisted of three-hour classes each Monday and Thursday for 16 weeks.

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communities, sewage disposal systems, bridges made of reinforced concrete water distribution system and numerous sanitation facilities.

A radio communication net, similar in design to those of large cities, is in operation within the plant. Teletype and telegraph systems provide means of communication with all parts of the world. Switchboards, capable of handling thousands of calls daily, are serviced by skilled operators.

A modern fire department and guard system is maintained for the safety, not only of the plant property, but also for the protection of its inhabitants, the employees themselves. A central heating plant is another feature.

Electric lights, when lighted, surround the plant with a blanket of daylight. Diesel-engined locomotives travel hundreds of miles daily through the area. Landscapers and groundskeepers keep an orderly appearance about the plant property at all times.

The overall picture is one of a cosmopolitan city mushrooming from a sleepy farmland. The occupants come and go at regular intervals. Their needs are of paramount importance and everything possible for their comfort and convenience has been provided. Well-lighted and ventilated buildings, good working conditions, hospitals, nurses, first aid courses, recreational activities, all these are at the disposal of the employees. It is within the reach of each worker, regardless of his position, to satisfy any desire he may have. He or she can plant and care for a Victory garden or dance to the strains of a well organized orchestra, composed entirely of employees, all within the confines of the plant.

Additional News from Fuze & Booster Area

Chemical Laboratory
By Clarice Petrelli

Sammy Koons learned quite a bit about fishing and the proper bait to use during a vacation in Wisconsin.

The vacation **Ora Blonske** had with her husband, **Bill Blonske**, certainly agreed with her. She is back at the laboratory and right on the beam.

Perhaps the good tan **Jim Grady** acquired in Wooster, Ohio, is due to the fact that it never rains (?) in Ohio.

Charles Bridwell is all smiles since receiving his appointment as ensign in the Navy.

"Slantrock Society" is throwing a little going away party for **Ensign Ben Goldstein** alias "Bookie Benny."

Group 5

The dead-end kids can just about hear those wedding bells for **Kitty Higgins.** They hope it's soon, cause they're looking forward to a celebration.

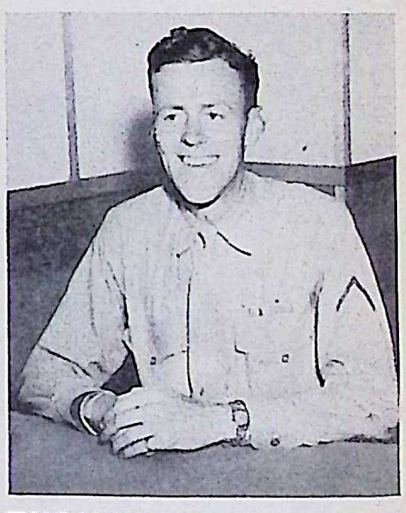
Dotty Wendell sent her picture to a soldier overseas. It showed up her dimple.

The girls in the Paint-Shop welcome their new forelady, **Oladeau Rockenbach.**

Lenora Hansen's weekly trips to Sibley have reaped their harvest. She is wearing a lovely "sparkler" on the "right" hand, too.

Lauren Coates spent a week-end in Springfield giving her "old home-towners" a break.

Jean Leahman wears a smile since she returned from Kansas City?



THRILLING tales of two months of fighting Japs on Guadalcanal are being told to his former associates in the Personnel Department by Pfc. Robert Hamlin, Marine Corps. Three months after enlisting last July, Robert was in New Zealand training for action on Guadalcanal. Two months later he was in the thick of it and stayed there for two months. Returning to New Zealand, he was sent to the United States to recover from malaria. Furloughed home to Joliet, he will return to his base in San Diego July 13. He is shown here at his old desk in the Personnel Building.

Boys Overseas Ask No Let-Up In Production

Former Employees in England, India, Africa, South Seas Send Letters

"Don't slack up one minute or, should I say, it wouldn't be so good," is the admonition sent to his former associates at Elwood Ordnance Plant in a V-mail letter to *The Bomb-Shell* from Southern England by **T/Sgt. James H. Brougham**, formerly of Group 3.

"I worked for the company since the first day they came to Illinois," wrote Sgt. Brougham. "I worked under **Chester Tucker** up until the time I entered Group 3 as an operator under **Eddie Copp.** I enlisted January 23, 1942. Right now I am stationed in Southern England and, from my point of view, things are progressing *very* nicely."

"I have been overseas for quite a while," said **Willard Cobble**, formerly a guard in Group 2, who is now serving aboard the U.S.S. Salem, "and I want you to know your products were used to good advantage. It wouldn't surprise me very much that I helped make some of them. I'm glad to know the plant is doing such splendid work toward the war effort and I'll try my best to use your goods where they will do the most good." He asked that former associates write to him.

In a V-mail letter to *The Bomb-Shell*, **Pvt. John R. Vidmar** wrote interestingly of his overseas experiences. "I am not in the Paratroop Corps at Fort Benning Georgia," he said. "I was medically disqualified as a parachutist. I was reading *The Bomb-Shell* and saw that **Walter W. Plumb**, a parachutist, is a prisoner in Italy. I wish I was with him when he jumped out of the plane behind the German lines.

Rifle Is Best Friend

"I am now a jungle soldier, hoping to knock at Tojo's door. Well, we have a fine time here, but jittery all the time. Have visited the battle ground and it was a picnic ground. There are things I would like to state, but cannot write them. We had loads of air raids and bombing here most of the time. Getting over it now.

"We live in the jungle, but get a kick out of it. The only friend here is the jungle moon, sun and stars. The best girl friend here is my rifle. In our time off, we write letters and wait for answers to come. When duty calls, night or day, we are ready to go with fire in our eyes."

"Keep up the good work and keep the shells rolling," urged **Pfc. Vernon Doran** from somewhere in North Africa. "I have been receiving *The Bomb-Shell* regularly and always look at the Group 1 column first, as that is where I used to work. Of course, I read the rest afterwards. I surely enjoy the fact that the plant is getting so many compliments and that each and every person is doing his part."

From somewhere in India, **Sgt. David Gianuzzi**, a former production clerk in Group 1, wrote that he is in "the land of my dreams." Continuing his letter, he said: "I would like to tell you much about the people and the places that I've seen, but circumstances prevent me from doing so. However, from the few observations that I have made, I can say that India is a very strange and interesting place. The women do all of the work and the men work sometimes. Everything is carried on the head or hauled in carts. The customs of the people are also interesting to watch. Because of the caste system here, there are different levels of society.

"They all dress and act differently. Housing and clothing do not present problems to these people, for a grass or a mud shack provides a home and a single cloth provides their clothes, if they have a cloth. Native labor is very cheap. We have our house boys who do our washing, shine our shoes, and bring us tea in the morning and in the afternoon—an old English custom, you know."

"Everything over here is O.K.," wrote **Pfc. R. C. Gagnier**, formerly of Group 3-A, from somewhere in New Guinea, "and I hope to hear the same from the home front. I saw some products of the plant last night and will see to it personally that the right people get them. This is the garden spot of the world, or I might say the Garden of Eden, if it wasn't for the snakes (yellow ones). I received a package from home and it had just what we needed in it . . . a pair of dice and a deck of cards . . . and payday is just around the corner. I hope the boys leave me with enough for a pot of beer when we get back to civilization."

Pfc. Jack Knutson, now a Marine overseas, but formerly of the Motor Pool, wrote that he is kept busy on maneuvers. He asked about his former associates and commented that **Frank "Daddy" Kern** is probably happy teaching his feminine drivers a few "tricks."

Pvt. Raymond H. Myers, formerly of Group 5, wrote to say that he is now in the Hawaiian Islands and that he would like for his former co-workers to write to him.

Pvt. Ervin Bretzman said he is in a Military Police unit at Miami Beach, Fla., training for overseas duty. He expects to be keeping order and bringing prisoners back from the front lines before long. With one brother in Egypt, another in California and a third joining this month, he said he guessed "the Army it is for us all."

Clarice Cecelia Lieb, who with her twin sister, **Clara Louise Lieb**, left the EOP Laundry to join the WAVES, wrote they are both stationed in New York, although in different barracks, for their boot training.

Guards Jap Prisoners

Lee E. Webster, an aviation cadet at Cochran Field, Georgia, said he would be busy for the next two months flying basic training planes. He completed his primary training at Avon Park, Fla.

Sgt. Delbert G. Tolle, a former dispatcher in the Guard Department here, is now located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He sent congratulations on the Army-Navy "E" award to EOP employees. "I am handling some of the eggs you folks are putting out at EOP," wrote **Edward L. Kurth**, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, who was recently promoted to corporal in the Air Corps. He sent special greetings to the boys, if any, remaining in Bldg. 4, Group 1.

Pvt. Clayton M. Raber explained that he is now assigned to the Internment Camp for Japanese prisoners at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. **S/Sgt. James R. Mennie** is training recruits in the Engineers at Camp Swift, Texas, and sent a hello to **Shorty Fleming.**

EOP VISITED BY ARMY in person of this contingent of 60 men from the regiment which conducted the "Army Salute" in Joliet June 20. They were divided into three groups and escorted through the loading lines of Groups 1, 3 and 3-A. Workers were as impressed with their visit as the soldiers were by what they saw here.

Robert R. Weir, a former inspector in Groups 1, 87, 66, 63 and 64, is taking boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., according to a letter. His wife, **Geraldine Weir**, works in the Production Planning Department.

Lucille Ambrose, a petty officer in the SPARS, stationed in Washington, D. C., said in a letter, "though we are in Washington, we like it . . . if it's good enough for **Tyrone Power**, it's good enough for us." She said her slogan is, "To bolster morale, send me *The Bomb-Shell*."

Mrs. Maude Adams, Cerro Gordo, Ill., mother of **Pvt. Francis L. Adams**, former EOP employee, wrote that she has contributed further to the war effort by going to work at the Oak Ordnance Plant at Illiopolis, Ill., where she is helping to make shells. Her son is stationed near Honolulu, she said.

"Sanderson & Porter is to be commended for taking the trouble to send all former employees now in the service each issue of *The Bomb-Shell*," said **T. F. Costello, Jr.**, aviation cadet, Hutchinson, Kan. "I'm sure that every one of us appreciates it more than we can tell you."

"I'm going to school to be a B-24 Liberator Bomber mechanic and will graduate September 5," said a letter from **Pfc. Charles "Chuck" Maly, Jr.**, Keesler Field, Mississippi. "After that only God knows what's in store for me. I surely miss working on the production line in Group 1, but we live for something new every day."

Taking advanced infantry training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, **Pvt. S. M. Vercellotti** wrote that he had studied the laying of anti-tank mines, which recalled memories of Group 7 to him. He said that at his previous station in Arkansas, he met several girls from the Pine Bluff Arsenal, built by Sanderson & Porter, and that according to their reports Sanderson & Porter did as fine a job there as at EOP.

Writes From Foxhole

"Upon receipt of each issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, I find myself in simulated conversation with the employees I know," said **Pfc. David L. Fornell**, Camp Rucker, Alabama. "I am back in my old sphere . . . finance," he continued. "I have charge of the officers' pay section and find it most interesting. Could use a couple of horses from EOP Payroll Department."

Pvt. Robert E. Dillon, Manchester, Conn., sent congratulations on the "E" award and said he knows that "the plant has what it takes to reach any goal." In a letter written in a foxhole while on maneuvers near Nashville, Tenn., **T/Sgt. Arthur Menning**, formerly of Group 6, said he was seeing action.

"In the seven months I've been in the Air Service Command, I've been stationed in Texas, Florida, California and now Texas again," said **Pfc. Robert Guess**, Kelly Field, Texas. "Next stop . . . Berlin . . . I hope. This is our last base in the States.

"Since Kelly Field and Duncan Field have been merged they form the largest repair depot in the world. Oh, well, I'm used to working at big places. After all, EOP is *The Ordnance Plant* of them all. It really seems funny to read in *The Bomb-Shell* of all the girls working in Bldgs. 10 and 13 in Group 1. When I left, the only women were in Bldg. 14 and some in the fuze bay of 13. But, alas, judging from the names appearing in the paper, I wonder if there are *any* men left. It's something like that here, too.

"I'm really lucky as far as jobs go. I'm an instrument technician, but all I work on are automatic pilots. Sometimes I work in the shops or out on the line or making some check flights. It's always different. Well, thanks for *The Bomb-Shell* and keep adding stars to that 'E' flag."

Letters and cards were received also from **Cpl. Louis Rajala**, Fort Riley, Kansas, who has finished maneuvers in Louisiana and Texas; **Pvt. Elson E. Anderson**, Eglin Field, Florida; **Cpl. Ray Kelly**, Army Air Base, Ephrata, Wash., formerly of Group 3, where he worked under Foreman **John Boucher**; **Pfc. Ken Solma**, Tyndall Field, Florida; **John J. Nicholson**, a Seabee at Port Hueneme, California; **Pfc. Dale Richard Hish**, Sheppard Field, Texas; **Pfc. William Hoegsted**, Keesler Field, Mississippi; **Pvt. William Marx**, Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., former Government inspector in Groups 1 and 3; **Don Macmillan**, aviation cadet, Coral Gables, Fla.; **Mrs. Ira Fears**, Toluca, Ill,, in behalf of her son, **Pvt. Lester H. Fears**, San Diego, Calif.; **Cpl. Donald D. DeWitt**, Fort McClellan, Alabama; **Elmer Grendheim**, Joliet, in behalf of his brother, **Sgt. Richard Grendheim**, Camp Young, California; **Pfc. Clarence P. Rexroth**, Cherry Point, N. C.; **Pvt. Walter Skroko**, Aberdeen, Md.; **Stanford E. Workman**, S2/c, Great Lakes, Ill.; **Pvt. James H. Lyons**, Boston, Mass.; **Pvt. Robert F. Clark**, San Diego, Calif.; **Sgt. Edward A. Mitchell, Jr.**, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; **Pfc. Robert Melson**, Camp Stewart, Georgia; **Pfc. Donald J. McCauley**, Tampa, Fla.; **Pvt. Richard Clanahan**, Camp Swift, Texas; **Edwin L. Bentson**, A/S, Northfield, Minn., and **Mrs. Clifford Goss**, Joliet, in behalf of her son, **Richard Goss**, F1/c, New York.

What'll it take here to get things started? A match? A lighted cigaret? The forgotten pilot light of the stove? A spark generated merely by rubbing the clothes? Any one of these would turn the trick.

The National Safety Council says one in every six accidental deaths in America is caused by burns, explosions and conflagrations. Last year more than 6,000 men, women and children died from these causes. This was an *increase of ten per cent* over 1941.

Principal danger in home dry cleaning is, of course, explosion with subsequent fire. But explosions and fires aren't the only dangers. Poisoning by toxic fumes is another.

No responsible organization or impartial student has ever made any statement approving dry cleaning at home. The best advice is: Don't do it. If you insist on home dry cleaning, however, the Council recommends the following procedure:

Use a non-flammable fluid, even if you're just taking spots out of a garment. (Products advertised as *non-explosive* may still be flammable.) When possible keep your hands out of the solvent by using a hand type suction washer.

Do the cleaning outside the house on a day when there is enough wind to carry the vapors away. Dry the garments outside the house. Keep children and pets away.

The importance of care in dry cleaning cannot be overemphasized. Don't arrive for your date with St. Peter ahead of time.

Activity Committee Names New Officers

At a regular meeting of the Employees' Activity Committee held in the Mess Hall June 22, election of officers for the next three months was held.

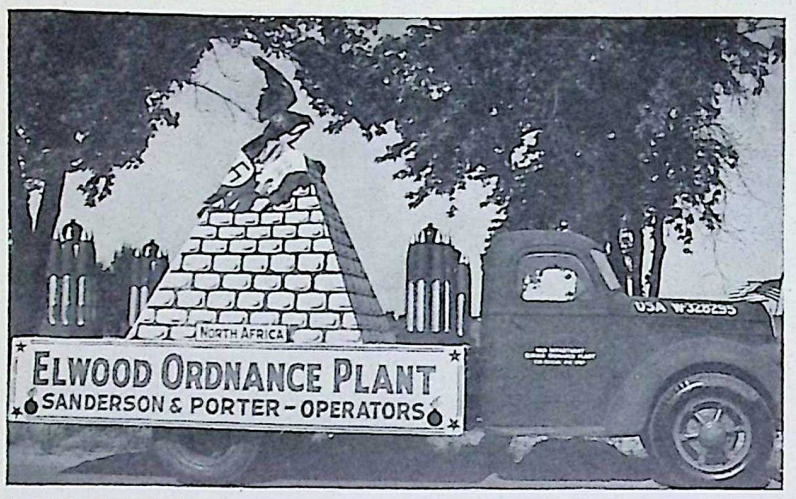
Colby Eriksen, Group 3-A, was elected chairman for the next three months; **George Becker**, Group 60, vice chairman, and **Arlene Schoendorf**, Group 60, secretary. An executive committee to consist of the officers and **Lt. H. E. Dowden**, Guards; **Robert Wilhelmi**, Inspection Department, and **Dorothy Lehman**, Group 8, was named.

The Employees Activity Committee works with **E. L. Walkup** and **Myrna Faris** of the Recreation Department in planning and promoting a recreational program for all employees.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire . . . . . Dial 17
To call police . . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance (emergency only) . . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.



EAGLE CLUTCHES tattered Axis flags atop a pyramid and calls attention to the North African campaign in this float, one of three, entered by EOP in the Army Day parade in Joliet June 20.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER

Correspondents

John Balston, son of **Supt. A. P. Balston**, visited at Inert last week . . . sat in dad's chair and chatted with the office staff . . . got pointers on subjects ranging from work benches to victory gardens.

The Moberly's have expanded their interests from dry land to wet water. Having acquired a boat and an outboard motor **Morgan Moberly** took his boys, **Chester, Manus** and **Bill**, for a cruise. The excursion on the water ended under the water with boat, motor, Moberlys and all. Bill, who expects to go to the Army soon, found it a good experience for handling a submersible jeep.

Clyde "Turk" Argyle has been spending his spare time painting and conditioning his boat for the summer season.

A man who hates publicity and photographers can be found at the South Inert clockhouse. This phonetics writer who used many a bottle of ink to record bervatim life's tragic stories is **Frank Santry**. Although Frank had no aspirations to join the Air Corps he left public life to do his bit in the war effort. His post-war plans are to return to the court room as a court reporter.

The grass cutters paid an unexpected visit to North and South Inert and really massaged the lawns . . . it is hoped they return regularly.

Pfc. Harvey Mall, former champion bomb handler, was home on a short furlough. He is a sheet metal worker in the Air Corps at Rantoul Field . . . another Inert man makes good.

A one-man band brought some of the boys out to see a parade . . . later it was discovered that **Phillip "Hope" Anderson** was the one who did vocals in brass band style.

Motion pictures were shown by the Safety Department in the little theatre between the buildings. Safety hints and safe handling of freight made up the day's lesson.

Matt Reay is now stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground and is kept plenty busy according to a letter to your correspondent.

Walter Briton completed the fourth round of a five-round candy deal. Walter promised a pound a round for messenger **Betty Ross**.

Stanley Wiencek is doubling these days at South Inert. . . . **Jim Whitley** is away on vacation.

Ray Lee, timekeeper at South, finds great company in his black spaniel pup from the Argyle Kennel.

If you like pets see **George Newton** at South Inert. He is expecting some porkers and will have the stage all set for the newcomers. They will have a *swill* time, but only for a short time with conditions as they are.

Edward "Jerk" Jurjevich is planning a vacation hoping to beat the day when the postman tells him that he received greetings from the President.

Vacations—get away from it and then come back to it. Away from it . . . **Charles Berro, Jim Whitley, Fred Ford.** Coming back to it . . . **Edward Zarley** and **Owen Ralston.**

Among the Girls at 27

Things no one ever expected to see . . . **Mary Berg** without **Ann Baldwin** . . . flowers and ribbons in **Estelle Glasshagel's** hair . . . muscles like **Charles Atlas'** on the girls' arms . . . **Grace Tibbin** without her bandana . . . **Alice E. Wilson** receiving her first shower with gratitude—was it hot . . . anyone who forgot to notice **Mary Bigham's** hair should notice now . . . it is time to call a guard when the girls order safety shoes . . . football suits are in order for the clean-up gang with gas masks.

On the Side

Since "Scorchy's" mother has refused to let him come out and play "Feudin" and has kept him out of the last two issues it leaves us with no adversary—so we shall have to fight among ourselves to keep peace in the family.

Now you take this Inert Storage colunm—why would anyone write an item about the boss's son visiting the group unless he expected to get something out of it?—or why would anyone pick on an unfortunate occurrence like a boat sinking and people getting wet instead of writing about beautiful moonlight cruises or catching a boat full of fish—and especially why write about luscious roast young pig in the face of red ration points—Why?—**C. H. M.**

EOP Throws Browns For 9 to 0 Loss

The EOP baseball team won its second twilight game at Kankakee June 16, defeating the Kankakee Browns 9 to 0 behind the air tight pitching of **Elmer Emanuelson** who gave up one hit in the six innings he worked. **Harvey Battrel**, who finished, also allowed but one hit.

The batting stars for the Shell Loaders were **Eddie Murphy** and **Gus Juricic**, each with two hits. Murphy drove a long home run and was robbed of another only by a sensational one-handed catch by **Gianotti**, the Browns' right fielder. Gianotti also was the offensive star for the home team, by getting the only two hits for his club. The EOP team made only seven hits off the pitching of **Ace Brown** but six bases on balls combined with hitting in the pinches proved his downfall. The box score follows:

EOP	Ab	R	H	Browns	Ab	R	H
Piese,3b	1	2	0	Sterr,3b	3	0	0
Spezio,rf	3	0	0	Schipper,1b	3	0	0
Keenan,ss	4	1	1	Farr,1b	0	0	0
Murphy,1b	4	2	2	Carpent'r,ss	3	0	0
Enger,cf	4	0	0	Gianotti,rf	3	0	2
Hankes,lf	4	1	1	Gineris,c	2	0	0
Juricic,2b	3	2	2	Lydigsen,cf	3	0	0
Ambrosich,c	3	1	1	Christ'n'n,lf	3	0	0
Kusinski,c	0	0	0	Riehn,2b	1	0	0
Eman'el'n,p	2	0	0	Brown,p	2	0	0
Battrell,p	Q	0	0				
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Take Salt Tablets

Salt tablet dispensers throughout the Area will be serviced by the group safety engineers this spring and summer, it was announced. Workers are advised to take the tablets daily to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

Army Ordnance 'Flaming Bomb' Means Courage

Adoption of Insignia Prompted by Fire from Shells of 1812

The colorful, yet dignified "flaming bomb" worn by the officers and personnel of the Army Ordnance Department is the oldest Army Insignia in the world consistently applicable to ordnance, weapons and munitions of all types.

Back in the days of the grenadiers, when a uniform regulation and a distinctive insignia was adopted, the Ordnance bomb was selected as the symbol of the courage and perseverance for a selected group of these warriors, chosen for their prowess.

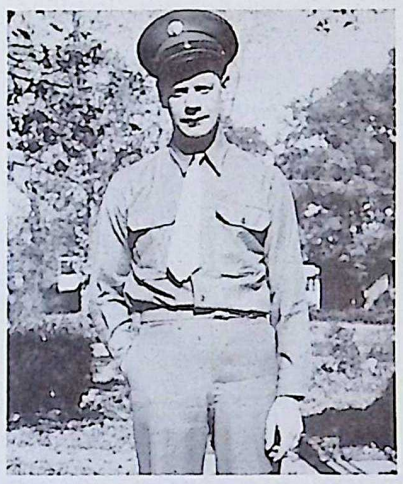
In the United States during the war of 1812, which period also saw the birth of the Ordnance Department, the only type of artillery fire used by the U.S. Army was the "shot and shell" type. The "shell" was a round cannon ball, filled with black powder and had a very crude fuze attached to it. This fuze was ignited by the flame of discharge from the cannon itself. This type of ammunition is far removed from the efficient and deadly type being used in the present day conflict.

As the cannon ball was projected through the air, a streamer of flame issuing from the fuzed portion was visible and it was this particular characteristic that prompted the adoption of the "flaming bomb" as the official insignia of Army Ordnance.

The wearers of this insignia have the responsibility of being the servants of the Army Fighting Forces. It is their primary duty to alleviate the Fighting Forces' burden of battle. To them falls the task of designing, producing, inspecting, supplying and maintaining the fighting equipment so necessary to the successful culmination of a battle.

As a representative of the United States Government at a government-owned, contractor-operated plant, it is the duty of the Ordnance Department to assure the Army's fighting forces the supply by manufacture of ammunition assigned for procurement in such quantities and at such times as required to meet the Army's supply program.

An official representative of the U.S. Army is designated as the commanding officer and assigned a tour of duty at these various plants. It is his obligation to administer the contract under which these plants operate for the War Department, to maintain direct supervision over all War Department employees at the plant, and to establish close liaison with civic bodies in the area influenced by the plant. **Lt. Col. Byron Rife** is occupying such a position as commanding officer of the Elwood Ordnance Plant.



TANKS now claim the attention of Sgt. Richard Grendheim at Camp Young, Indio, Calif., but it used to be trucks when he was a truck driver here before leaving October 9.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM

Correspondent

Group 27

By Harry L. Tanner-Robert Clark

The group welcomes again to its fold the honorable mayor of Troy, **Walter F. Schwartz.**

Horticultural beautification of this group is the result of the untiring efforts of **John D. Vidano, Sr.**

All are sorry to hear of the recent death of **Virgil Mooty** and **Frank Feeney.**

Steve Mentis went a driving, upon his merry way. The OPA they stopped him — What? — No "A" coupons today?

Nomination for No. 1 Beau Brummel of Group 27, **George Erdei.**

While out seeing the night life of Will County June 19, the party of **Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hintz, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Young** and **Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Tanner** were entertained by **Bob Clark** in his hilarious skit, "Mama Grigginheimer Taking a Saturday Night Bath."

Group 62-N

By John Ney

Owen Ralston has returned from a vacation and has purchased a lot in Coal City, which will keep him occupied from now on.

An attempt was made to suppress a few of the boys who began to laugh when wild **Bill Denver** ran out of the office to persuade a man with a power mower to cut the weeds in his garden. All jokes aside, he can raise radishes in the shade and flowers in a box.

Perhaps **Bob Heuser** will not squeeze those nickels so hard the next time he needs gas for the jalopy. Maybe it was a shortage of stamps.

Ben Suca would like to know if there are any readers, mechanically inclined and interested in perpetual motion, who would like to collaborate with him. He has one little problem to solve and will be glad to split any profits with some one who will come forward with the solution. Many offered their services, but he declined, and said he wants a graduate engineer. In the meantime he is selling little gadgets, on the side, to defer expenses.

In behalf of the people who use Central Road, West, thanks are sent to those responsible for repairs made recently. It is a comfort to drive over this road to work again.

A recent tragedy at this group occurred when **Joseph Birsa**, looking for a disputed lot number, 'tis said, fell out of a car head first.

Group 3

By Kenneth R. Meyer

Variety is the spice of life. **John Jeffrey** went on vacation, then was married, and ended the week by being sick in bed!

James "Smokey" Moore will show anybody that the hand is quicker than the eye. **Christie Pucek** would like it a lot better if "Smokey" could take a vacation more often.

Irvin Heck believes **Elden Kistler** could use a new pair of glasses, even though Kistler claims his eyes are 20/20. Anyone who has a need for nickels for the candy machines, should contact Kistler,—especially if you should have pennies to trade.

Mel Canaday is on vacation. No doubt, fishing will be his main pastime.

William Baker comes to work with a new hat practically every week. Perhaps he struck it rich.

"Captain Midnight" **Elmer Henning** finds it pretty hard to navigate around during the daytime.

Group 5

"Group 2 was never like this" according to **Robert Schmitz**, senior inspector, but the girl inspectors aren't complaining.

Gladys Seaton is smiling these days because the mailman brought her a bank-night purse.

Many wonder what progress **Ward Edwards**, group inspector, has made on that Victory garden.

Can anyone advise **LeDean Cheatham** how to lose a few pounds for that certain white outfit; she has a very important date late this month.

All were sorry to see **Ethel "Scotty" Partridge** leave, but you know how it is, with hubby stationed at an Army Air Base in Santa Anna, Calif. She plans to visit her home town, Portland, Ore., before joining her husband.

Cute **LaVerne Dite** picks up a ruler every time a certain young man enters the room.

It is nice to see **Mary Fogarty** back after a brief illness.

Group 7

By Genevieve Karpel

The West has lured another inspector. **Dorothy Kinder** is now part of the California scenery.

Ann Dedinsky starved herself so she could get into a certain white dress June 26.

Pierced ears are the latest in this group. **Marge Ghigo** and **Delphine Vota** survived the operation.

Josephine Kein was seen "tripping the light fantastic" in Marseilles last week.

Mary McGuire left to marry her soldier friend.

Group 8

By LaVerne Gamora

Wanted—A ride for Inspector **Caralyn Bazaar** with anyone who can leave Joliet at 7:28 and be at the EOP time clock by 7:30. Sa-a-y, where's Superman!

Ruth Price has something to smile about. She's the proud grandmother of twin sons born to her daughter a few weeks ago.

Janet Bailey, Shipping Room inspector, is keeping the first aid nurse busy with scratches. She says she gets them from boxes in the Shipping Room. Sounds logical, but—

Are you having love trouble? **Jean Nelson** and **Shirley Magosky** seem to have been helped by the advice given them by **Lucille Dobak.** Lucille is well informed on such matters, but she would like to know more about the women of India—her boy friend is stationed there.

Group 9

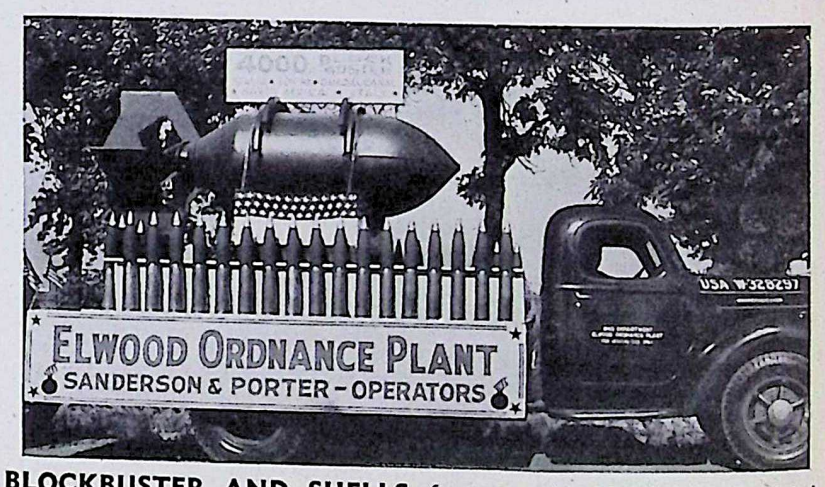
By Helen Feeney

Anita DuPuis, Betty Meents and **Lucille Boudreau** are the budding tennis champs from Kankakee.

Reba Dodson and **Mary Brown** entertained the inspectors of this group with a spirited debate during lunch one day.

Helen Conley, former inspector, is learning all about airplanes in a special school in Chicago.

Gaylen Ford is going to be missed by all the inspectors. His successor is **Harold Rouff** from Group 4.



BLOCKBUSTER AND SHELLS feature this EOP float which appeared in the Army Day parades in Kankakee June 17 and Joliet June 20.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN
Correspondent

When **Ray Banker** returned from her vacation, several persons were heard to remark to her "Boy, are we glad to see you back." Sounds as though she was really missed. Ask **Frances Mores** and **Loretta Scott**; they'll tell just how very, very much.

Phyllis Clair is seriously ill at her home and everyone hopes she will be well soon.

A most welcome visitor June 19 was **Pfc. Florian Ebben.** Dick is at present stationed at Truax Field, Wisconsin, and everyone remembers him as the person you could always count on to help out in case you had an excess amount of work.

The vacation list this week includes **Dorothy Maxwell, Charlotte Matheny** and **Mary Strobel.**

It is reported that the Transportation Department had a "whooping" good time out at **Frank "Gramps" Folwell's** home in Forrest, Ill., June 19.

Shirley Wessles, first EOP girl to join the Marines, is stationed at the Naval Training School, Hunter College, Bronx, N. Y.

Miss Scott just simply has to lose 15 lbs. All suggestions as to diets will be welcomed.

Louis Piano is the newest addition to the Production Planning crew.

Harry Brown has devised a novel way of holding his suspenders together. At first he tried scotch tape, but that was soon abandoned. He thought awhile and then went looking for a stapler. That did the trick.

Dorothy Mielic certainly had an off day June 22. First she had need for a laundry, or laundress, and secondly, it was necessary to call in first aid. A bottle of ink was accidently upset on her dress, which had to be sent to the laundry to be washed and after that episode had passed, she cut her finger. Mother said that there would be days like this, and she must be right.

Chris Dare was thrilled when her boyfriend made a flying trip home over the weekend to see her. Airplanes wonderful things.

It sure was good to see **J. P. Filips** back in harness again after a week's vacation of "taking it easy."

So-o-o, it was found out why on some mornings **Bert Klausing** doesn't wear her glasses. Really she is trying to kid the folks.

June Kuglich is now working in the Industrial Service Section and is doing a swell job of it. **Eleanor Goss** and **Nina Horrie** seem to be doing a good job of co-working.

Traffic Audit

Leslie Wilson has returned from a vacation, while **Pete Conroy** is now enjoying one.

Fred Legris has three of his four sons serving in the Army.

John Donahue, Government auditor, is sharing the office during his stay here.

Clayton Craig and **Louie Miner** like to play pool together.

Jim Murphy, back from vacationing, said that all the odd jobs around here have been finished off without his help.

Helen Hausser left to join her soldier husband in Louisiana.

Elva Thomas has four tomato plants and is taking orders for a bumper crop. It is rumored that she is also taking orders for country butter and buttermilk . . . to be delivered at some future date.

Argyle Dalziel, inventory clerk, is now serving Uncle Sam at Camp Grant.

Group 3

Paul Sommerville was welcomed back from a vacation. **Johnny Williamson** danced to **Blue Barrons'** music recently and enjoyed seeing and hearing the famous orchestra very much.

The beautiful summer days are just what the doctor ordered, said **Cliff Fisher.** He plays tennis, likes it and does very well.

Group 3-A

Neoma Jett has returned from a vacation spent at her home in the sunny South. She reports a good time with lots of fun.

Edna Strohm, who is leaving soon on vacation, expects to visit her former home in Kansas.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Did you know that **Lorraine Nichols** is walking around Joliet tantalizing the girls in the stores? "Lor" wanted to wash her hair and went into a drug store for shampoo and hair pins. The man who was showing her the shampoo was so struck by her personality (he said it was her beautiful black hair) that he answered affirmatively when she asked for "bobby" pins. Now, the girls who worked in the store had told her they didn't have any, but he contradicted them by saying that he had a few packages. They tried to follow him, but he said that they were his secret. He thought that hair as beautiful as Lor's should have special attention and be properly "coiffed." (Well, that's what he said.)

Carmen Oldani is back with a beautiful tan that's the envy of all the girls in the department as her legs are the exact shade of stockings. Not only that, but she has a new way of fixing her hair which is very becoming and she designed it herself. Carmen received a letter one morning and was on the train in Chicago the next morning at 8 o'clock. The department formally nominates her for the title of the quickest "planner, packer and traveller."

You never can tell who has the best sense of humor until it bounces at you. One of the girls was skipping down the hall in front of quiet **Byron Mills** one morning as he entered the building. Hearing an unusual sound, she turned quickly to discover that he was skipping, too, and his knees were flying higher and faster than hers.

There ought to be a law against it, or at least some way to keep from being jealous, but **Jane Schnepper** has been given four pairs of the best looking shoes during the past week. With the present rationing, you wouldn't think that such favors would be passed around, but Jane knows how to captivate the jungle beasts. The shoes had been broken in nicely and fit her exactly. After all the kidding, it was explained a woman gave them to Jane because she said that she'd never wear them as the heels were too high for her and she thought someone should use them.

Word has been received that **Lt. Lynn McCoskey,** of Camp Cooke, California, was married to a girl from Detroit, Mich., April 30. Lynn was an interviewer in the Personnel Department before entering the armed services and is now assistant personnel adjutant at Camp Cooke.

Obligingly, **Dorothy Kaldem** took the $5 bill that Guard **Frank "Mickey" Green** was handing her to try to find change for him on her trips up and down the hall. It wasn't until **Margaret "Peg" Collins** had her purse to make the change that Dorothy took a second look at the bill she held. Then she wheeled around and out of the room in a hurry. The picture of Lincoln was not a poor facsimile, it wasn't even there. The whole piece of paper was from a game that Mickey's children have.

Helen Bardi came to work one morning in an awful state. She came rushing into the rest room just before work with the saddest expression. Someone asked her what was the matter and she started to babble, "If my mother doesn't come home soon, the house will fall down." Her mother had left on Saturday for a two-week vacation and that was Monday morning.

If you're figuring out how to cut down on that luncheon bill, just take a tip from **Harold Dean's** experience. He did a very good job one noon and paid a much lower price for his lunch, but by the time he got into town that night, he was so hungry that he ate two complete dinners.

Mary Kleeberger made a few quick moves the other day and ended in Minnesota, where she met her husband, **Ed Kleeberger,** machinist's mate first class. He wired her from Seattle, Wash., that he was back in the United States for a 15-day leave after 20 months of active flying duty in Alaska. She and their four-year-old daughter, **Karen Lou,** met him in Minneapolis the next night. Mary will accompany him back to Seattle and wait until he catches his plane before she returns to her home in Plainfield.

Re-fingerprinting has **Gilbert "Andy" Anderson** in a daze. He was taking the prints of a man who insisted on putting out his right hand all the time instead of alternating. By the time Andy finished all three cards, he was so muddled that he had to ask the man to wait so that he could check the prints with the glass to be sure that he had the correct combination of one right and one left hand on all cards.

Some day they're going to tease **Betty Diehl** so much that she'll actually stop before she says the first thing that she thinks. It was after much pondering over an application on which she was writing reference letters that she suddenly asked, "Where is Pipercity? I never heard of it." When she drawled it out with the account on the second syllable as pi-per'-ci-ty, no one recognized the town as Piper City, which an applicant had printed so that it ran together, until they looked at the word.

At last there is a celebrity in the building. **Fred Cadwallader** observed his 36th wedding anniversary June 19, with a formal celebration the next day.

Did you know that there is a little leeway below the bottom drawer in most desks? In searching for something she had lost, **Margaret "Dolly" Lundquist** discovered this and suggested that everyone try the same scheme. **Marge Turner** found a blouse that she'd forgotten that she had, while other inconsequential articles appeared.

Rita "Rusty" Cushing was the subject wearing Miss Bardi's jacket one noon hour while **Evelyn Melby** acted as the sales girl. Of course the jacket fit little Rusty like a gunny sack as Helen tops her by about seven or eight inches. However, Evelyn was using all the time-honored tricks of honey dialect and firmly grasping the back of the jacket. If it hadn't been time to go to work it would have made a good little skit.

Vacationing this week are **Maurice Evans, Bernadine "Bing" Keenan, Helen DeLach** and Guard Green. **Colletta Wright** has been ill for a while and everyone hopes that she will be back on the job soon.

The men in the department are trying to out-strip each other as chefs. First Mr. Evans brought fresh shrimp and bragged about his own recipe for a special sauce that he used with them. This was too much for **Florence Dunterman.** When he had finished listing ingredients, he noticed that longing look and offered some to her and Miss Keenan. They each had one and reported that it was excellent. Just a few days later **Chastine Mason** brought out some shrimp salad with crackers.

Ordnance Saves Valuable Steel on Bomb Crates

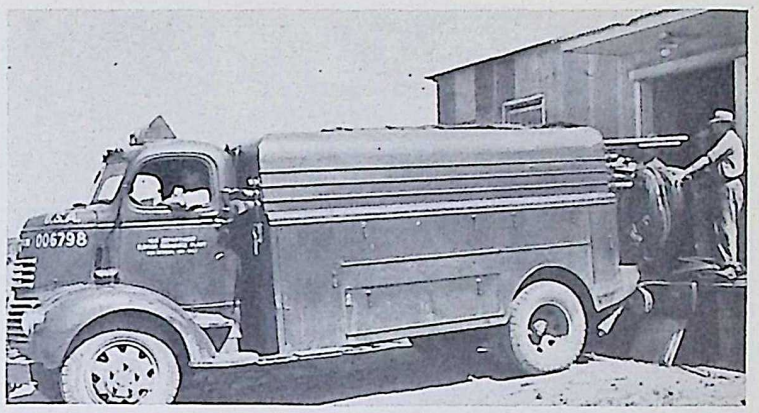
Redesign of Package for Tail Fins Leaves Metal for "Busters"

The next million 500-pound bombs that go crashing on Hitler or Hirohito will not only bring fear of what's to come, but will leave behind them in America 5,790,000 pounds of unused steel to be made into more bombs to add to their consternation. The Army Ordnance, Army Service Forces, has redesigned the crate in which the tail fins for these bombs are packaged, by using smaller and thinner cross bands on the crates, ribbing others together and discovering a new way to hold together the top and bottom plates of the crate, resulting in the saving of sufficient steel to make 413 half-track armored cars.

TRAINING now at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Cpl. Donald D. DeWitt was a material checker in the Carpenter Shop here before leaving for the Army.

According to **Lt. Col. Byron Rife,** Commanding Officer at Elwood Ordnance Plant, this is typical of the highly successful conversion and conservation program that is being achieved not only at this plant but in every Army Ordnance establishment throughout the country.

One of the greatest surprises to come out of the present war is the successful use of paper as a substitute for steel. Shipping bands around the body of bombs, making it possible to grip, transport and store them, are now made of paper. These paper bands are used on all bombs up to the thousand-pounders and through this substitution of paper for steel, approximately eight million pounds of steel a month is being saved.



LOADING WINCH TRUCK for day's work is this crew from the Line Department, Electric Division. Shown, left to right, at rear of truck are Tom Hall, Bill Kennedy and Jack Marietta. Wayne Ireland is the driver.

Material Warehouse

PAUL ROY
Correspondent

Among those who have had vacations and are ready to return to work are **Buell Owdom** and **James Eib,** material checkers from the Hub; **John Bradecich, Chester Melville, Louis Parys** and **Oscar Horn** of the Material Warehouse. All say they had an enjoyable time.

James Ryan, Harry Tilden, Norman Hammerschmidt, Herman Guard, Clinton Jones and **Cyril Lazier** are among those now having their turn at "the pause that refreshes."

News has been received from **Pvt. Matthew Reay,** formerly of Group 62-S, who is now attending an Ordnance Training School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Matt said he likes it very well and is kept quite busy. He is receiving his thirteen weeks' training in four, which sort of crowds his schedule.

Edward La Roche, material checker of Group 63, spent a vacation at home with his son, **Lt. Eugene La Roche** of the Navy. Ed said this is his son's first visit home in two years. Lt. La Roche is with the Pacific Fleet Gunnery Office.

Kenneth Pratt seems to have trouble getting both himself and his badge to work the same day.

Pvt. Joseph Serena, who joined the Army March 6, was a visitor at the warehouse June 18. Joe, formerly a truck helper, is now stationed at Camp Roberts, California, with the Field Artillery. He has seen overseas duty and proudly wears a marksmanship medal. Joe has fired shells stenciled EOP and says they are the real thing.

Another unexpected visitor was **Lloyd Riordan** of the Navy, former timekeeper in Group 70.

Ray Offerman, material checker in Group 63, is looking for an assistant on his farm, at least someone who can keep a tractor between the two fences.

Early Sunday morning, or was it late Saturday night, according to Ray's own story, the tractor became very unruly, and ripped away by actual count 38 perfectly good fence posts. **Fred Nelson** suggests that until Ray learns to drive a tractor, he should rely on a team of mules.

Pinnick Transferred To Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Capt. Ralph E. Pinnick has been transferred to the Corps of Engineers for duty at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He served as Safety and Plant Protection officer at EOP since March, 1942, and recently acquired the same title at Kankakee Ordnance Works as well. Formerly an infantry officer, Captain Pinnick is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

ANTI-TANK MINES accompany a thousand-pound bomb on this EOP float which appeared with others in the Army Day parades in Kankakee and Joliet.

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION occupies the time of this group of workers from the EOP Electric Shop in Group 70. J. P. Snedden and M. L. Lamphier are the foremen.

Ordnance Inspection

CATHERINE TOMLIANOVICH
Correspondent

Esther Noffke's new profile will be on display in the next few weeks. News from her reveals that the initial operation on her "snozzle" was highly successful, but the inactivity at Billings Hospital, for a spirited lass, is boring. Her return and a rousing soft ball game should cure her ennui.

Roy Sherer, formerly employed in the Government gage laboratory, made a surprise but most welcome appearance June 18.

The **S. L. Eislers** visited **Lt.** and **Mrs. Sol J. Jacobs** in Dixon the weekend of June 12.

The many friends who have been wondering at his silence will welcome this news from **Carl L. Anker.** "Many interesting things and unexpectedly, too, happen here. (Aberdeen Proving Ground). First off, **Molly (Mrs. A.)** came out to visit maybe a week. Well, the next thing you know the Red Cross offers her a job in Field Headquarters which she accepts. It turns out later that her office is in the building next to my classroom. Then we have a wonderful place in Havre De Grace to live. I go home often in the evenings and we take off on weekends to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York itself. What a deal! Sachs, (**Lt. Ronald Sachs,** of the U. S. Air Corps and former government inspector at EOP), comes down often to visit, that is, he used to come. His outfit has now been alerted for overseas which means he can't get farther away than ten minutes from the field. Paxton (**Park Paxton** of Group 8) got into cadre and is just across the parade grounds from me. He's in Ammunition Technical, too, so we see each other daily. **Georgia (Mrs. Paxton)** was here last weekend visiting, but I didn't get to see her because our class was out on a field problem." From the foregoing, it is gathered that Carl is very happy surrounded by his wife and friends and likes his work very much.

Chemistry Laboratory

Vacation dreams come and go. The ever pleasant topic "Where are you going for yours?" is in the air. Circulars from the Chambers of Commerce of various states, snapshots of former years and much reminiscing are on all sides. Some will visit the far hills of Colorado and some will just buy new bathing suits and set off for Lake Michigan. Some will visit Army camps for the sake of "morale" and if they are lucky, some will go fishing. For what is a summer passed without some new fish stories to tell?

Group 4

Marian "Scotty" Westcott is debating whether to take that final leap to Texas. . . . Since **Margaret Olszta** has been here her new nickname and theme song is "Hammer Packin' Mamma" . . . It is believed **Frances "Frannie" Olroyd** forgets her badge mornings just so she can kiss her hubby goodbye the second time. . . . Suggestions received are that **Lucille Olson,** when displaying her two-piece short outfit, minus the skirt, to the government girls, should look first to see if there are any foremen around looking in windows. She has the sniffles these days. The nights have been nice and moonlight, but oh the dew.

Elizabeth Heim had a very good time one evening a while back. Seems her girl friends are leaving to join Uncle Sam. Why is she making a trip to Detroit over the Fourth of July? To visit the Ford Plant?

Saveta Dorsey has been ill for three weeks. All miss her and hope she'll be back soon. . . . **Kay Ochs** has a stiff neck. She says she wrenched it while dancing. Keeping up the morale of the Army is difficult sometimes. Many wonder why she wears a tailored suit, jacket and all on hot days.

The government inspection office has been moved to the peace and quiet of Bldg. 13. A traveling laundry service has been instituted by **Harriet Nadelhoffer** and **Marie Plankar.** . . . Lucille Olson and Miss Heim are trying to learn who writes the news for this column from Group 4.

Group 5

Margaret Laverty's plans are not complete but it is hoped that she makes up her mind before she sends in her next leave slip for a vacation. At 2 p. m., June 20, she fell for the Army, but she received only a bruised knee. . . . **Ann Chorak** is patiently waiting to see her boy friend who is in the Navy and stationed at Great Lakes. . . . Why doesn't **Lillian Gunderson** make up her mind as to whether she should go to work or to bed as she always has her shoes untied? . . . The cheerful smile that **Nellie Hazzard** has is because she acquired a new son-in-law. . . . Good news is that **Dorothy "Dottie" Magolan** is on the road to recovery and will soon be back.

Group 6

Best wishes go with **Edward Ritter,** former Government inspector, who has joined the Army Air Corps. . . . **Robert Cretcher,** from Group 7, is welcomed as a new inspector. . . . **Edna Sickert** is spending a vacation at her home in Sparta, Wis. It is rumored that the riding stables at Pilcher Park are very popular with some of the government inspectors. Could it be the riding or is it reducing exersises? **Betty Smith** and **Ruth Thompson** probably can answer. . . . Have you written to that soldier boy? Don't forget he loves to hear from home and friends. . . . **Mary Meaux** has a new hair-do and, as usual, it is very becoming and looks cool.

Group 7

Everything has been seen now. Talk about people walking around with holes in their heads! There's an epidemic at Group 7. So far, **Catherine "Cathy" Cyphers** and **Matilda "Tilly" DelRose** are the only inspectors who have joined the ranks with their ears pierced.

Helen Biernat baked a cake for the inspectors one Tuesday. It took three of them to carry it into the lunch room and the following day, there were four inspectors short of the usual number. All kidding aside, the cake was lovely, air holes and all.

Blame it on the weather if the girls at Group 7 look pale and anemic. Most of them haunted the drug stores June 19 until they were well armed with sun-tan lotion, and Sunday, the day of all days, it rained. . . . **William "Bill" Proudley,** who, ironically enough, spends a good deal of the time out of doors, has a lovely reddish brown glow. . . . The walls of the Government office look as though the Battle of Trafalgar was fought on them. A closer look reveals smashed mosquitoes. It's them or inspectors—not only are the latter anemic, but lumpy as well.

Ruth Phillips trotted into the office one day with a hugh chartreuse bug on her hand. She spent about 15 minutes trying to decide how she could pickle him with material on hand in order that she could make a pin of the bug. (Times are really hard.) The bug, tiring of the discussion, turned out to be a beetle and flew away.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

John W. Atkinson of Material Cost Accounting has been ill at his home in Joliet for four weeks, but is reported improving.

Ed Hassey, former chief clerk in Group 61, is on vacation and, upon his return, will be transferred to Stores and Supplies Department in the Administration Building.

Al Scheer, Electrical Engineering, is on vacation, but changed his mind so often as to what he would do that it is safer to report he is recreationing.

Marilyn Morsch, Bond Department, returned from a patriotic vacation—she roller-skated, rode bicycles and went horse-back riding—but did enjoy herself at River View.

Jim Koerner wrote from Jacksonville, Fla., that he was thrilled when he had a ride in an airplane with **Wayne Morris** of the movies. He reports Mr. Morris as a regular fellow and a skilled flyer.

Evelyn Greenwood, Engineering, is vacationing at San Diego, Calif. She is more interested in a certain Marine there than the California climate.

Beatrice Peterson, Accounting, spent the week-end at Edgewater Beach Sigma Kappa Pi Sorority Convention—got sea-sick yachting, but didn't miss a thing, including the Marine Dining Room and the Beachwalk. Saw "The Doughgirls" June 19. **Marguerite Mackley** of Kankakee is her sorority sister.

I. E. Jackson, left July 1 for a vacation at Temple, Tex., his home town.

V. L. Knudson, head of Stores and Supplies, is going to think of "Stories and Surprises" when he learns that it is known why he isn't wearing that good looking ring. It seems that when little boys play games and hurt their fingers they should never wear jewelry.

Geraldine "Gerry" Almon left for Washington, D. C., and from there to Richmond, Va., to visit her husband in camp.

Wally Nielson is visiting at Houghton, Mich. This is the wrong time for hunting, but maybe Wally is hunting the right spot for this fall.

E. V. Sperling was a very proud man June 21 when he introduced **Lt. Ruth E. Sperling,** Army nurse, located at Camp Wolters, Texas, to the gang here. Ah! what a beautiful sister!

Bob "Wimpy" Forst, Engineering, expects induction papers soon. Did you ever hear about the time Bob went to the opera and was talking to his party about how risky it was to leave a dummy standing in the lobby with such an expensive fur coat on when suddenly the dummy turned around and gave Bob an icy stare—she was *very much* alive.

Frances Rager, Accounting, spent a vacation in Joliet.

Evelyn Murphy plans her vacation with her soldier husband in Little Rock, Ark., if Uncle Sam doesn't send him on a hiking trip.

R. L. Voss leaves on vacation July 5 and will spend it at home in Joliet.

A. Allison, Engineering, will be general superintendent of construction while on vacation. Not only will be he superintendent, but he will hold all jobs down to that of laborer on the project . . . he is going to build a chicken house. All hope the concrete lays smooth and the hens lay many eggs.

Stanley Stafford, Stores and Supplies, is on a brief vacation.

Frank Smith, Stores and Supplies, and his wife, **Mary E. Smith,** a guard, will leave July 6 on vacation to Bedford, Ind., her former home. Smitty says this town is known as the "Stone City" . . . and many think he selected the most beautiful diamond there.

Charlotte Hammond, Office Management, left on vacation June 21. She expected to spend some time in Chicago and La Fayette, Ind.

Bob Holmes, Heating and Ventilating, is vacationing along the river. He will visit Kenosha, Wis., his former home, for a few days before returning.

A good second-hand pair of sliding pants is wanted for Mr. Knudson. It seems that Knute does not "slide, Kelly, slide" very gracefully.

Joe Dunda, Material Cost Accounting, spent a very patriotic vacation at home in Joliet.

Ann Baird has returned from vacation. **Katherine Glynn** pinch-hitted in the Stock Room while she was away.

Irene Keenan, secretary to **Harrison Smith,** returned to her work after two weeks' illness. Irene feels *keen—now.*

Blonde **Ann Gubbins,** Accounting, is vacationing in St. Louis with her sister, **Alice Slad** of Chicago.

Irving Steindler, auditor of the Mess Hall, is on vacation. His place is taken by **Ralph Piper** during his absence.

Mary Clow, Purchasing Department, is expected to vacation at home while she entertains nieces and cousins by the dozens.

Bob Bailey, Purchasing Department, is vacationing and, according to reports, his 17-foot boat is causing him more trouble than that new baby girl. The motor refused to make a noise—the baby obliges though.

Marjorie Lawhead, the pretty gal in Gas Rationing, is expecting her boy friend, former Inspector **Jerome K. Hancock** of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. When he arrives here, **Dolores Courtney,** Personnel, and Marjorie expect to visit him at his home in Carrier Mills, Ill.

Anita Scott, secretary to **R. T. Bassett,** vacationed in Memphis, Tenn. **Dickie Rhodes** took her place while Anita proudly shows that beautiful little boy to relatives.

Pfc. Chester L. Voss, San Diego, Calif., has been spending 11 months schooling in airplane mechanics with the Marines. He was a visitor to EOP and his father, Mr. Voss, was very proud of him.

Mr. Bassett, newly-appointed service manager, has changed his office from Room 39 to Room 34.

Catherine Lynch, Payroll, will spend a two-week vacation at home in Joliet.

Charlotte Klockenbusch, Payroll, is spending part of a vacation at Great Lakes visiting her boy friend, **Wilbur Chandler,** who is hospitalized at Naval Hospital. The vacation of **Ann Lucas,** Payroll, will be spent at home.

Arlene Thorson, blonde beauty of Purchasing, left June 30. She went to Tennessee to visit her boy friend, **Wayne Sebby,** formerly of the Mailing Room, and then will spend some time at her home in Joliet.

Miss Glynn, Office Management, will spend her vacation starting July 6 in New York City. Her sister, **Dorothy, Marge Fox** (both of Joliet), and **Mary Wynne,** EOP Pipe Shop, will accompany Katherine.

Emma Herndon, matron, resigned June 24.

Pfc. Frank P. Branger, of Love Field, Texas, was a visitor at EOP June 23. Frank was former Government Stock Room clerk. He is stationed at Dallas, Tex., and his wife is with him.

Harold Kapsch, of the sunny smile, now stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, was an EOP visitor..

Wedding bells may ring for **Veronica Hanson** and her heart-throb, **Lt. Johnny Johnson** of the Lewis School of Aeronautics, Joliet, before he leaves for New Orleans.

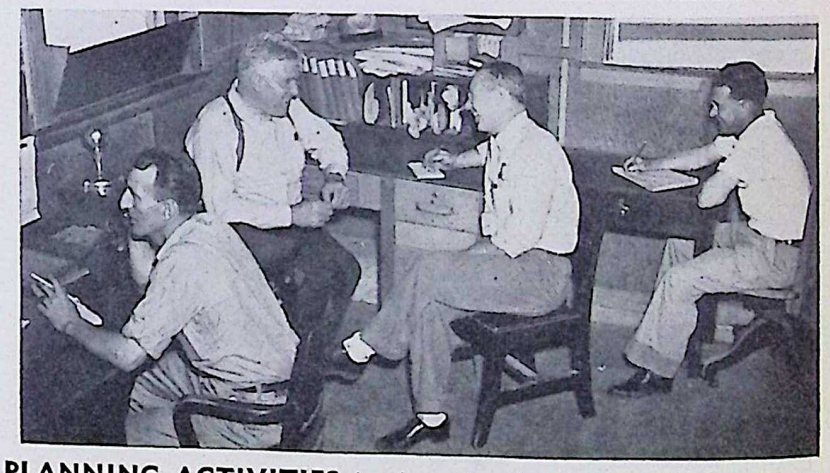
Joe Elledge is located at Sioux Falls, S. D., taking radio training in the Army Air Forces. He wishes to be remembered to everyone.

Elmer Pratto is now a corporal at Camp Claibourne, Louisiana.

Independence Day to Be Observed Here July 5

Independence Day (Fourth of July) will be observed as a holiday at Elwood Ordnance Plant, Monday, July 5. Load lines, operating departments and offices will be closed for the day. All maintenance and repair forces will be kept to an absolute minimum over this holiday week end and only such plant protection forces will work as are needed for the protection and preservation of plant property.

—**W. E. Canniff,**
General Manager.



PLANNING ACTIVITIES is done in the office of the Electric Shop. Pictured here, left to right, are Russell H. Sweeney, general foreman; L. C. Beverly, assistant superintendent; John J. Kelly, night foreman, and Bernard Webster, clerk.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

James Hatz of the service station has replaced Johnny Dixon, who was inducted into the armed forces, as ambulance driver.

Doris McCullum is looking forward to a joyous vacation which will start shortly before press time.

The so-called greenback was giving Elizabeth Russell a wee bit of trouble,—when everyone ordering lunch extended a crisp lettuce leaf for payment and she was caught without silver change.

Questions have been flung to Dr. George Luke as to whether his fishing tackle was up for auction again. It seems he is discouraged after not being able to catch anything, but mosquito bites.

The northern timbers will see Ann Johnson and her hubby tramping through them on their vacation in the near future.

Edna Rimmer and Dr. Jim Madura celebrated their birthdays together. The table was covered with a beautiful Irish linen cloth and a graceful floral centerpiece flanked by long white tapers. (What a fantasy!)—A call was sounded, come and get it! There was a mad rush to the kitchen and within a few seconds—cake, ice cream and pop were doing a disappearing act.

Esther Anderson, nurse at Group 1, is on vacation. Rumors are that Dorothy Schoop, Bertha Perush and Mary Philbin are out prospecting for a cottage along the Kankakee River.

Leslie Ross came back from vacation. He spent most of his time making repairs on his home, but must have slipped away long enough to purchase that new straw hat he's wearing.

How to get to work was the question that had June Hull worried for several days. But old faithful George, her hubby, straightened the matter out—snap—just like that.

Can you imagine Elsie Roberts sending her dad on Father's Day five candy lolly pops, enclosing an appropriate verse and signing it—"The Brat." Yep, she dood it.

Charles Bruner is the proud father of another son.

Dr. G. B. Geil's tonsorial artist gave him a new coiffure—you know the patchy number—he took out a patch here and then necessarily had to take a patch out there, too.

Vance Cook, Ozoro Blanchard and Tom Moore, ambulance drivers, all sprouted out in casual sport clothes as the temperature rose.

A most unusual experience is reported by Evelyn Doran who had her first permament. It was killing to hear her explain what the beauty operator did, thus: "I spent three and one-half hours there . . . and had to sleep with my chin on the pillow all night . . . now I can't move, I have so many kinks." For her first trip to a beauty shop—she did alright and got all the feminine trimmings. You must admit she's a WOW now.

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Ralph R. Anderson
Richard K. Anderson
Robert L. Anderson
Wesley K. Ashford
Meverick S. Ballard
Francis L. Begler
Ray W. Berg
Raymond D. Blecha
Henry J. Brons
Carl W. Brooke
Erdie F. Carter
Joseph T. Connors
John T. Dempsey
Elmer A. Dodge
Tom East
James L. Edwards
Paul Erlandson
Maury J. Finkelstein
Joseph J. Fitzgerald
K. P. Fitzgerald
Wilbert W. Foss
Archie D. Gaston
Herbert L. Grassel
Lester C. Haas
James M. Hagerty
John E. Harris
Delmar L. Jensen
Marlin W. Jones
Charles S. Kepner
John J. Knarr
Matthew A. Kovach
James W. Lindelof
William R. Luck
Harvey E. Mall
Kenneth L. McKinley
David L. Monroe
Myles R. Nielsen
James D. O'Connor
Eugene Oesterle
Warren G. Olson
Edward J. Pack
Robert W. Paulsen
John F. Pekar
Marvin R. Poe
John J. Prebeg
Emil W. Ramsak
Josef C. Ramsak
Stanley E. Rattin
Herbert W. Schroeder
Joseph V. Serena
Forrest L. Snodsmith
Bruce E. Southcombe
Joseph R. Swartz
Louise A. Thompson
Frank A. Tomsich
Bernard E. Vranesic
Robert R. Weir
Wilba M. Willows
Harold L. Zenor

SHOP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS are the assignments of this group of workers at the Electric Shop in Group 70. Russell H. Sweeney is foreman.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Joe Green has discovered the reason why his submarine potatoes did not grow. A general rule for planting is to measure the thickness of the seed, then multiply it by four and plant the seed in a hole as deep as the answer. Joe multiplied by forty.

Dominick Astorino has taken up a new exercise. He smokes cigars.

T. J. Doyle and Harry J. Pesdon have been added to the group.

Art Voss advised Frank Lebo to stand a little closer to his razor when he shaves.

Rita Borgra's new bathing suit is a garment with no hooks, but plenty of eyes on it.

Joe Smrekar left for New York June 21. He enlisted in the Coast Guard.

Many wonder what brought up the conversation between Dwight Warren and Harlow Kadow about sauerkraut.

Ralph Hoehn remarked that the Nazis of this war are retreating in their fathers' goosesteps.

Earl Fick, who had a leave of absence so that he could plant corn, returned this week.

Swan Sandahl, after observing all the Victory gardens, recalled an article he read which stated that the most important discovery made on earth was not the use of fire, the wheel or writing, but the discovery of the function of the seeds of plants. It resulted in agriculture and freed mankind from the constant search for food.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

A well known department head had the misfortune to find out the hard way what those little red dots are that help guide people over highways . . . yep . . . when he got home . . . lo and behold . . . stuck right there in the tire was a red square of paper held nicely together with . . . ya might know it . . . a nail. . . . Words fail to express what this charming man said.

Folks are asking Catherine Stortz of Mail and Records, what she was doing in the back seat of the car one evening on the way to Streator . . . seems they were going home and saw a forlorn soldier by the wayside . . . being kind hearted they stopped to find out where he was going and if they could help him along . . . but he was going too far so they said they couldn't take him . . . however, looking in the back seat where pretty brunette Catherine was parked he ups with "Gee, I'd sure like to ride."

Mary Lou Schwartz, Adjutant's Office, has departed for the wild and wooly West . . . and furthermore . . . she ain't acomin' back . . . her boss man is stationed there with Uncle Sam's best and so she's going to be with him . . . the gang will miss her . . . especially sister Gerry Stephen of Engineering. Katherine Reubart is holding down the office by herself.

Jim George has been on vacation and is having the time of his life . . . so the story goes . . . heard he took the kids to the circus the other day . . . but if the truth is known . . . he likes them himself.

Capt. R. E. Pinnick has gone from the EOP portals . . . sure will be missed by everyone as he was one swell officer . . . understand that Capt. John A. Hardy is leaving, too . . . he will always be remembered for the good work he did with the Guards . . . sure set them through their paces.

Heard via the grape vine that Mavis Emerson has a secret admirer in the Fuze and Booster area . . . should he be named—or would that make her mad, too???? . . . She gets peeved very easily . . . specially when her name is mentioned in this column.

Jeanne Baskerville, now acting as housewife for her lieutenant husband, wrote from North Carolina telling all her pals hello . . . says she gets kinda lonesome and wishes the kids would write her.

John Gravelot was having a very hearty laugh about one of his eminent colleagues.

Bill Poole, formerly of Payroll, was a recent visitor . . . he has two hash marks now and is mighty proud of 'em . . . he is an instructor on carburetors at Lincoln Air Field, Lincoln, Nebr. Another soldier, Dick Dean, is finishing his training at Oklahoma A & M . . . he's an aviation cadet and likes it fine.

Dara Prew took herself out to California to see her soldier boyfriend. . . . Marion Yeager was certainly annoyed with the heat last week . . . says that she wishes there was a swimming pool here instead of tennis courts.

Ray Sayers, formerly in the Executive Office, is in the armed forces now . . . haven't heard where he is stationed . . . but Ray promised to write.

Danny Considine and his brood have moved into new quarters . . . they have a delightfully cool and charming office . . . course it was always charming . . . what with Dan's personality and all the glamor gals. . . . The joint is without some of the gals though, . . . Pat Haley, Juanita Kliegl and Elaine Levanduski are now elsewhere. . . . An addition is cutie pie Dot Herbst, formerly of Mail and Records. . . . Danny doesn't do so badly.

All the secrecy about Ann Kulpa has come to a head at last . . . sh-sh-sh—don't tell a soul, but it was really a gag . . . sort of a test case to see how far a thing like that would go . . . and what do you know . . . four telephone calls convinced your correspondent that she better let down her hair and tell all that it was all in fun.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Sheriff James Hynes, formerly a timekeeper here, has been seeing a lot of action lately. Timekeepers who possibly might depend on good spirits for good times are cautioned to stay away from Putnam County.

The Timekeeping Department was saddened by the news of the death shortly after birth of the child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christiansen. Sympathies are extended and all hope that Mrs. Christiansen will recover rapidly.

Plans are being completed for another grand picnic to be held in the near future.

What makes radishes hot? If you have a true and scientific answer to this query, send your answer to John O'Connell, Bernard McShane or Milton Treitel who have been arguing continuously over the answer.

It was funny watching Ben Sloan, equipped with a nipple and bottle, gingerly forcing milk down the throat of an innocent young raccoon which he has adopted. Incidentally, Ben, while working with Ray Lunkisky at Group 64 one Sunday, actually made the field check.

The spic and span quarters of Group 70 timekeepers are credited to the energetic and spirited work of Paul Pavelitich, more affectionately known as "Pop."

Ray Levenger arrived to work before Frank Skole recently. He came to work at 7 o'clock in the morning for the afternoon shift. It might have been he misread the schedule?

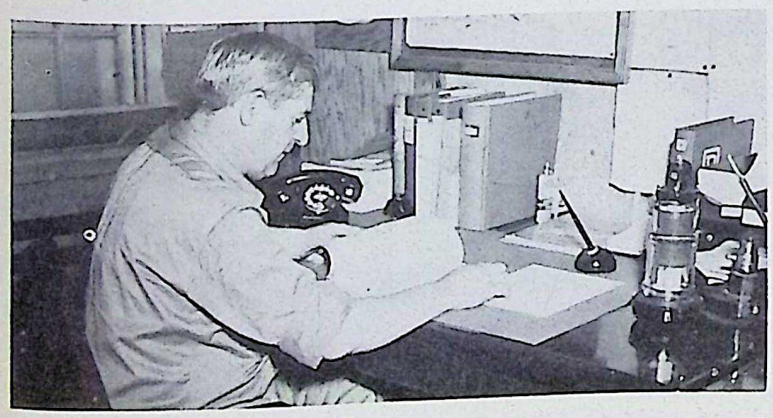
Joe Smajd is seeking the pension job at Group 68 as soon as Clyde Mulligan goes to the army.

Vacations are being enjoyed by Mr. Treitel, Robert Beamen, Eula Weaver, Berniece Hagen, Robert Stalker, El Matteson, Alma Salzman, Pauline Vismara, Gridley Wheeler, Jennie Murdie, John Donahue, Robert Griffin, Emily Kexel, Kenneth Brooks, James Murphy, Ray Lee and Otmar Senn.

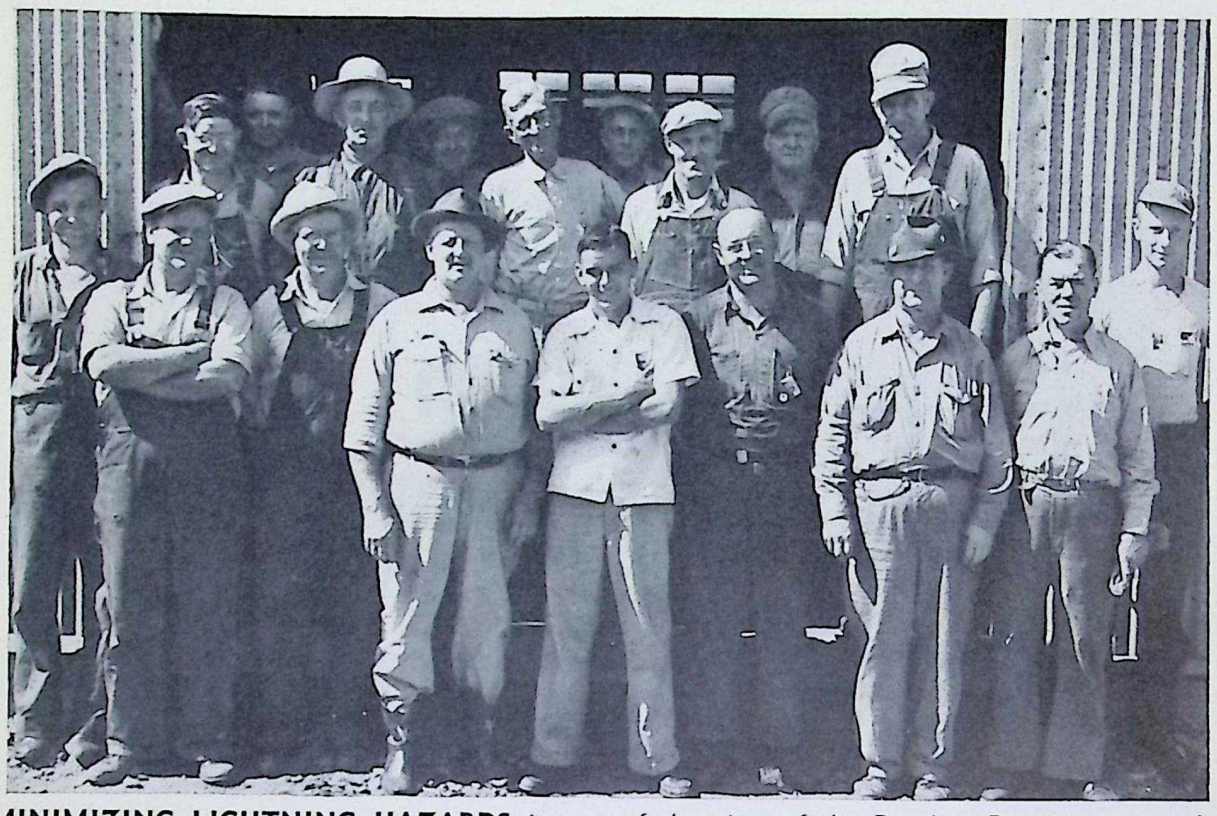
Seaman Lloyd Raridon, now stationed at Farragut, Idaho, visited his old stomping grounds while home on furlough. All were glad to see him.

The most ardent letter writer in the area probably is Mary Biernat of Group 6, whose husband is stationed somewhere in Africa.

"A statistician may be able to juggle figures and make black appear white, but," says John J. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of Group 3-A, "anyone who knows the four fundamentals of mathematics will agree that accidents *subtract* from your pleasure *add* to your discomfort, *divide* your income and *multiply* your worries. So any way you look at it, the individual is the chief loser in every accident resulting in personal injury. Let's all work for a no-loss accident record!"



OPERATION AND UPKEEP of EOP's vast electric system is the responsibility of Walter E. White, electrical superintendent, shown here in his office at Richards Farm.



MINIMIZING LIGHTNING HAZARDS is one of the aims of the Bonding Department at the Electric Shop. Members are shown here with their foreman, George W. Johnson, fourth from left in front row. They ground all electrical appliances used in the assembling and loading lines.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

John Neely, assistant superintendent, purchased a new bicycle while on vacation.

Dorothy Guarneri is flashing a sparkler.

By the time this is out, **Francis Regnier's** teeth will be, too.

The girls on the clean-up gang had a hard time trying to find their foreman the other day when he went without his hat!

If those eighth-place Cubs would only sign **Slugger Foster** maybe they could climb out of the cellar.

Good luck is wished for **Walter O'Hearn** in his knot house.

For certain reasons **Lois Schultz** is no longer saving herself for Bill.

Girls who might have some clamps are asked to lend them to **Don Leonard.**

The three musketeers, **Delores Wruk, Josephine Kaiser,** and **Verona Lambert,** always dress alike. Surely is a cute idea.

Johnny Woods' most embarrasing moment was when all of Group 4 sang birthday congratulations—while he blushed modestly in the center of the room.

Peggy Phillips drives a tractor to call on her friends.

Myrtle Fordyce is pretty flashy when it comes to painting in red shorts.

Lorraine "Gum-Slinging" Papach has hit new heights!

If anyone wants some sewing done, just see **Jim Tyler.**

Dorothy Struve would like to know the name of Buck Jones' horse.

One has to be a linquist to understand the conversation on Miss Fordyce's line . . . with ten little Polish girls there.

It is rumored that **Mary Manicor** can see in the dark as well as in the light.

Ann Nicholson, Helen Cusik and **Mary Plut** are visiting fortune tellers to learn what is in store for them.

Vivian Kramer and **Anna Esser** left for Group 45 where they are going into the "dry cleaning business."

Virginia Andreasen is taking up lip reading, possibly for a good purpose.

Little **Vera Mains,** popular inspector, left June 21 and will be missed by all.

Lola Henry will be leaving soon for Missouri and the girls hope she will have time to send them a greeting.

There's a big attraction in Carbon Hill — for information ask **Helen Butler.**

Group 6
By Mary Ricardi

A farewell dinner party was held in honor of **Harold Starr, Willard Vail** and **Edward Ritter,** who will soon enter the Army Air Corps. Each was presented with a wallet, a gift from their co-workers.

Eddie Liebelt and **Ivan Olson** vacationed in New Jersey and New York City. Anyone needing a guide, especially when it comes to taking a ferry-boat, can be sure of able assistance from those two boys from "Flatbush."

Pfc. Anthony Bajt, former employee of 6-6, wrote that he is in training at Ordnance Automotive School, Fort Crook, Nebraska.

Group 8
By Mary Majcina

Helen Mathisen is certainly proud of her two brothers in the Army. One is stationed in Oklahoma and the other in Virginia. Those cookies Helen bakes and sends to them are really good.

Summertime is really proving itself here . . . sunburns, suntans and freckles are coming out for the season. **Chuck Hickok** came to work with a beautiful suntan . . . a flattering bronze shade!

It's nice to have **Betty Wicks** back at work again, after a short stay in a hospital recuperating from an auto accident. **Tet Cantu** and **Lucille Englert** will be back at work soon, and **Agnes Jisa** will be a patient at the hospital for a longer time. All of these girls were injured in the same accident.

Buck Weese is sort of a question-and-answer man these days. He watches the thermometer and makes out weather and temperature reports for Group 8—now people are always asking him "how hot is it, Buck?"

The Group 8 girls softball team will be "classy" in the new uniforms they plan to buy.

Group 9
By Betty Boldon

Lois Motta, forelady in 9-21, has returned from a two-week vacation through the West and southern states.

The girls on the Group 9 ball team are all steamed up and ready to challenge any group.

Joe Lamberta is wearing a good suntan, resulting from working on the hill.

John Clark is vacationing in Columbus, Ohio.

Congratulations are sent to **Eddie Burns** because of his six and a half pound son, **Terence Michael.** Thanks are also tendered to **"Uncle" Bill Lipsey** for walking the floor with "Papa" Burns.

Clara Favaro was married June 27. Congratulations are extended by all to the newlyweds.

Katherine Ruffati is recovering from a recent accident.

Terry Fogarty seems to be very happy lately. A lieutenant is home on furlough.

Someone in 9-15 is constantly aware that there is a "total war" on.

Velda Clemmons has recovered from a case of poison oak.

Dolly Matia has been seen riding on a motorcycle lately and there is some sort of attraction that rides on the front.

Everybody likes **Mitzie Evetz's** new feather edge haircut.

Millie Ashley is now in the Testing Building, 9-17.

Group 45
By Ruby Frederick

Mary V. Byron, truck driver, now does her laundry before coming to work.

Group 45 welcomes as newcomers **Esther "Butch" Bucciaralli,** truck helper; **Gertrude Stevens, Vivian Kramer** and **Anna Esser** who are sorting and cleaning gloves.

Bill Blonske has returned from a vacation with a fine sun tan. **Jennie Murdie,** timekeeper, and **Walter Goebel,** inspector, began vacations June 28.

Louie Provance takes a lot of time to clean 45-4 lately.

Bea McQuerry expects to leave on vacation July 1.

William Pinnick is wearing a large smile . . . he is a daddy again.

Walt Dillard has been nicknamed "Walter Winchell." He gets all news from Braidwood and South Wilmington.

W. W. White has a new name, "Lucky." Most know why.

Bob Morris is wondering why he doesn't receive any mail from Washington.

The gang is wondering why **Frank Carter** doesn't "get around much any more."

Joe Bellom, machinist, is happy to have his son, **Joe Jr.,** home for a short time on furlough. Joe Jr. was formerly employed here as timekeeper during construction and later in Groups 7 and 8.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

Paul Schauble is now amongst Uncle Sam's fighting men. Paul was with the department about two years and made many friends with his quiet, easy-going, efficient manner.

A very pleasant surprise at Guard Headquarters last week was the visit of two former members of the Department. **Ray Harper,** a former captain, was back on furlough and is now a corporal in the Military Police Service stationed in Washington, D. C. **James McMillan** also paid a visit. He is a machinist first class in the Navy stationed at Glenview, Ill.

Roy Dickson is sure to believe that rationing of tires and gasoline is in effect now. He walked and ran half-way to Guard Headquarters from Gate 6, Group 1, one Thursday morning. It was a nice day to get left at the Group, pay day and all.

Road maintenance man to guard at Gate 5, Group 1: "Can I have a drink?" Guard **Eugene Rickert:** "Sure, there is a jug of water over there." Man proceeds to bubbler and takes himself a drink. After the man left, Rickert spoke to the sergeant, "Can you imagine a man taking a drink out of a fire extinguisher?"

Whitlo Prather looks healthier and wealthier since returning from a vacation spent at Dongola, Ill., with relatives.

Many fine compliments have been received in reference to the well-trained guard unit which marched in the Army Day parade in Joliet June 20.

Langdon Shipp would have qualified on the pistol range if a couple of the bullets had gone astray and hit the bullseye.

Albert Grandpre did not do so well on the range. His alibi was that he changed guns and someone else changed the targets.

Edwin Legg said the long-awaited time is here. Next week he will be eating fried spring chicken.

With the days getting hotter and hotter, **Walter Corn** has resolved to go on a diet so he can get a pair of summer trousers.

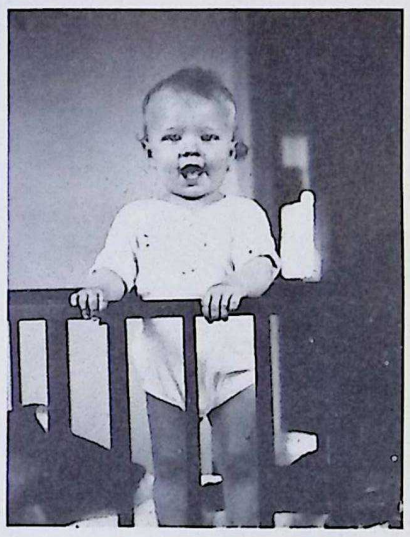
This may be a fish story, but **Charles Cogswell** says it is true. While on his vacation in Galesburg he went fishing and caught not only his limit, but none was smaller than nine inches. In fact, two were so large they wouldn't fit in the fish-pail.

Robert Clavenna spent a vacation in a worth-while manner. He relieved his wife of many duties, such as taking care of the baby. In between times, he repaired his garage.

Sgt. Louis Hedstrom was justly proud of the appearance of his men, namely, **Russell Olson, Otto Stallman, John Maxim** and **Herbert Jones,** in the Army Parade at Joliet.

William Hartley, Herbert Jones and **Eli Milakovich** are very much at home in Group 3-A, as they formerly guarded Group 2.

Earl Mulhall, Oscar Johnson and **Thomas "Coca-Cola" Brady** have returned from vacations and have to take turns describing their experiences. With the information they have, any future vacationers should consult them on how to spend a pleasant period. Free consultation, free estimates and no repairs.



EAGER to see his dad, Roy B. Hallihan, Government inspector in Group 3-A, Richard Allen waits like this for him to come home each evening.

James Barker, like a well-known brand of cigarettes, has had something new added . . . and they look very well.

Clyde Jones insists he can better his score on the pistol range if they would allow him to use his slingshot.

Two more good guards answered Uncle Sam's call last week, **Herbert Jones** from Group 3-A and **Charles Skeen** from Group 2.

Anyone with a good liniment, oil, or even alcohol, can make a fortune these days around Guard Headquarters. The old men are trying to play ball; in fact, they defeated the fire-fighters. The men are really in a bad predicament—they need practice, yet they can't afford to practice as they have to conserve their energy for the regular games.

With the Women

Out of a clear sky someone suggested that the office personnel get weighed. After a few heartbreaking moments and the realization that too many pounds had been gained the strenuous diet began. Each girl seems quite pleased to report a little weight lost. The mystery is **Sgt. Billie Taff.** Billie refused to diet, in fact, she tantalized the girls by eating ham sandwiches in their presence and has lost more than anyone else. Billie says it is sympathy.

Victoria Matteson is a woman guard who values her work above all things. Not so long ago, "Torrie" awoke and prepared to go to work. Imagine her dismay when she realized that she had left her nice soft bed at 2 a.m. when she could have slept until 4.

Dan Cupid has been working overtime and giving his undivided attention to the women guards. **Frances Dempsey** became the bride of **Capt. Al Young,** U. S. Army, June 8. She left this department to reside in North Carolina. Although the Army's gain was EOP's loss, it's a pleasure to know that she is happy.

It's beautiful — have you seen it . . . **Mabel Peterson's** ring! "Petie" is thrilled. Dame rumor has it that she will be listening to a wedding tune with **Sgt. Al Frankovitch** early in August.

Lucile Raub has resigned because of ill health.

Peggy Ann Stinespring left the department to work in Kankakee.

Jane Johnston is spending a vacation at Lincoln, Ill.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

By this time everyone knows what a successful party the Group had June 12. The largest crowd ever to turn out for a party here was on hand and everyone had a good time. The committee takes this means of thanking the various workers whose skillful hands and faithful work made this grand party possible.

Mr. and **Mrs. Fred Ludeman** "waltzed to victory" over the other contestants for the dance prize. **Otto Schreib** had the lucky number for the door prize.

If this column isn't up to par, it is because correspondent **Fred Tamblyn** is on his vacation. All are glad Fred is having a nice time, but it will be nicer when he returns and "takes over" again!

Speaking of vacations, **Doug Oram** and **Ollie Ehrsam** sent word they are at a fine fishing spot in Wisconsin. And **Irma Lieberthal** says that her July 4 week-end is going to be spent "just resting" in a quiet place in Chicago.

Wayne Frederickson is the proud parent of a new daughter.

Best wishes go to **Fred Koenig,** who joined the Navy.

Arthur Thompson is giving up the "chicken raising" idea completely and is focusing his attention on rabbits and garden.

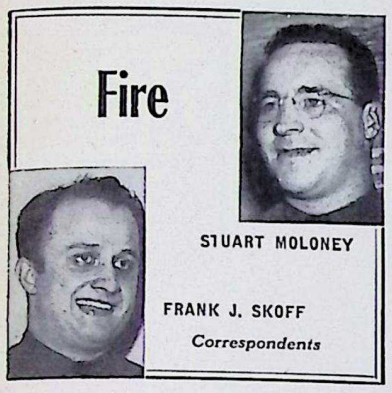
Forelady **Flossie Marshall** and **Ned Bilesio** of the Power House gang had a good time at the festival operating the root beer fountain and donut counter.

There are several black eyes along the line lately. **Gladys Pierce** is adorned with a honey. She *claims* that something fell off a closet shelf.

Group 3-A received a visit June 19 from a group of soldiers and non-commissioned officers from Camp Skokie. They were here for the Army Show in Joliet.

Carl Kemp, inspector, is ill at his home in Decatur.

The handsome young soldier who went through the line June 19 was **Pvt. Joseph Serena** of Camp Robinson, California, son of **Joe Serena** of Bldg. 3. **Private Serena** has just returned from the Aleutian Islands and Alaska. He was decorated with multi-colored ribbons for conduct and foreign service. He also is a former employee of EOP.



Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

The members of the Fire Department hereby resolve to lead cleaner and better lives. This decision was made when someone suggested that the present sarong and sandal weather was just a forerunner of that state of existence referred to by the clergy as life after death for sinners. It's funny what a heat wave will do. . . . **Chief Roy Mortenson** weakly gasps "yes" to all of **Frank Scoma's** suggestions. . . . **Frank Nolan**, supervising officer, smiles tenderly at **John D. Smith's** reports, and **Willie Hayes, Dayle Pratt** and **Len Jessen** haven't had an argument since the last cooling rain storm.

Vacation time continues — **Marion Murawski, Carl Richards, Dave Current, George Learned, Tom Billadeau, Hopper Combs, Bill Keating, Joe Walsh** and **Bob Graham** are some of the lads who got away from it all and came back safely.

Frank Skoff is vacationing, which makes it very tough on the guy who went with him to the last dinner for *The Bomb-Shell* staff.

William "Champ" Kerwin, Virg Fear, Howard Arnold, George Bercolos, Ed Carter and **Norm Heath** are others who will have their War Bonds mailed to them at the summer resorts.

Steve Forgacs, his wife and debutante daughter are visiting the folks down on the farm. It is rumored that Steve threatened his ladies with a visit to the poor farm if they didn't stop making such gigantic preparations for this little pleasure jaunt.

Molly Mahoney ain't Mahoney any more. The wedding bells rang June 19.

Ask and ye shall receive—that's why **Al Newman** wound up getting his feet washed in one of Wilmington's leading tonsorial parlors.

Norm Lubs spent a vacation breaking his arm and watching it heal.

Mac Dill's idea of heaven on earth is the 11:30 to 7:30 shift. When **Marie Cline, Erma Palmer, Helen Gahagen, Henrietta McBride** and **Cay Noonan** find out about this there will probably be a stampede toward the schedule maker.

Lt. Gene Ryan of the guards was recently spotted using a jug of water in the early morning hours. Ryan's riders *claim* this was used to cool off a racing motor.

It was reported recently that **Francis Burden**, a former fire inspector, was elevated to corporal. Now word comes that Fran is now a staff sergeant at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah.

"In again—out again" **Johnny Connelly**, they calls him, because it's the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth. . . . He could see **C. J. Taylor**, Group 70, who's a darb of a welder.

At first it seemed to be a new form of arm calisthenics being demonstrated recently . . . but, alas, 'twas the old gesticulation of the big one that got away. **Tate Ehman** was the performer.

The following fire inspectors left for military service: **Steve Jarvis, Ogle Garrett** and **Loris Hart.**

One of the "constantest" readers of *The Bomb-Shell* is **Pfc. William Scanlon**, a former fire inspector, who writes swell letters to his former pals in the Fire Department.

William Reichert, assistant chief, is now referred to as "Honey Boy the King Bee."

A. M. Lockwood, general superintendent of utilities, might like to know those Sweet Caporals were everything he said they were. What he said they do to worms also applies to June bugs, fireflies, Fire Department clerks and other night crawlers.

Len Jessen's Army training taught him to salute when receiving a command, but not the way he does when taking an order from **Cliff Weiss**, assistant chief.

And then there's **Jim Bolton's** classic remark made after putting a rookie through the ladder drills, "His mother must have been frightened by a tumble-weed!"

Sgt. Martin Hanson, his wife and 20 cases of snuff are spending vacations together in Minnesota.

Charles Davis, assistant chief, thanks all his friends in the Department for assisting him in cleaning up his trailer. It is rumored that Chief Mortenson had to drive **Mrs. Davis** around the block at least 20 times so that she could return from her vacation pleasantly surprised at her husband's housekeeping habits.

Lt. George Philip was seen in the harness department of one of Joliet's leading stores one day. When asked about the reason for this, he replied, **"George Rogina, Kenny Brooke** and I are buying **Frankie Nolan** a pair of blinkers—for Father's Day." Not long after, Frankie was seen in the lingerie department of another store. When asked to explain, he replied, "Me, myself and I are buying a trio of amateur 'Raffles' some silk gloves for their new profession."

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK

Correspondent

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Two additional machinists have joined the armed forces. **Frank DeMarco** went into the Navy and **Raymond Peter** has enlisted in the Seabees. The gang at the shop wishes both all the luck in the world. Up until the time came for farewells, everyone seemed to be having a very enjoyable time at Frank's going-away party.

The weather seemed unusually warm one evening last week while watching the ball game between Group 70 and the Chemical Lab at the Recreation Field. Ask **Helen Manduk** and **Marie Studer**—they will tell you it was down right sweltering. But it was worth the discomfort for the victory was Group 70's—17 to 2.

Ed Bick must have been forewarned about the warm days to come. He had his hair cut in that closely cropped style. **Tom Riordan** helped matters along by taking scissors in hand and clipping a little here and a little there. Now all Ed can do is wait patiently for time for his next visit to the barber.

SCORCHY . . . 'tis possible, but anyway this is W. D. Whaley, superintendent of Groups 4 and 5, Fuze & Booster Area, as he was at a much more tender age than now.

Motor Pool Memos
By Lucille McCabe

Three baby skunks found at Group 63 have been adopted by **Jean Swanson.**

Katherine Dixon is planning to leave the EOP family to join her husband in Texas.

A farewell party was given for **Dorothy Bick** by the Pool members. Dorothy plans to spend the summer at a lake in Wisconsin.

Congratulations were extended to **Frank Kern** on his recent birthday.

A movie camera could have been used to great advantage as **Marian Grey** tore down the road toward her Victory garden having heard **W. B. Manchester** had plowed it under. Luckily (for the glorified farmer) it was the lot next door which had been plowed.

When **Marie Armstrong** delivers the mail she gets a hot meal . . . at one of the groups.

Chester Voss, Marine, while home on furlough, made a visit to the Motor Pool. **Robert Cleghorn** is also home on leave and it is hoped that he too makes a visit to EOP.

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Orville Burkhardt brought a chicken to work for **Ruth Sanderson**, but when he went to the car that night he discovered that the chicken was dead. Orville says that some chickens must have an awfully short life.

Ed Washburn was teased one day recently about his third honeymoon. The occasion was his third wedding anniversary.

Lucille Hassel likes to eat sugary doughnuts, but wishes that someone would invent a way of eating them without the sugar getting all over the desk.

Service Garage Spares
By Eleanor O'Keefe

Bill Briddick has a Florida tan from working in his Victory garden.

Russell Benway thinks a goblet is a male turkey.

John Enrietta wants to know if Robin Hood is a word like boyhood or girlhood, and if it makes one feel like a robin.

This week's noted visitor was Seaman Cleghorn of the Navy.

From the report received on **S. J. "Kelly" Kukulski**, he will be glad when fish are rationed.

Carl Adams' only reason for going to Brookfield Zoo is because his children enjoy it so much . . . could be!

Jean Ann Evans thinks the only difference between a president and a king is that a king has no vice.

Lt. Earl Goodknecht has another asset beside his laugh . . . his new, very becoming gold bars.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

The worries of the Navy are over as **Loretta Bradshaw's** son, **Bud**, was inducted into that branch of the service.

The aquatic phenomena experienced here not too long ago was not, as first believed, a cloudburst, but merely some of the telephone operators from EOP out for a dip.

Marguerite Weaver left June 25 and a great deal of vim, vigor and vitality, along with a lot of personality, leaves this department. Good luck, Marguerite.

Edna Beach, vacationing from her duties, promises to do nothing but eat and sleep during the entire time.

Velma Whitmore has returned from a restful two-week vacation and says she is ready for another year's work.

SCATTERED FIELD WORK throughout the EOP area takes up most of the time of this group of employees of the Line Department, shown here in front of their storeroom and headquarters adjoining the Electric Shop in Group 70. A. T. Smith is foreman.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Bob Walker and **John Giacomi** spent a Sunday recently fishing in the Fox River, but all they got for their trouble were mosquito bites and poison oak.

George Kushner, iron worker, left for the Seabees June 25.

The latest catch from Taylor Lake was a crow by **Harvey Senesac.**

Paint Shop Patter
By Blackie Blackburn

The painters hope for a quick recovery of their supervisor, **Tom M. Singer**, who has been recuperating in Hot Springs, Ark.

Ralph Thompson, painter at Group 1, sure got a surprise in the mail. He'll have more friends than money—ask him about it.

W. C. Stumeier was right at home while placing a new coat of paint on the radio tower at Richards Farm.

Lloyd Davis, painter at Group 1, has acquired the nickname of "Squintie." He has a good explanation.

Line Department Lines
By Ray E. Curtis

James L. Boyd, general foreman for the Line Division, and **Dewey Kennington**, lineman, are joining the Seabees in July.

Missed around the Line Shop these days is **Ray E. Curtis**, who is at home ill.

Preparing to join Uncle Sam's Army soon is **William Tusek.**

Robert Saieg is thinking of joining the Camel Brigade in the Sahara Desert.

Sheet Metal Scraps
By Jess Thomas

Charles Boudreau has gone to Mayo Brothers Clinic for a physical check-up.

Cpl. Paul Ryan, who was home on furlough from New Mexico, was in to see his many friends.

The new clerk in the office is **Francis Feeney**, replacing **Jess Thomas** who has been transferred to the shop.

Charles Webb, formerly with the Sheet Metal Shop, has moved to California. He is greatly missed by his pal, **Karl Triebel.**

Laundry Letters
By Lucille Morrissette

The Laundry gang wish to welcome **Louise Doberzyk, Eileen Pierre, Gladys Lazier, Kathleen Quigley, Margaret Maguire, Blanche Decker, Nora Sweazy, Bernice Langellier, Lydia Combs, Mary Bell, Anna Saxton, Claribel Reichman, Helen Stewart, Lucy Gladish, Ida Campbell** and **Willa Mitchell.**

Lucille Morrissette makes many week-end trips to Chicago . . . could be love!

Veronica Curry seems to be walking on air since her two children are back with her again after spending the winter with relatives in Iowa.

Harry Lehner is back on the job after a recent illness.

Edna Hyatt's tip to Supervisor **Francis Walsh**: He had better be working in his garden instead of pitching horseshoes. That iron is going to be hard to chew this winter, especially if frozen.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING

Correspondent

So many workers have left the Group for the army recently that your correspondent has lost count of them, but a lot of them have been reporting by mail. **Eddie Grant**, formerly of Bldg. 13, writes that he is getting along fine and sends his address so his friends can write. **Freddie Copp**, oiler, who is in California, doing special duty for the Navy, keeps the Group posted on the wonderful weather and the huge quantities of food his gang is enjoying. **Eddie Farrell**, who is now at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, really likes the Ordnance work there.

The Group 1 softball team is making a name for itself under the management of **Jack Burdette**, playing some swell games this season. The boys are having the time of their lives and claim they would enjoy the exercise even if they didn't win. They haven't had a chance to prove it yet. . . . The girls are doing equally well. **Lola Harnack**, between planting corn and coaching her girls to victory, doesn't have any spare time any more.

John Mackender, electrician foreman, finally finished building his house in Symerton and the boys really warmed it for him. For a house warming, the job was well done. **Jim Barrowman** acted as master of ceremonies and he didn't get a chance to help himself all week-end. All he had was three cups of coffee.

Ersella Williams, new clerk in the Superintendent's Office, is down-hearted because **Eldon Clark**, Group truckdriver, thought she was at least 35 years old. The rest of the office force had a tough job consoling her. She's just 24, and Clark is a poor judge of ages.

Bob Griffin, Group 1 timekeeper, has been convalescing from a tonsilectomy for some time. His mother reports that he's beginning to enjoy himself now that he can talk and drink something besides a teaspoonful of water now and then. The timekeeping gang will be glad to see Griff back. His current love life was always a good conversation topic during lulls.

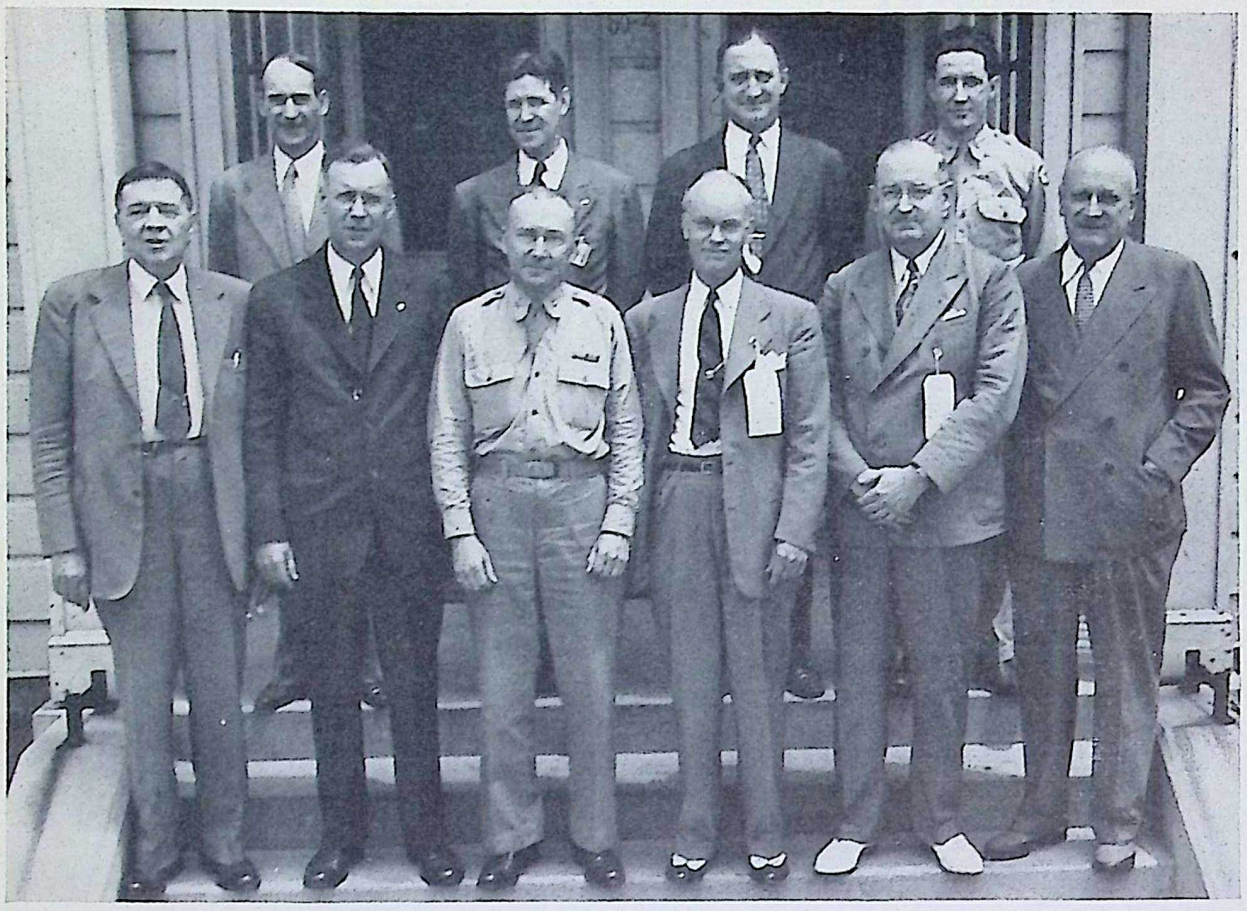
Sympathy is extended to **Loren Cain**, safety engineer, whose wife died last week.

Bus Transportation
By Margie Stevens

The Bus Drivers lost their second game of the season to the Fire Guards June 15 by a score of 17-5. **Bert Day** and **Charlie Harris** were the pitchers.

The Girls Soft Ball League is getting underway. 'Tis rumored that **Lee Schonert** and **Margie Stevens** are spending their evenings practicing, since being scheduled to play the Bus Drivers later in the season.

Lloyd Reese is welcomed to the Bus Transportation Division.



AN ALL-DAY CONFERENCE on employment problems so as to knit closer the objectives of Government agencies and EOP management was held here June 23. Participants in the conference, shown here left to right, are: First row, Harrison Smith, S. & P. resident partner; E. C. Claflin, manager, U. S. Employment Service, Joliet; Lt. Col. Byron Rife, commanding officer; O. W. Dibble, area director, War Manpower Commission, Aurora; Donald J. Pieri, assistant director, U. S. Employment Service, War Manpower Commission, Chicago, and W. E. Canniff, general manager; second row, George F. Bent, personnel director; R. T. Bassett, service manager; John J. Cole, assistant general manager, and Maj. George A. Grant, executive officer.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

The days of vacation are here and the boys in Group 3 are sure accepting them with gratitude. **Jim Fagan** is starting out with a bang the fourth of July. **Phillip Wright** and **Norbert McLuckie** spent most of their time figuring how far their next A ration stamp would propel them down the highway.

George Weber is getting his vacation one day at a time. Last Sunday he spent too much time out in the bright sunshine and his shoulders and back were sunbaked, making them look like a rare T-bone.

Charlie Robbins is still out after those big ones. After every fishing trip he is seen comparing notes with the boys in the power-house, especially **Harry Melby**, who has longer arms and, therefore, catches larger fish.

All were sorry to see the departure of **Tony Helling**. Wherever he goes he will put out the same high quality of work he did here for such a long time.

The personnel of Group 3 extends its most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the family of **James Ray, Jr.** His memory will surely live long in the minds of the boys on **John "Red" Boucher's** shift.

The camel and horse-traders have nothing on **Bob Bolte** and **Vern Worden**. Bob is trying to get a new gun from Vern, but Vern, a veteran of many such deals, has up to this time kept ahead of Bob.

Louis Evans was seen hurrying down to the storeroom recently. When asked about his big rush, he said there was a new storekeeper so he thought after six months of trying he might be able to get some leather gloves for his men. The new storekeeper's name is **Ross Stone.**

A story is told about **Elmer Emanuelson** changing a tire and after putting on the spare and putting the tools away he discovered the spare was also flat. That should cost **Harry Beasley** at least a buck and a half, said Elmer.

Most have heard that tune, "Who Broke the Lock on the Hen House Door?" There is a new version of that same tune at Bldg. 3. It is, "Who Left the Hoist in the Box-Car Door?"

Block Busters' Party Called Huge Success

The dance at Elwood Ordnance Plant Saturday night, June 12, appropriately entitled "Waltzing to Victory with Block Busters," was declared one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever held here by **E. L. Walkup**, director of recreation.

The floor was filled with dancers, waltzing to the strains of **George Zelke's** all-EOP Dance Band. A waltz contest, judged by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer; **John J. Cole**, assistant general manager, and **Mayor Arthur O. Janke**, Joliet, was won by **Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ludeman** of Joliet. **Mary Vraesik** received a prize for selecting the winning name for the dance. The door prize, a large Panda, was won by **O. Shried.**

EOP extended a hand of welcome to fellow munitions workers at Kankakee Ordnance Works and many familiar faces from across the road were seen, both on the dance floor and at the carnival on the main floor.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Some things which won't be forgotten about that big Group 3-A dance . . . baldish **William Buck**, telephone superintendent, with a tight grip on that comb and brush set he won (some one probably will get a present). . . . **Phil Hahn** and **Frank Kadlac** heatedly checking the Soda Room. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buck in the waltz contest . . . Bill's heels never touched the floor once—but it was a long grind . . . bet that couple have won many prizes for waltzing. . . . The luck of **Lt. and Mrs. C. R. Crandell**, both hitting "Bingo" at the same time . . . the punishment the stuffed cats took in the ball throwing game . . . most winners were throwing slow balls, however.

Colby Eriksen, popular right hand man to **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick** for the dance, was just every place, seeing that everything was moving smoothly. The superintendent himself was a real host and greeter.

Victory gardeners will be glad to know that there is now a "community" hand cultivator in Group 60. It should make weeding easier. Please remember to return it to the tool house as soon as you have finished using it.

From the number of calls for plans for the small dehydrator many EOP employees expect to cut down on their blue stamps next winter. More of these plans are on hand if you want them.

The EOP baseball nine is trying to forget about a place called Stateville and its baseball team.

Softball really has a start now and much interest is being shown by spectators as well as players. Every one seems anxious to scout for their respective group team on this first round.

Myrna Faris Says

Advance information received from **Lola Harnack**, manager of Group 1 girls' softball team, revealed that the team's red uniforms were at the dry cleaners—hence, the green ones worn at their games! Or is someone color blind?

Seems that **Betty Ford**, Group 1 pitcher, had quite a time keeping her slacks from falling during one of those crucial moments of the Group 8-Group 1 game. **Lorene Iverson** (or was it **Shirley Stafford**—they are such "look alikes" that they can hardly be told apart) suggested she forget about the slacks and give the spectators a treat! Despite this disturbing factor Betty pitched a swell game of ball—which was really a treat!! **Gerry Preboy**, Group 8, has quite a time with the umpires at the games. She is firmly convinced that even umpires make mistakes—but, of course, she doesn't mean that in a disparaging way.

Gertrude Freeman called the Recreation office recently and said that "you ain't seen nuthin' yet" until the softball team representing the Fuze & Booster Area goes into action. This team is made up of girls from Groups 4, 5, 6 and 7 and promises plenty of competition.

Helen Kammerman of Group 4 is a new member of the Employees' Activities Committee, so you gals talk with her concerning any recreational activities in which you are interested.

Posies are deserved by **Flossie Marshall, Patsy Jo Hawkins** and **Amy Losby**, who helped make the Group 3-A dance a grand success.

Softball League Active After Delay

Rain caused postponement of so many games that the EOP men's softball league is now just one month behind schedule. The delay, however, seems to have whipped up even greater interest and **E. L. Walkup**, recreation director, predicts some strenuous competition between the groups during the remainder of the summer.

The schedule for the next two weeks follows:

July 6
- Group 1 at Guards
- Bus Drivers at Fuze-Booster
- Group 3 at Army
- Group 3-A at Group 70

July 9
- Guards at Bus Drivers
- Fire Guards at Group 3
- Fuze-Booster at Group 3-A
- Army at Group 70

July 13
- Bus Drivers at Group 1
- Guards at Group 3-A
- Fire Guards at Group 70
- Fuze-Booster at Army

July 20
- Group 1 at Group 3
- Group 3-A at Bus Drivers
- Army at Guards
- Fuze-Booster at Fire Guards

Box scores of recent games follow:

June 11

Bus Driv.	AB	R	H	Army	AB	R	H
Scoggin,sf	4	0	0	Crandell,sf	3	3	1
Ersham,3b	4	2	2	Grant,ss	4	4	4
Babich,1b	3	1	2	Craig,3b	4	1	1
Leggero,ss	3	0	1	Murphy,1b	4	1	1
Antonuc',lf	3	1	2	Van Dyn,cf	3	1	1
Ingersol,2b	2	0	1	Morris,lf	3	1	0
Dallas'o,cf	2	0	0	Sheridan,p	4	2	1
Balston,rf	3	0	0	Kusinski,c	3	1	2
Provance,c	3	1	1	Baldon,sf	3	0	2
Day,p	2	1	0	Casey,rf	3	1	1
	29	6	9		34	15	14

Group 3	AB	R	H	Fuze & Booster	AB	R	H
Beasley,2b	4	3	2	Mandella,lf	4	2	1
Juricic,c	4	1	1	Burris,c	4	0	1
Eman'l'n,lf	4	2	1	Woods,3b	3	0	1
Spezio,1b	4	1	2	Sessi,p	3	1	1
Hankes,3b	4	1	2	Painter,cf	2	0	0
Stanky, 3b	1	0	0	Reilly,rf	3	0	0
Fuss,rf	1	1	1	Mees,1b	3	1	0
Brinkmn,rf	3	0	0	Derm'dy,2b	3	0	0
Alex'ndr,cf	1	1	1	Hull,sf	3	0	0
Lopez,cf	4	0	0	Elliott,ss	3	2	0
Wheeler,rs	1	0	1				
Helmick,rs	2	2	2				
Reck,ls	4	4	4				
Hanke,J.,p	4	4	3				
	44	20	20		30	6	4

Group 3—8	AB	R	H	Group 70—3	AB	R	H
Beasley,2b	4	0	2	Hanke,p	4	0	0
Juricic,cf	4	0	1	Ashnbrn,1b	3	0	0
Helmick,rs	4	0	0	Govoni,ss	3	0	0
Spiezio,1b	3	2	0	Peters,lf	3	1	1
Hankes,3b	2	0	1	Mantia,c	3	0	0
Steinke,3b	2	0	0	Piese,3b	3	0	0
Brinkm'n,c	4	2	1	Worder,sf	2	0	0
Emanlsn,lf	3	2	1	Pombet,cf	3	1	2
Alex'ndr,rf	1	1	0	Singer,rf	1	1	1
Lopez,rf	2	0	0	Sweeney,2b	2	0	0
Reck,ss	3	0	0	McCuen,rf	2	0	0
Cun'g'm,p	3	1	1				
	35	8	7		25	3	4

June 18

Guards—17	AB	R	H	Fire Guards—5	AB	R	H
Turner,c	4	1	1	Cat'l'i,1b,p	3	0	1
And'son,1b	5	3	3	Dickens,c	3	1	1
Wells,2b	3	2	1	Dust,ss,p	2	0	0
Farber,3b	5	3	3	Davis,ss	3	0	0
Ruyle, lf	4	2	2	McGee,lf	3	1	0
Ryan,cf	4	2	2	James,3b	3	1	0
Gebh'dt,rf	5	1	1	Gordon,rf	3	0	0
Hodkins,cf	3	1	2	Bell,cf	3	0	0
Dunham,ss	4	2	2	Liv'ng'd,2b	1	0	0
Kelly,p	3	0	1	Striklin,2b	1	1	1
Weber,p	1	0	0	Amarose,cf	3	1	2
	41	17	19		28	5	7

June 18

Army—6	AB	R	H	Fuze & Boosters—4	AB	R	H
Crandell,sp	4	1	1	Burris,c	3	0	1
Craig,3b	4	0	1	Jensen,p	3	0	1
Grant,ss	4	1	1	Woods,3b	3	0	0
Knuds'n,2b	4	0	1	Sessi,p,1b	3	1	0
Murphy,cf	4	0	0	Reilly,rf	1	0	0
Kusinski,c	3	0	0	Mees,1b	1	1	0
Irwin,lf	3	0	0	Bailey,sf	3	0	0
Bebej,1b	3	2	3	Painter,cf	3	0	0
Nem'nih,rf	3	1	2	Liebell,rf	1	0	0
Sheridan,p	3	1	1	Dermo'y,2b	1	0	0
				Olsen,cf	1	0	0
				Grady,lf	1	0	0
				Elliott,ss	2	2	2
	35	6	10		26	4	4

Song by Lee Davis Praised in Washington

"Zoom, Zoom, Zoom," a song written by **Lee "Lucky" Davis**, a driver for the EOP Motor Pool, has received praise from **Col. L. A. Codd**, executive assistant in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, in a letter written by order of the Chief of Ordnance.

"This song is certainly a reflection of the morale and will to win of the Ordnance workers at Elwood," said Colonel Codd's letter. "Please extend to the two authors the congratulations of the Chief of Ordnance for thus patriotically expressing the spirit of their fellow workers."

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

July 5

Claude Bailey, Group 4; **Mattie Broadstock**, Group 1; **Anne Chorak**, War Department; **Robert Ehrsam**, Utilities; **James Eib**, General Accounting; **John Frederick**, Utilities; **Alex Hawryluk**, Group 3-A; **Edward Hengl**, Group 3; **Frank Howard**, Group 1; **Elmore McAloon**, Utilities; **Marie O'Reilly**, Group 1; **Floyd Redman**, Utilities; **Orlie Pumel**, Utilities; **Novella Shepherd**, War Department; **Clementine Stonehouse**, Group 6; **Luther Tennant**, Group 8; **Elizabeth Vanham**, Group 1.

July 6

John Bibby, Group 1; **Walter Boughton**, Group 1; **Loretta Chiese**, Group 8; **Bert Clark**, Group 4; **Kenneth Clodi**, Group 1; **John Costenaro**, Group 3; **James Davidson**, Group 5; **Robert Erwin**, Utilities; **Maurice Evan**, Personnel; **Eunice Frederik**, Group 6; **Joseph Gomora**, High Explosives; **Lennie Gross**, Group 4; **Frank Hall**, Group 4; **William Hall**, Group 1; **Raymond Hilton**, Group 1; **Marie Hodina**, Group 4; **Ann Jablonski**, Group 1; **Helen Kuhajda**, Group 4; **William Matthews**, Group 1; **Bert Meads**, Utilities; **Wilbur Monk**, Fire; **Raymond Offerman**, High Explosives; **Elizabeth Stefanich**, Group 9; **Elsie Taylor**, Group 4; **Edward Voltik**, Group 3-A.

July 7

Charley Benard, Utilities; **Peter Bertino**, Finished Rounds; **Alfred Chisamore**, Utilities; **Harry Diekman**, Utilities; **Patrick Forkan**, Finished Rounds; **Minnie Freeman**, Group 6; **Leonard Ginder**, Utilities; **Joseph Haley**, Group 3-A; **John Heap**, High Explosives; **James Howard**, Utilities; **Arthur Kettleson**, Inert Storage; **Mary Koerner**, Group 1; **Stella Kuchinski**, Group 1; **Frank Kuntz**, Guard; **Beatrice McInerney**, Plant Protection; **Jacob More**, Utilities; **Roy Mumau**, Group 1; **Helen Pastori**, Group 1; **Robert Pelton**, Guards; **Otto Pelke**, Group 6; **Liberty Robertson**, Group 4; **Harry Tanner**, Inspection.

July 8

Leo Baker, Utilities; **John Bowman**, Group 1; **Ruth Brossenu**, Group 1; **Ethel Copping**, Group 3-A; **Angelo Ferrari**, Inert Storage; **Earl Hayes**, Group 6; **Leo Keigher**, Guards; **Harry Lunkusky**, Utilities; **Dominic Mandella**, High Explosives; **Samuel Morgan**, Group 3; **John Mulvihill**, Group 1; **Carolyn Paone**, Group 7; **Francis Paracsi**, Group 1; **Benedict Suca**, Inert Storage; **Matthew Vidosh**, Group 1; **Richard Weber**, Group 8; **Raymond Widloski**, Group 6; **Irene Young**, Group 1.

July 9

Hugo Brauer, Group 3-A; **Florence Bunch**, Group 5; **Lee Carroll**, Group 1; **Laurine Contes**, Group 5; **Samuel Creek**, Group 1; **Robert Flood**, Group 1; **Charles Fullerton**, Guards; **Bishop Jarvis**, Group 1; **Clarence Kennedy**, Inspection; **Russell Mathy**, Utilities; **William McKinney**, Finished Rounds; **Gerhardt Noyd**, Fire; **Orville Palmer**, Group 1; **Orville Rasmussen**, Group 2; **James Toberman**, Utilities; **Mary Worland**, Group 1.

July 10

Augusta Aydt, Group 8; **Anton Buberle**, Group 1; **James Coonan**, Group 1; **George Collins**, Fire; **Rita Darin**, Group 1; **William A. Davis**, Fire; **Lawrence Dunda**, High Explosives; **Robert Faverty**, Group 2; **James Hanley**, Payroll; **Alvero Holt**, Group 7; **Velda Holm**, Group 1; **Celia Kretz**, Utilities; **Donald Lehndorf**, Utilities; **John McCarthy**, Utilities; **Zola McDonald**, Group 1; **Arnett Meister**, Group 2; **Marcella Morton**, War Department; **Lois Peterson**, Group 9; **Donald Ratty**, Utilities; **Arthur Rotramel**, Group 4; **Rex Thomas**, High Explosives; **Wesley Trone**, Group 1; **Elizabeth Wilken**, Group 1.

July 11

Meent Alberts, Jr., Group 3-A; **R. T. Bassett**, service manager; **Lloyd Binkeman**, Group 1; **Isador Brintz**, Group 1; **James Brown**, Group 1; **Ralph Carmichael**, General Accounting; **Edna Doyle**, Group 6; **Fred Elias**, Utilities; **Bernice Hagen**, Group 1; **Dorothy Krug**, Group 7; **Montford Lamphere**, Utilities; **Emma Marshall**, Group 7; **Carl McCoy**, Group 1; **Lawrence Monbrum**, Utilities; **James Muzzarelli**, Utilities; **Sam Olarge**, Nitrate Ammonia; **Roy Olson**, Guards; **George B. Pumphrey**, assistant comptroller; **Clarence Robinson**, Utilities; **M. G. Rothlisberger**, Group 1; **Gerald Rutherford**, Group 1; **Clare Belle Spencer**, Group 1; **John Taylor**, Group 3.

July 12

Joseph Belom, Group 7; **Marian Bennett**, Group 5; **Charles Devereaux**, Group 3-A; **Donald Eastman**, Group 3-A; **Glen Gilliat**, Group 1; **Philip Gisinger**, Inspection; **Rosemary Hebert**, Plant Protection; **Charles Horack**, Group 3; **Edward Jurjevich**, Production Planning; **Bernadine Keenan**, Personnel; **Vincent Liesse**, Payroll; **Elvin Matteson**, Timekeeping; **Stanley Pearson**, Utilities; **Wayne Pine**, Utilities; **Clarence Rynearson**, Utilities; **Dorothy Struve**, Group 4; **John Tester**, Guards; **Marple Thompson**, Production Planning; **Frances Tomac**, Tabulating; **Wilber Vannote**, Group 1; **Kenneth Wells**, Utilities; **Charles Willey**, Group 66; **Leonard Williams**, Guards; **Arthur Wruck**, Group 1.

July 13

Lawrence Bade, Fire; **Cecil Barnes**, Group 3-A; **Brunette Bedore**, Group 4; **William Biggs**, Group 4; **Charles Brown**, Utilities; **Howard Colvin**, Utilities; **James Fitzpatrick**, Guards; **Joan Grebner**, Group 1; **John Kemp**, Guards; **Harry Killis**, Utilities; **Dorothy Kinder**, Group 7; **Grace Maher**, Group 5; **Margaret McNamarn**, Group 9; **Alvin Nichol**, Utilities; **Joseph Paluga**, Utilities; **Albert Pohl**, Group 3; **Alfreida Reynolds**, Group 1; **Bill Reese**, Utilities; **Juanita Robb**, Group 4; **Frederick Robinson**, War Department; **Gerald E. Rutherford**, Group 3; **Tilman L. Thompson**, Utilities; **William Wilson**, Utilities; **Claire Woolems**, Group 3-A; **Gary Woods**, Group 6; **Harold Wulff**, Utilities; **Joseph Wyne**, Guards.

July 14

Wilson Christiansen, Utilities; **Charles Dolson**, Utilities; **Evelyn Donners**, Group 7; **William Dooley**, Nitrate Ammonia; **Virgil Eirhart**, Utilities; **Arthur Flahaven**, Fire; **Mamie Gavin**, Group 1; **Hubert Gray**, Utilities; **John Hakey**, Group 1; **William Huddleston**, Utilities; **Herbert Jones**, Guards; **Morris Kane**, Utilities; **Charles Kelly**, Guards; **George Morris**, Group 6; **Melvin Roach**, Group 2; **Kathryn Rosenbaum**, War Department; **Paul Swisshelm**, Utilities; **Charles Wagoner**, Group 4; **Emmett Wheeler**, Guards.

July 15

Virginia Andreasen, Group 4; **Mary Jane Borggren**, Group 1; **Edward Campbell**, Utilities; **Elizabeth Comlasky**, Group 1; **Cecil Cullick**, Utilities; **Charles Delaney**, Group 1; **Robert Drendel**, Engineering; **Betty Ford**, Group 1; **Clayton Formento**, Guards; **Joseph Holt**, Guards; **William Jaicomo**, Group 1; **Irene Keenan**, General Office; **William Lawrence**, Group 1; **Mary Matis**, Group 1; **Grace Murphy**, Group 3-A; **Denzie Painter**, Group 1; **P. M. Shepherd**, Group 1; **Laura Pierson**, Group 4; **Donald Trost**, Utilities; **Russell L. Voss**, Maintenance; **James Weder**, Utilities; **Leo Wiese**, Utilities; **Thomas White**, Utilities; **Helen Wilson**, Group 9; **Ralph Wright**, Utilities, **John Zilich**, Group 3-A.

July 16

Donald Allen, Guards; **Roy Anderson**, Group 66-A; **Lawrence Balding**, Group 3; **Milton Bitterman**, Utilities; **Leonard Bottomley**, Timekeeping; **Fred Bunch**, Utilities; **William Conway**, Guards; **Catherine Crnkovich**, Group 9; **Mildred Cushing**, Group 1; **William Dunsmuir**, Utilities; **Maxine Enger**, Group 4; **Frank Faynik**, Utilities; **Lemuel Ferguson**, Group 66; **Howard Gueller**, Group 3-A; **Charles Harris**, Utilities; **Mary Haroldson**, Group 1; **Harvey Ingersoll**, Utilities; **Norman Johnston**, Nitrate Ammonia; **Alfred Krumwiede**, Group 3; **Arlein Martin**, Guards; **Zora Merritt**, Group 1; **Mike Molnar**, Group 8; **Mae Strohall**, Group 1; **Harold Strohman**, Utilities; **Donald Trimmer**, Plant Protection; **Alexander Ulfig**, Group 1; **Carmille Vespa**, Group 1; **Lela Warner**, Group 1; **Leota Williams**, General Accounting; **Mary Wright**, Utilities.

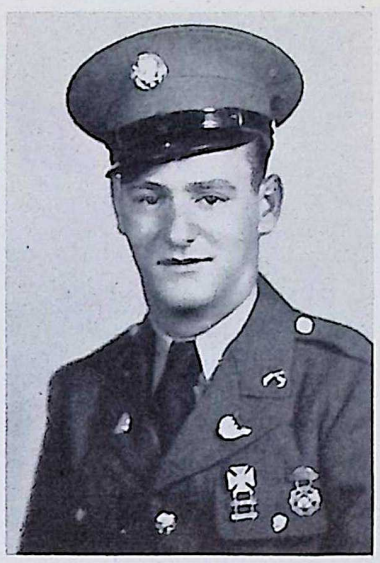
July 17

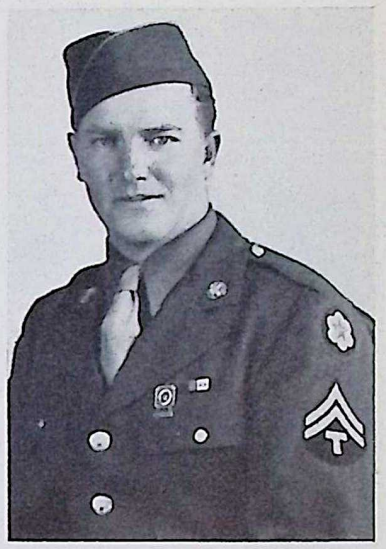
Homer Balding, Utilities; **Marguerite Bellot**, Group 7; **Bernice Childress**, Group 1; **Alice Cooper**, Group 7; **James Corcoran**, Utilities; **Andrew Di Pietra**, Group 3-A; **Mario Dinelli**, Utilities; **Charles Durham**, Group 1; **Wilfred Essex**, Group 9; **Herman Greve**, Utilities; **Philip Hershberger**, Group 1; **Angela Karinka**, Group 1; **John Knauer**, Group 3-A; **George Kusnir**, Utilities; **Joseph Lawlor**, War Department; **Edward Matekovic**, Utilities; **Mary L. McMahon**, Group 1; **Louis Peridetto**, Group 1; **Albert Rye**, Group 66-A; **Greta Stover**, Group 1; **Charles Thur**, Utilities; **Rita Trudeau**, Group 1; **Cricket Varnel**, Group 1; **Catherine Vilt**, War Department.

July 18

Angelo Ambrose, Guards; **George Bentley**, Utilities; **Noah Bargman**, Group 7; **Russel Bilsborough**, Group 1; **John Bono**, Group 6; **Myrtle Borah**, Group 6; **William Breen**, Group 3; **William Briddick**, Utilities; **Edith Campbell**, Group 1; **John Earling**, Group 66; **John Egizio**, Inert Storage; **James Fogarty**, Group 1; **Carroll Howell**, Group 1; **David Lake**, Utilities; **Amy Losby**, Group 3-A; **Charles Mabrey**, Utilities; **John Mandzuk**, Group 1; **William Martin**, Group 1; **Lauren Marlow**, Group 1; **Mary Mudd**, Group 4; **Victor Nelson**, Group 1; **Steve Orolin**, Group 3-A; **Mary Perino**, Group 7; **Edward Riley**, Group 7; **Florence Robertson**, Group 9; **Lillian Wahls**, Group 3-A.

DESERT maneuvers in California is occupying the time of Pfc. Louis Peters, formerly of Group 1, a brother to Helen Karl, Group 6.





PROUD WAR FATHER is Frank Skole, night timekeeper in Group 70, whose two sons are in the armed forces. Pfc. Cyril J. Skole (left) is at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Cpl. Mike Skole is at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Group 63
By Larry J. Dunda

Roy Pfeifer, inspector, has really been walking on air and with good reason (at least he says so). The reason is that Roy is taking the fatal step into matrimony. The ceremony was Saturday evening, June 19. Congratulations and best wishes are extended by the group.

Besides being an expert in the art of applying a stencil and stencil brush, **Walter Thompson** of Coal City, can really give out on a musical saw. When he entertains with his noon-day program of "jive, sweet swing, Bach, barrel-house, boogie-woogie and the blues," his music-loving audience almost forgets to eat lunch.

S. P. "Pete" Matuszewski left June 25 for the armed forces. "Pete" may not be a big strapper like **Roy "Slim" Erdmann**, **Joe "Big Stoop" Cullen** or **Jimmy Lisdero**, but he will really "pour it on" any enemy he meets.

Joe "Little Joe" Umphrey, genial carpenter foreman, celebrated his ?th birthday June 22. If he had revealed it sooner the gang would have had a real "pow-wow" of a party.

Group 68
By Elmer Zost

A luncheon was held in honor of **Andy Perino** June 11 . . . the reason . . . that which comes once a year . . . a birthday.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the ripening of the watermelons and cantaloupes which are rapidly growing in Group 68.

EMPLOYEES SERVICE FUND

Report as of June 24, 1943

		Balance
Cash on Hand as of February 17, 1943 (date of last report)		$1,354.43
RECEIPTS		
February 17 to June 24, 1943		
Bowling	$701.00	
Juke Box	12.00	
"E" Dance	240.25	
Fuze & Booster Athletic Fund	120.05	
Group 61—Hard Times Dance	227.00	
Baseball	2.30	
May Dance	89.90	
Tennis	18.25	
Group 3-A Dance	753.64	2,164.39
		$3,518.82
EXPENDITURES		
February 17 to June 24, 1943		
Bowling Equipment	$121.74	
Ping Pong Equipment	19.87	
Softball and Baseball Equipment	281.65	
Tennis and Pool Equipment	55.55	
Basketball Equipment	355.34	
Group 61—Hard Times Dance	109.45	
"E" Dance	167.23	
May Dance	94.94	
Group 3-A Dance	516.48	
Miscellaneous	107.42	$1,829.67
Balance—Cash on Hand June 24, 1943		$1,689.15

General Coupland Praises Workers For Help in Capturing Pantelleria

The following telegram was received June 18 by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer, Elwood Ordnance Plant:

To the Men and Women of Elwood Ordnance Plant:

The island of Pantelleria surrendered June 11 following an intense aerial bombardment. This attack was begun June 1 with approximately 100 tons of bombs. The intensity was increased until a total of 3,500 tons had been dropped by June 11. The destructive effect of the explosives contained in these bombs so reduced the defenses and morale of the island garrison that surrender was inevitable. The Army Air Forces recognize the excellence of the explosives produced through your efforts and send commendation herewith to the men and women whose faithful work made possible this devastating vertical attack and helped to bring about so significant a victory.

Brig. Gen. R. C. Coupland,
U. S. Army Air Ordnance Officer.

Group One Girls Set Opening Pace

Group 1's outstanding girls' team of 1942 started out strong this season with two shut-outs credited to the pitching of **Betty Ford**. In the first game this well-coached team won from Group 4 by 20 to 0 and the following week from Group 8 by 11 to 0.

All girls' games are played on Mondays and Thursdays. Delays due to rain have caused a revamping of schedules. The Group 1 vs. Group 8 box score follows:

Group 1	AB	R	H	Group 8	AB	R	H
Gurka,1b	3	3	2	Gomora,1b	3	0	1
Kren,2b	3	3	0	Woode'k,lf	2	0	0
Ford,p	3	1	3	Stazler,c	2	0	2
Kemp,rf	3	0	2	Lehman,ss	1	0	0
Iverson,3b	3	0	1	Binno,rf	2	0	0
Jenson,ss	3	1	2	Preboy,lf	2	0	0
Elkins,ss	3	0	2	Thomas,ss	2	0	0
Stafford,lf	2	1	0	Seno,p	2	0	2
Chinaski,lf	1	0	0	Pribish,3b	1	0	0
Jenkins,cf	3	2	0	Bailey,2b	0	0	0
Harnack,c	2	0	2				
	29	11	14		17	0	5

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

For Sale—1940 Glider trailer, excellent condition, 2 good tires. Must sell immediately. Cash. **John Giles**, Burgeson's Trailer Camp, Wilmington.

Wanted—Two riders, west side of Chicago through Oak Park, Lagrange and Summit to EOP. 7:30 to 4 shift. Call **Robert Harder**, Pipe Shop, Line 3181.

For Rent — Large furnished downstairs front room for married couple. New paper and linoleum, six windows, one north, one south and large bay facing east, 16 by 18 feet, gas stove and all conveniences, private entrance on screened porch. Can be seen any time. **Myrtle Longtin**, 235 N. Forest Ave., Bradley, Ill.

For Sale—Four-room furnished cottage on leased land on Kankakee River near EOP. Reasonable. Call **William Denver**, Line 2267.

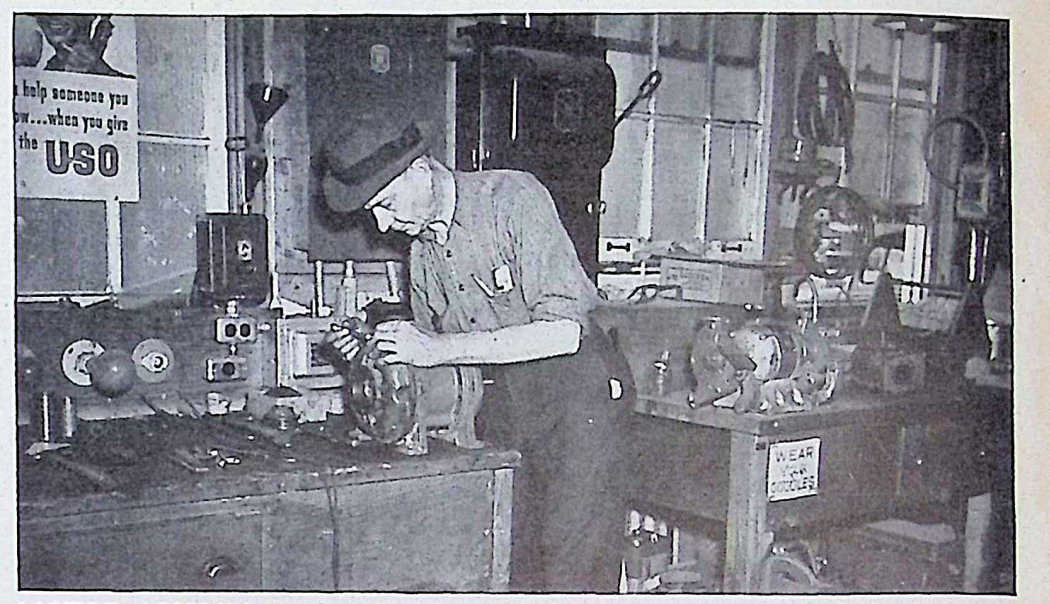
Found—Ring at Cafeteria June 19. Owner can have it by applying at private dining room, cafeteria, with proper description.

Lost—Pair of Polaroid glasses with light-colored rims, somewhere in unrestricted area, June 24. Call **John H. Higgins**, Line 4154.

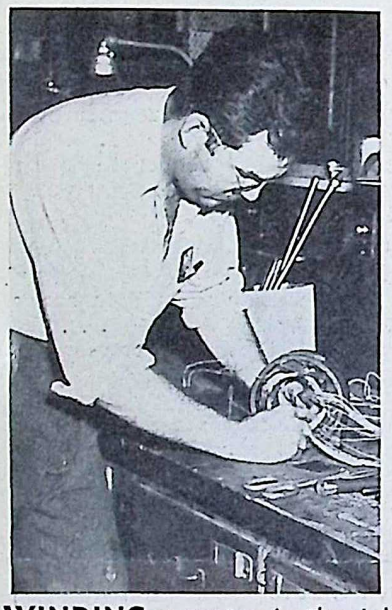
For Rent — One double room with twin beds for gentlemen only, modern, Beautyrest mattresses, clean. Within walking distance of town. $5 a week a person. 211 N. Nicholson St., Joliet. Call **Mrs. Orris**, Joliet 9251; after 8 p.m. and Sundays call Joliet 2-0229.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

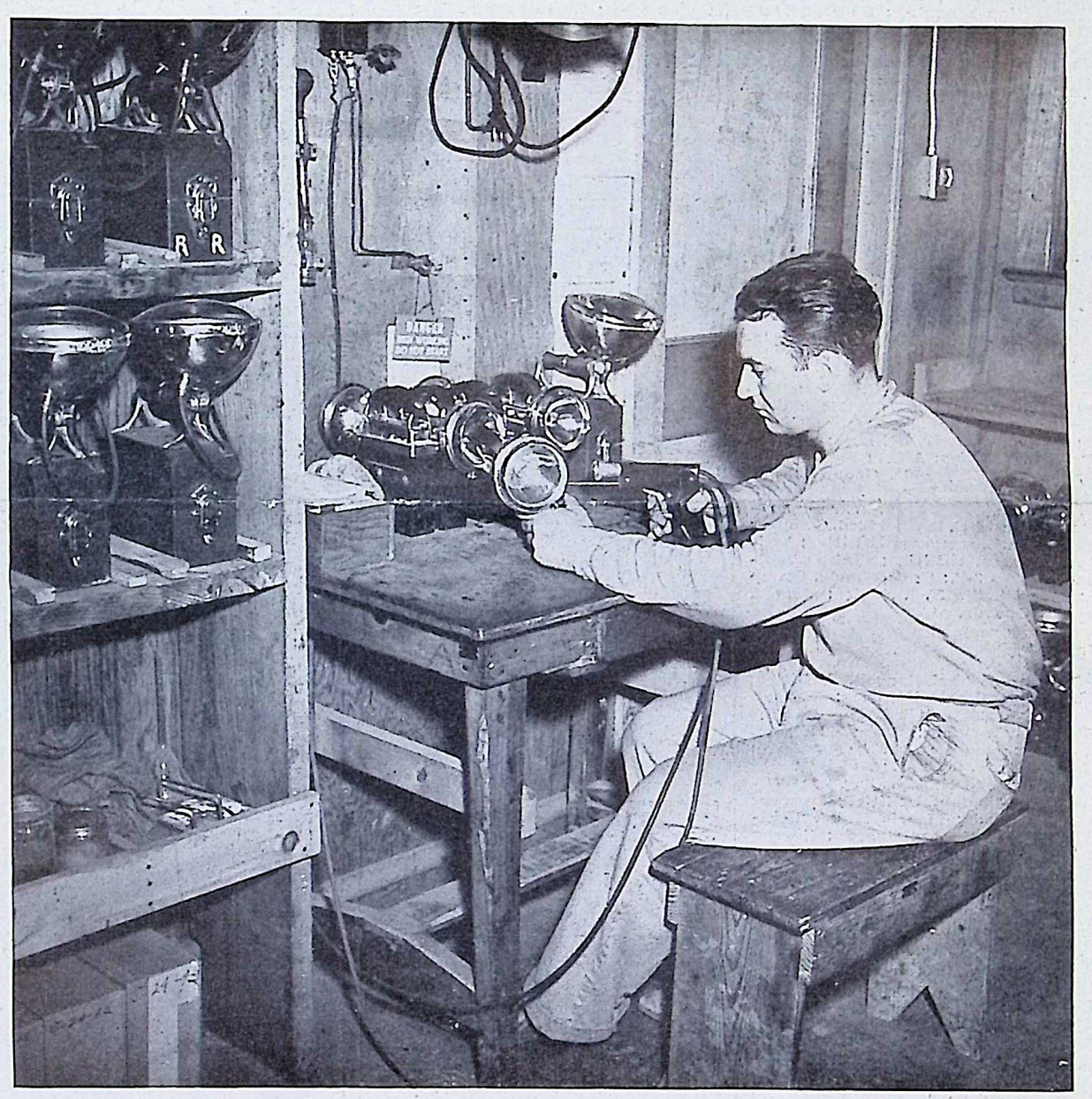
BONDING ACCESSORIES for safety installations where high explosives are handled are inspected here by Russell H. Sweeney, general foreman of maintenance (left) and George W. Johnson, foreman of bonding section.



MOTOR ASSEMBLING is a task calling for great skill and experience. This is one of the jobs done in the Electric Shop in Group 70 and Charles W. Jansen is shown here at such an assignment for one of the loading groups.

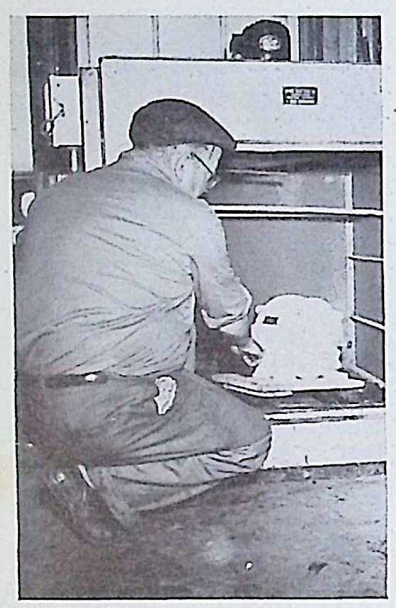


WINDING a motor is the job being done by Carlos Richards.

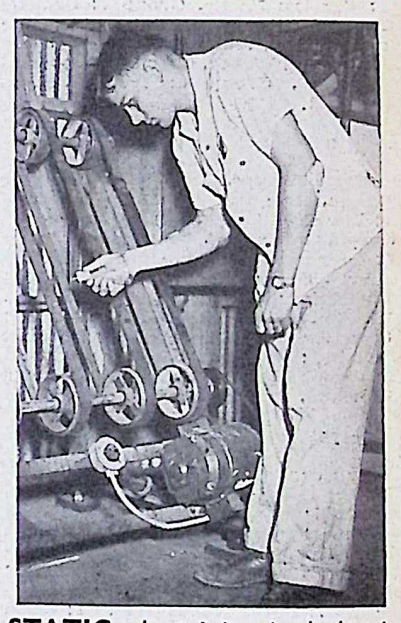


PORTABLE HAND LAMPS are called upon for frequent service at EOP. They are stored and serviced at the Electric Shop. Here Harold Antonio is shown watering wet cell hand lamps, while big beam lamps are being charged at the left.

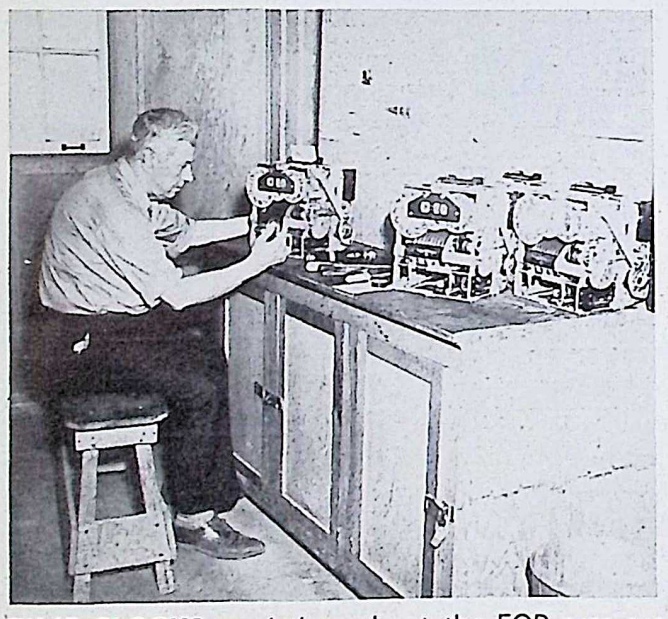
VACUUM hoses are grounded with wire by John Hanuski.



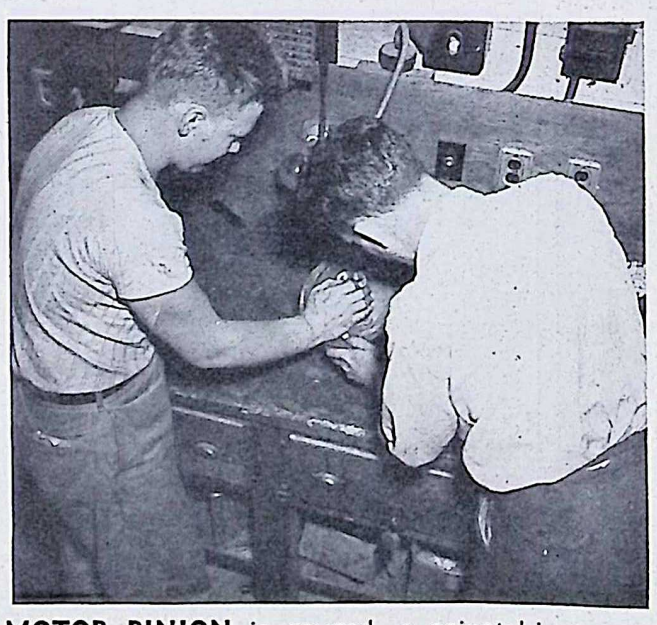
TAKING motor out of electric drying oven is Clarence Mascal.



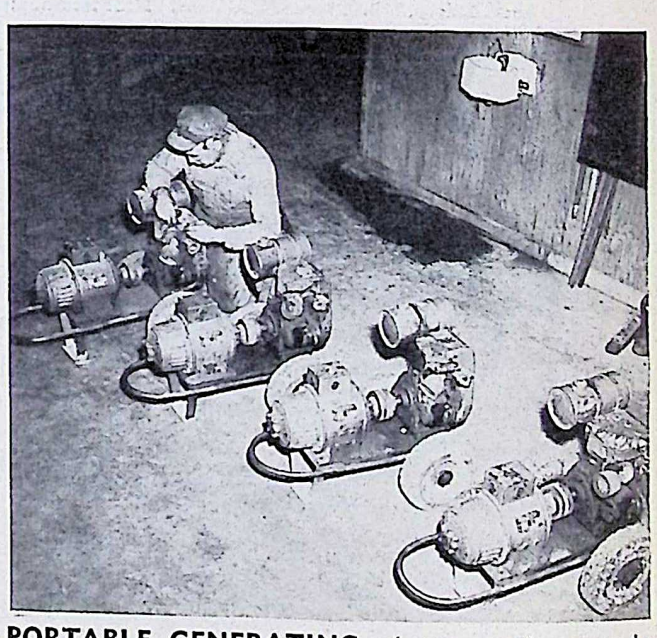
STATIC electricity in belts is checked by Richard L. Sweeney.



TIME CLOCKS used throughout the EOP area are cleaned and adjusted at regular intervals by Leopold L. Skokan. There are 80 in use.



MOTOR PINION is gauged, a painstaking operation, by Norman Keck (left) and Ivan Sippel on one of the busy work benches in the Electric Shop.



PORTABLE GENERATING plants receive regular overhauling to be certain they will operate when needed. Joseph E. Farrell is shown with four.

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General Hardy Long Identified With Ordnance

Is Now Chief of Ammunition Branch, Industrial Division

Brigadier General Rosswell Eric Hardy was born at Troy, New York, December 18, 1893. He was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. On August 15, 1917, General Hardy was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in the Regular Army on October 26, 1917, and promoted to first lieutenant (temporary) the same date; to first lieutenant (permanent) October 16, 1918; to captain (temporary) to date from September 18, 1918; to captain (permanent) on July 1, 1920; to major on August 1, 1935; to lieutenant colonel on August 18, 1940; to colonel (temporary) on December 24, 1941; and to brigadier general (temporary) on May 24, 1942.

General Hardy was assigned to the 44th Infantry at Camp Lewis, Washington, after being commissioned and served with that regiment and with the 76th Infantry at Camp Lewis until January, 1919, when he went to Fort Benning, Georgia, to enter the Infantry School of Arms. He completed the course there in September, 1919, and was enrolled at the Ordnance School of Technology at Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts. Upon graduation there in July, 1920, he entered the Ordnance School of Application at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and was graduated in June, 1921.

General Hardy was then assigned to Watervliet Arsenal, New York, and in February, 1923, he went to New York City for duty in the Ordnance District there. He was transferred from Infantry to the Ordnance Department on February 26, 1923. In August, 1923, he became Assistant District Chief of the Buffalo Ordnance District at Watervliet Arsenal with additional duties with the Organized Reserves of the Second Corps Area.

In March, 1928, General Hardy was assigned to duty with the Organized Reserves of the Third Corps Area with headquarters at Baltimore, Md. He moved to the Office of Chief of Ordnance in May, 1929, and in August, 1932, entered the School of Business Administration at Harvard University. He was awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration in 1934, and in August, 1934, he went to the University of Michigan as Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

General Hardy entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in September, 1938, and was graduated in May, 1939, remaining at the school as an instructor until July, 1939. He was then assigned to the Indiana Arsenal at Charlestown, Ind. In July, 1940, he became Constructing Quartermaster of the Indiana Ordnance Works at Charlestown and in September, 1940, became Commanding Officer of that plant. In November, 1940, he became also Commanding Officer and Constructing Quartermaster of the Hoosier Ordnance Plant in Charlestown, Ind.

In December, 1941, General Hardy became Deputy District Chief of the St. Louis, Mo., Ordnance District. In June, 1942, General Hardy was assigned to the Office of Chief of Ordnance in Washington, as Chief of the Ammunition Branch, Industrial Division.

EOP'S Millions Will Speed Victory

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROSSWELL ERIC HARDY

"HEARTIEST congratulations to the men and women of Elwood Ordnance Plant on the second anniversary of the operation of your first loading line. The tremendous performance at Elwood has surpassed the promise which was given by the speedy construction of that first line in seven months and twenty-five days. The hundred million units you have already loaded and those you will load in the future will speed the day of victory over the Axis."

—Brig. General R. E. Hardy.

Army Leaders Send Anniversary Tributes

Second anniversary of the first shell loaded at EOP was observed here by an exchange of telegrams between **Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr.**, Chief of Ordnance; **Brigadier General R. E. Hardy**, Chief of Ammunitions Branch, Industrial Division; **Col. T. C. Gerber**, Field Director of Ammunition Plants, St. Louis, and **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter.

"On behalf of all associates of Army Ordnance," wired General Campbell, "I send congratulations to you and all employees at Elwood Ordnance Plant upon the completion of the second year of operation. Elwood is contributing greatly to the success of Ordnance in bringing victory."

"We of Elwood Ordnance Plant," said Mr. Smith's response, "are deeply moved by your kindly recognition of our two years of effort for Ordnance and victory. We pledge to you our great Chief of Ordnance a continuance of these efforts as you may direct."

General Hardy's statement is published underneath his picture on this page. Colonel Gerber's statement follows:

"On the eve of the second anniversary of the commencement of operations at the Elwood Ordnance Plant, the entire personnel of this office joins me in congratulating you and the men and women of the Elwood Ordnance Plant on the splendid contribution to the war effort accomplished by your plant since its inception."

Haber Is Promoted To Lieutenant Colonel

Promotion of **Major Kenneth M. Haber**, former commanding officer here, to be a lieutenant colonel has been announced. Colonel Haber is now commanding officer of the Kansas Ordnance Plant at Parsons, Kan.

General Aurand is Visitor to Plant

(Picture on Page 8)

High ranking Army officers were guests of Sanderson & Porter executives at a luncheon in the Cafeteria June 29 when a visit of **Major General H. S. Aurand**, commanding general of the Sixth Service Command, Chicago, coincided with the trips of other Army leaders.

General Aurand was accompanied by his aide, **Major W. M. Dewey**, and they made a general inspection of the plant.

Also here for conferences with various departments were **Col. F. H. Miles, Jr.**, and **Col. Thomas F. Brown**, of the Safety & Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Chicago, and **Don M. Compton**, special representative of the Chief of Ordnance.

EOP executives attending the luncheon were **Lt. Colonel Byron Rife, Major George A. Grant, Harrison Smith, W. E. Canniff, A. E. Frosch, E. J. Walsh** and **T. M. Burns.**

Buy More Bonds

EOP Needs Men, Women Workers Now

Applicants Asked To See Nearest U. S. Employment Office

Information released by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer, regarding employment at Elwood Ordnance Plant, is of interest to all persons of working age in the area surrounding the plant.

"There is a shortage of production workers," Colonel Rife said. "The need for additional workers is being brought about by loss of men to the armed forces, by men and women returning to the farms and by migrating to new industrial plants in this territory. Work in the munitions plant affords an opportunity for many able-bodied persons, regardless of age, color, sex or creed, to perform a patriotic duty by getting into war production vitally needed by the men who are to serve in the front lines."

According to **George F. Bent**, EOP personnel director, Elwood will lose approximately 800 men to the armed forces in the next six months. Many of these men will be replaced by women, and, based on past experience, the majority of them will be housewives.

Percentage of Women Grows

Already slightly less than 50 per cent of the total number of employees at Elwood Ordnance Plant are women. In the coming months this percentage will be largely increased. Working conditions at Elwood are considered to be ideal for women. Sanitation and lighting conditions are excellent. The type of work to be performed by women is quite varied, and all of it is interesting. Much of the work in the Fuze and Booster assembly lines is light and can be performed without great physical exertion. Labor-saving devices in the shell and bomb lines have so simplified the work that women are finding no difficulty whatever in performing it.

For work at the plant new applicants are urged to apply to their nearest United States Employment Service Office. Persons who formerly worked here may also apply to their United States Employment Service Office or to the plant employment office direct.

Present "A" Books Expire July 21

Applications for renewal of "A" gasoline books should be sent to the applicants' local rationing boards as soon as possible as the present "A" books expire July 21. After the form for renewal is properly filled out, it should be returned together with the back cover of the present book, showing applicant's signature and tire inspection record, to the local rationing board. Motorists should keep the front cover of the present books for identification purposes.

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"Withholding" Simply a New Way

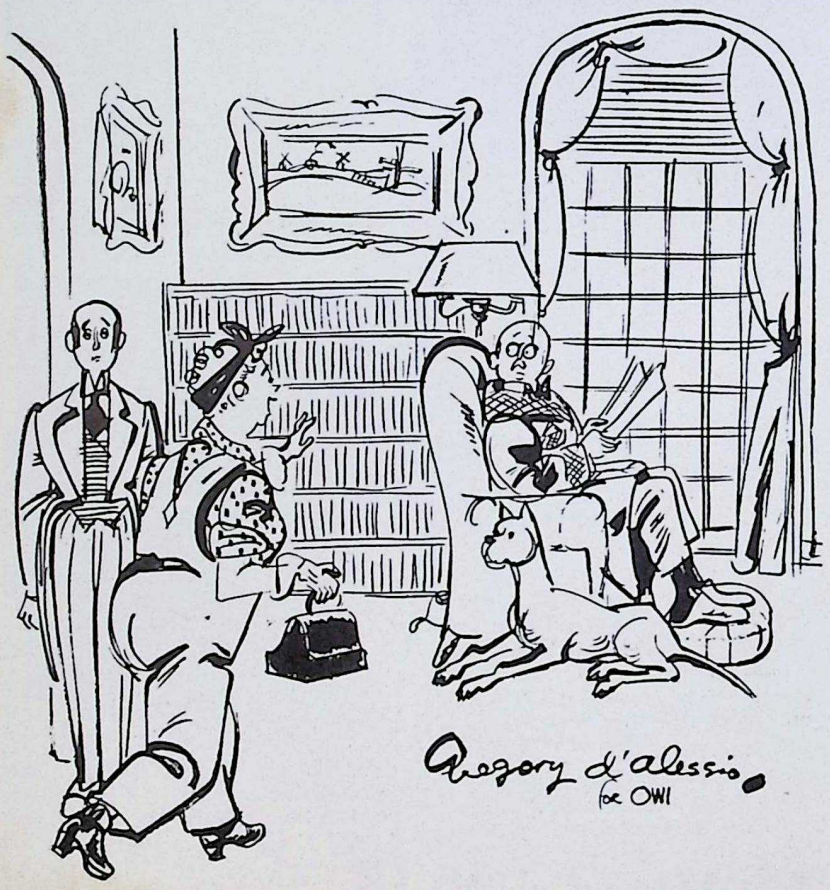
The "pay-as-you-go" withholding tax, being deducted from wages beginning with paychecks for the first period in July, is not an additional tax but a new way of paying taxes. The amount withheld is not 20 per cent of the total wage, but approximately 20 per cent of the portion in excess of exemptions. Workers who understand this will know that they can continue or increase their war bond purchases under the payroll savings plan.

Only the way the tax is paid is new, not the tax. It is the old annual income tax plus the Victory tax, and is not in addition to these. Instead of being paid in a lump sum or in four quarterly installments on earnings of the previous year, the tax is withheld from income as it is earned in the same way payments are made for social security.

The exemption for single persons is $624 a year. For married persons it is $1,248, and $312 for each dependent. On a weekly basis, this is $12 for a single person, $24 for a married person, and $6 for each dependent. These amounts are subtracted from the wage, and it is 20 per cent of the remainder that is withheld. In some cases the amount deducted may be as low as one per cent of the total wage.

For example, a married man with two children who makes $30 a week will be taxed at the source about 70 cents, less than the cost of five packs of cigarettes. His total Federal income tax may average less than three per cent of his wages.

For some people the amount withheld from the pay envelope will be slightly more than enough to pay the tax due. In these cases arrangements are made for a credit later. Some higher-paid employees will owe a few dollars more than the amount withheld, and they will pay the difference later. Also, under the new tax law a tag-end of the old "1942" income tax is left—an amount equal to one-eighth of it will be due in 1944 and another one-eighth in 1945.



"Oh, John, we got a raise of 5 cents an hour!"

The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

In the course of my deeper thinking during recent weeks, there has come to the fore the possibility of establishing good old EOP as a civic community with all the governmental appurtenances that attach to other thriving population centers in this neck of the woods. Many other villages have far fewer qualifications, and some respond only feebly to the obligations imposed on the citizenry in the interests of better government, and less of it.

Your scribe recognizes his idea is a bit visionary what with all the War Department regulations and all that kind of stuff, but you can't blame him for thinking, can you?

Now to get down to some real brass tacks (priority, please) here we have in our midst a lot of people possessing the usual divergence of opinion on almost any subject. They are all individually sure that their way of doing things is far superior to all others, and in many other ways can qualify for citizenship in the average American community.

Now suppose we transform the group into an incorporated village and proceed to establish among our midst some formal, not to mention popular, government. Both sides will concede the formalities of election with all the campaigning, speeches, and other politically effective persuasion. And now let's imagine the shouting is all over, the populace has marched to the polls to exercise that great American privilege of the ballot, and as the smoke of battle subsides, we awake to reckon with the roster of government officials within our imaginary municipality as it shall prevail until the next time each and every one of us marches to the voting booth, etc., etc.

As I scan the roster, I find Donald Watchorn, head of the Sewer Department, has been elected Keeper of Privy Seal; down further one finds the name of John O'Connell as Town Jailer—elected, we presume, because he has done time before—(it's a downright McShame that gags like that are permitted to be aired in public). Andrew Balston is Mayor because of his independence—every time anyone propositions him, he checks back with "Inerts to you, Big Boy"—That's the kind of heman we want running our show around here.

A. M. Lockwood was elected Commissioner of Public Safety because, with him in that office, law-breakers would realize the (f)utility of trying to get away with anything. **Bill Buck**, of the Telephone Department, being a man of your word, is henceforth Recording Secretary. Don't give your right name.

Well, from the above, you get the general idea. Now all we need is a new city hall, a jail, a nice municipal insane asylum (this can be an annex to the Administration Building), and a home for aged and indigent newspaper reporters.

Myself

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know
I want to be able, as days go by
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,
And hate myself for the things I've done;
I want to go with my head erect,
I want to deserve all men's respect;
For here in the struggle for fame and pelf
I want to be able to like myself,
I don't want to look at myself and know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.
I never can hide myself from me,
I see what others may never see,
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself and so
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscious free.

—**Ida Moers, Group 5.**

I have written . . . a poem!

To Be or Not to Be

I think that I shall never see
A typewriter on which I can hit each key
The very way it should be tapped,
Myself I just cannot adapt.
I'm out of school nigh on eight year
And then my lessons, ah yes, were clear;
But now I seem to visualize
That I was camouflaging a disguise.

If my typing teacher could only see
The touch type method that she taught me
I'm sure she'd look at me and say,
"Just another half hour after school today
And each day, dear, for another week
If the business world you choose to seek."
"Get a firm and even touch," she said
As out of the rule book to me she read.
Over and over she did stress
That very sentence—to me impress,
And oh, I learned it and knew I was best
Of all the kids that took the test.

I loved my typewriter, I loved each key,
It really meant the world to me;
I liked that test with the a, s, d's,
I liked to sit and tap the keys.
I did then and I like to yet
But the touch type method I did forget.

A typist is a girl like me
With a peculiar individuality,
But this doesn't cause me great alarm;
'Though I still can't recover that touch type charm.
Typists are mostly girls like me,
Experts are either to be or not to be.

—**Kay Richardson**
Radio Communications.

Our Precious Freedom

This freedom, our forefathers purchased so dearly,
We value more highly than money or fame.
Shall we who have tasted the glory of freedom
Submit to be chattels of despots in shame?

We pledge, for the sake of the people who love us,
We will never be chattels of despots at all.
With the help from the powers in Heaven above us,
We will stand by our colors and watch despots fall.

We pity the nations that gave up in terror.
They were swept by the purge and their people made slaves.
Their daughters were helpless with desperate captors.
Their sons danced the goose step and dug their own graves.

There is room on this planet to give each one comfort,
But none for the tyrant with covetous greed.
The crimes of nations, their wars and their slaughters
Come only when people take more than they need.

While millions now suffer and die for our freedom
They depend on the lifeline far over the seas.
We have pledged them our all; we have backed up their efforts.
Shall we who are home think of comfort and ease?

There are enemies here who would slow up production,
They could not stab harder as traitor or spy,
We give them due warning, whenever discovered,
"Go back to your people, and fight there and die!"

—**John J. Matteson**
Group 68.

Vacation Days

I'm tired of bucking the bitter winds,
I'm weary of rain and cold,
I hate to get out for my daily bout
With the rest of you fellows so bold.
I want to awake at the crack of dawn
Beneath a fragrant pine,
To bathe in a stream that's all a-gleam
To feel a trout on my line.

There's no other song like that of a reel,
No thrill like the one you get
When a fightin' trout is put to rout,
And you bring him to gaff or net.
But first there's a war I must support
So I'll take it out in wishin',
I'll keep inspectin' from day to day
'Til vacation let's me go fishin'.

—**Wm. Lawrence,** Inspector.

Shells from EOP

We are on duty tonight, here at EOP,
Making shells and bombs for our boys at sea.
So don't worry, my pals, we will get them there
So you will have plenty to muss up their hair.

Don't use them sparingly, we have more,
Bombs, mines and shells galore.
Take them up and drop them down
On Tojo's head and each Jap town.

On land, in the air, on our ships at sea,
We'll send you shells from EOP.
We're working here night and day,
To bring peace and liberty to the world some day.

—**Russell Nash,** Guard.

Interlude

The sun beat down from the sky above,
The air was thick with shot and shell,
In a foxhole deep in Africa
Sat a soldier alone in a desert hell.

But wait—he's not alone—he has company,
Though the newcomer's face is white,
And his uniform's different—faded and worn,
Yes, he's a soldier all right!

"Say, who are you, Bud?" the soldier asked,
"I ain't seen your outfit before,"
A quiet voice answered, "I guess not son,
I'm the unknown soldier of the first World War."

"I rest in many a hallowed grave,
A composite of millions of men.
We gave our lives that you might live
That all cursed wars might end."

"We thought we had done the job up right,
But I guess we fought in vain,
Else why are you here in this hellish hole
Fighting for freedom again?"

"That's O.K. Buddy," the soldier replied.
"You did your part alright,
But a couple of bums want to rule the world
With their phony power and might."

"We're only finishing the job you began,
What you did was swell, yes sir-ee,
But we ain't quitting till we've got 'em licked,
You know—a grade A Victory!"

The white face showed a shadowy smile,
A shell screamed high over head,
The quiet words came like the voice of God,
"You'll win this time, Son," he said.

—**Naida Schwartz**
Group 6, Bldg. 6.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN

Dorothy Maxwell returned to work with the lovliest sun-tan ever. Dorothy spent a vacation at Cedar Lake, Mich., and at home.

Those now vacationing are **Dorothy Mihelic, Margaret Bruce,** who is spending the time in Chicago; **Lucille Brown,** who is going to stay at home and like it; **Mae Norem,** who is treating her little brother to a trip East to Boston—while there she plans to contact a former Production Planner, **Irene Blatnik; Frances Mores,** who says she has planned nothing definite as yet, and **Frank Folwell,** who planned a boat trip around Chicago and Michigan.

Evelyn Dix enjoyed a one-day vacation trying to crowd a good time in before she had a tonsil operation.

Charlotte Matheny is leaving to join her husband who has been attending Officer's Training School.

Roland Oertel, former Group 3-A production progress clerk, is now stationed at the University of Georgia.

Geraldine Weir has received news that her husband will graduate soon from Great Lakes Training School.

Clayton Craig and his four brothers made up a fairly good basket-ball team.

Fred Legris is coaching **Elva Thomas** on how to care for her tomato plants, which have increased from four to six.

Jake Debri spent July 4 fishing, while **Frank Weston** went to Decatur where his wife is now employed.

Pete Conroy has returned greatly rested from a very nice vacation.

Leslie Wilson a short time ago lost his way from Coal City to Joliet while driving for some friends.

George Sangmiester will introduce **Capt. Paul D. Cooper,** public relations officer, to the Frankfort Lions Club the evening of July 20.

Tom Nugent is suffering from hayfever.

Lou Miner has **John Donahue** bending over the pool table now.

Paul Somerville, progress clerk, Group 3, has been transferred elsewhere and all wish him the best of luck. **John Williamson** has joined the ranks of the inventory clerks, while **Clifford Fisher** is now working in the Administration Building.

Frances O'Keefe and **Mary Bertino** are enjoying vacations at the present time.

Q. How much does it cost to train a soldier 12 months?

A. The War Department estimates the cost for 12 months of full-time training for a soldier in the U. S. Army is between $1,500 and $2,000—the difference in cost is largely the difference between training a foot soldier and a mechanized soldier, the latter being costlier.

Officer Changes At EOP and KNK Are Announced

Capt. Hardy Moved To Field Director's Office in St. Louis

Announcement of changes in the staffs of officers at EOP and KNK made today by **Lt. Colonel Byron Rife,** Commanding Officer.

Maj. Wallace G. Anderson, formerly Public Relations and Military Intelligence Officer at Kankakee Ordnance Works has been assigned to duty with the Air Service Command at Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala. Major Anderson, whose home is in Milwaukee, Wis., received his education at George Washington University and Yale University, graduating from Yale in 1929 with a Ph. D. Degree. A Field Artillery Officer, he was transferred to Military Intelligence in 1938. Before coming to Kankakee Ordnance Works in December, 1941, he served at Savanna Ordnance Depot and in Intelligence with the Chief, Chemical Warfare Service, in Washington.

His duties at Kankakee Ordnance Works have been assumed by **Capt. Paul D. Cooper,** Public Relations and Intelligence Officer at Elwood Ordnance Plant, who will henceforth handle both plants.

Capt. Woodrow T. Trotter, Corps of Engineers, has been named as Executive Assistant to **Maj. Clifford J. Kohler,** Area Engineer of Kankakee Ordnance Works, to fill the vacancy by the departure of **Lt. Donald W. Mewhinney,** who was recently transferred to the Chicago Aircraft Assembly Plant. Captain Trotter, a resident of Gary, Indiana, occupies a similar post at the Gary Armor Plate Plant. He will divide his duties between the two facilities.

A graduate in 1941 of Boston University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration, the Captain has also had assignments at Elwood Ordnance Plant and at the District Office of the Corps of Engineers in Chicago. His original assignment was at Fort Adams in Newport, Rhode Island. In civil life Captain Trotter was associated with the Scovill Manufacturing Company, a brass concern. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was elected to membership of the Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society, while at Boston University.

Capt. J. A. Hardy, Chief of Operations and Transportation at Elwood Ordnance Plant, has been transferred to the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants in St. Louis, Missouri. A graduate of Dartmouth with a B.Sc. Degree, the Captain also attended Thayer School of Civil Engineering and Columbia School of Mines. In civil life he served as an executive engineer in hydro-electric power plants and worked on paper mill engineering projects. He served at Elwood Ordnance Plant since July 22, 1942.

NIGHT SHIFT EMPLOYEES of the Blacksmith Shop, shown here, responded to the photographer's request for smiles. Leroy F. Metzka is the foreman.

Groups 1 and 3 Tied In Softball Race

The Inter-Group Softball League is definitely underway for the season. While it was necessary for a few of the teams to drop out for the first round, they plan to come back with strong competition for the latter part of the season.

The standings to date are as follows:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Group 3	4	0	1.000
Group 1	3	0	1.000
Group 60	2	1	.666
Group 70	3	2	.600
Guards	1	2	.333
Bus Drivers	0	3	.000
Fuze & Booster	0	5	.000

Recent box scores follow:

Guards	AB	R	H	Fuse & Boosters	AB	R	H
And'son,1b	4	1	0	O'Grady,ss	4	0	0
Wells,2b	4	3	2	Mand'la,lf	4	0	0
Farber,sf	4	3	2	Woods,3b	3	0	0
Sack,3b	3	1	1	Bailey,sf	3	1	1
Law'nce,ss	3	1	1	Olsen,cf	3	0	1
Ruyle,lf	3	1	1	Mees,1b	3	1	0
Hudkins,rf	2	0	1	Burris,c	3	0	1
Dunham,p	3	0	0	Grady,rf	2	0	0
Spayer,cf	3	0	0	B. Riley,2b	2	0	0
Baker,c	3	0	1	Elliott,p	2	0	0
Byers,rf	1	0	0				
Total	34	10	9	Total	29	2	3

Group 1	AB	R	H	Group 60	AB	R	H
Kane,3b	2	0	1	Crandell,sf	4	2	2
Beeley,1b	2	1	1	Craig,3b	4	0	3
Tucker,c	3	0	0	Grant,ss	4	0	0
Hibber,cf	4	2	2	Knuds'n,2b	4	0	1
Sharkey,				Bebej,1b	4	1	1
1b-c	2	1	0	Murphy,cf	3	2	2
Tjentarski,				Troupe,rf	3	0	1
2b-3b	3	3	2	Starkey,lf	3	0	1
Wh'n'ld,p	3	0	2	Kusinski,c	3	0	1
Singer,lf	3	1	0	Sheridan,p	3	0	2
S.A'c'no,ss	2	2	0				
Small,2b	4	2	2				
T.A'c'no,rf	2	3	2				
Total	30	15	12	Total	35	5	14

Group 3	AB	R	H	Bus Drivers	AB	R	H
Beasley,sf	3	2	2	Ander'n,sf	4	0	0
Em'l'son, lf	2	2	0	Esham,3b	3	1	0
Juriele,c	4	2	3	Ingersol,2b	3	0	1
Spezio,1b	2	3	2	Leg'rso,ss	3	0	0
Hankes,3b	4	2	2	Harris,p	2	1	0
B'nkm'n,rf	4	0	0	Nelson,p	2	0	0
Reck,ss	4	2	2	Day,1b	3	1	0
Helmick,cf	1	0	1	Cole,lf	2	0	1
Wheeler,2b	2	1	1	Provance,c	3	0	1
Jones,p	4	0	0	Hougas,cf	3	0	1
Cun'gh'm,p	0	0	0	Cosack,rf	3	1	0
Total	30	14	13	Total	31	4	4

BLACKSMITH AND SHEET METAL SHOP is the working home of this day shift of employees. John L. Gaffney is foreman and Edgar Barry is field foreman.

Morale of EOP Workers Praised By War Leaders

Employees Committees, Recreational Activities Cited as Co-operation

Major General L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, Army Service Forces, recently praised worker morale in Ordnance arsenals, plants, depots and training centers as the most noteworthy feature of the Ordnance Department's 131st anniversary year.

Special greetings were received by **Lt. Colonel Byron Rife,** Commanding Officer of the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works.

Natural reactions to the war contribute one of the greatest factors in keeping morale high. Workers in a war plant such as these have a direct contact with the man at the front. They are the ones that supply him with fighting equipment. The worker's willingness to participate actively in winning this war is motivated by the self-satisfaction received when they have done their job well.

Colonel Rife stated that the cardinal point in keeping morale high is to maintain agreeable and pleasant working conditions for the worker, and the management of the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works are constantly concerning themselves with these problems.

Recreational activities such as bowling, athletic contests of all types, Victory gardens, dances and picnics are all part of the morale building program instituted by these plants. Employees' committees are in close liaison with managing executives to assure the worker complete cooperation.

Plans such as these are in direct accord with General Campbell's stratagem to be used by the Ordnance Department during the present global war.

Without the willingness-to-work-and-win attitude of the Ordnance Workers, the Army Ordnance could never have succeeded in becoming what it is today—a modern, hard hitting, streamlined organization that gets things done quickly, efficiently and without accent on red tape.

"Nothing in this world," General Campbell said, "has ever been accomplished that is truly great without enthusiasm — without morale, without the will to win."

To the Ordnance workers at the Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works General Campbell expressed his deep appreciation of "your help, your loyalty and assistance."

Colonel Rife announced that **Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson** also commented on the excellence of the Ordnance Works morale, stating that "in no single instance was there any basic fault in the weapons that our troops used in North Africa."

Mr. Patterson asserted that when he first became well acquainted with the Ordnance Department in 1940, at which time rearmament began, and there was such an urgent need for weapons and equipment—the Ordnance Department was found ready. Army Ordnance knew what it wanted and there was no indecision as to what type of weapons would be best.

Ordnance workers also received a message from **Lt. General Brehon Somervell,** Chief of Army Service Forces. He was equally complimentary anent Ordnance military and civilian morale.

"The Industry-Ordnance team," General Somervell said, "has accomplished miracles in this war. You have a right to be proud of that record. You have not only produced the weapons that the Army is using, but you are servicing them all over the globe."

Colonel Rife indicated that men and women living in the communities surrounding war plants still have an opportunity to participate in producing these vital weapons so necessary for the successful operation of the Armed Forces.

The Elwood Ordnance Plant and the Kankakee Ordnance Works are constantly approving employment of qualified workers to assist in consummating this most essential task.

A training school for women recently organized at the Elwood Ordnance Plant, affords women an opportunity to acquaint themselves better with the particular job at hand and gives them a greater perspective as to the accomplishments of Ordnance workers in the war effort.

Any person, not actively engaged in essential war work, should avail himself of the opportunity offered by these plants and become an integral part of this great Industry-Ordnance Team.

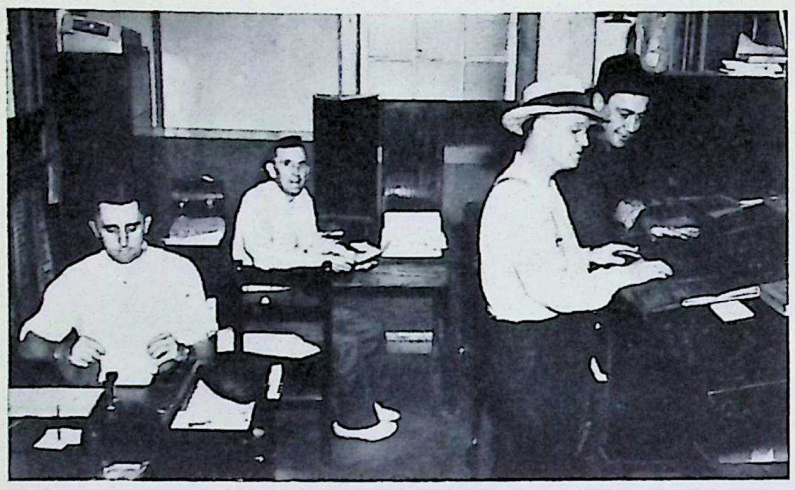
"Only last week I had the privilege of going through one of your unit training centers," General Somervell said, "and I was struck by the completeness and thoroughness with which the Ordnance training was carried on. It is a great organization and you are doing a fine job."

Another message of particular timeliness to Army Ordnance workers was received from **Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy,** Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance.

Praising the past record of Ordnance workers, Admiral Blandy expressed the conviction that "we will go forward together, doing a better job than ever before, to provide the ordnance that will win, in the hands of our fighting forces, the greatest victory our nation has ever sought."

Q. My girl asked me to send her one of my shoulder patches; she plans to wear it on a sweater. Is that okay?

A. She can't wear it. Army Regulations prohibit the wearing of Army insignia or their replicas by unauthorized persons. They're restricted to Army personnel only.



OFFICE STAFF of the combined Sheet Metal and Blacksmith Shop consist of (right to left) Francis Feeney, Theodore Carson, John Gaffney and Supt. William M. Ryan.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Group 4

William Whaley is back from a vacation, which he spent catching a boat full of fish.

Group 4 mourns the loss of **Harry O'Connor**, power-house fireman, who died suddenly July 6. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to **Mrs. O'Connor.**

Jeddo Mees graduated from foremen's school and is very proud of himself.

A humorous incident is **Lil Clyne** trying to get a ride for **Julie Schayer.**

Paul Laird gave up teaching school to do his bit in war work and, boy, is he doing it!

Mert "Pack 'Em In" Fordyce is still looking for riders. Anyone interested just see Mert.

John Neely has been very generous and is buying *milk* for the boys lately.

Ann Knezevic enjoyed herself at the USO dance for the soldiers in Joliet.

Rex Brickley has decided not to go back to teaching school.

Many ask to what **Kay Kelliher** attributes those bruises on her legs?

Paint Shop—Group 5

Del Millican, foreman, has returned from a vacation trip up North.

Louise Wendt, forelady since the group started painting dividers, is doing alright.

The gold brick twins are **Elva "Red" Beaumont** and **Orvetta "Barnie" Vogel.**

Beatrice Henderson is the shop's "Miss America."

Bettie Bedore, pretty songstress, entertains regularly with songs and dancing.

Fern Anderson is the "no hurry" girl, but she always get there on time.

Marie Matthews is the newest member. Her giggle is most infectious and can be heard even when she is over by the fountain.

Janet Woodruff says she has heart trouble, and it probably comes from somewhere in the Pacific and not from the paint.

Irma Baker, "the lady of the Paint Shop," has a new granddaughter.

Mary Horn, little and dark haired, is recuperating from a tonsil operation.

Lennie "Scottie" Gross has trouble keeping a partner, and her blanket apron is adorable.

Esther Miller has a handsome brother at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Alvera Metzke is finished with the dentist.

Josephine Metz is a crack mathematician.

Vonnie Green took time off to visit Kentucky.

Group 5
By Cora Kay

June "Butch" Clapper will be leaving for Virginia in August. While there the wedding bells will ring for her and **Marvin Burns**, a soldier at Camp Pickett.

The girls from the Paint Shop and the clean-up gang enjoyed the Italian spaghetti that **Mary Densmore** brought for the pot-luck dinner.

Geneva Ouellette and **Lena Colafello** enjoyed a "Black Cow" for lunch one day last week.

All are glad that **Dolly Muehler** is getting on so well with her diet. She has lost eight pounds in less than two weeks. Anyone interested in a Liquid diet, see Dolly. She advises not to drink too much prune juice.

The clean-up girls wish their forelady, **Jo Kastelec**, would receive a letter from her sailor soon. They would like to see her smiling again.

Marge Csepregi received a hula outfit from her fiance in Hawaii.

The girls are wondering what the attraction is at the Jockey Club. Every time you walk in you see **Mary Pribish** with a million dollar smile.

Happy birthday was wished for **Elsie Taylor**, "linen room girl," July 6.

The girls wonder where all the fish **Grace Stevens** caught in Aurora, are.

Jerry Forgarty is welcomed from Group 9.

Ed Riley, assistant superintendent and foremen **Bob Otte** and **Bert Clark** are on vacation.

Group No. 5 is glad that they didn't lose their singing G-man, **Dwight Warren**, to the Army.

Everyone was glad to see **Marcella Morton** back on the job after her automobile accident.

Good wishes accompany **Bessie Cox, Marie Baity, Margaret Mitchell** and **Helen Washington** to Groups 4, 6 and 7 respectively.

The Women's Change House of Group 5 welcomes **Hester Cheatcham, Marian Stevensen, Frida Davis** and **Armintia Jordan.**

La Verne Dite, inspector, pulled a fast one on the gang. She was married July 3 to **Irvin Button** in Missouri.

Marion Bennett is now singing, "There'll be some changes made."

One of **Dalton Daley's** favorite dishes is good homemade spaghetti and meat balls. He's still a bachelor, you know.

Group 6

Harold Starr, foreman in 6-6, left for the Army Air Corps July 3. All were sorry to see "Hank" go, but know he'll make good in his new chosen field.

Alyce and **Edythe Krzich** and **Bunny Reichardt** spent the week-end in Davenport, Ia. It seems since Bunny has come back, she just doesn't care about jitterbugging any more. She'd rather do the old fashioned square dance.

Marge Cernugel is all smiles since her boyfriend is home on furlough.

The bright light that sparkles in **LaVelle Parker's** eyes may be due to wedding bells that are going to ring very soon.

Betty Palmer, forelady 6-4, is spending a vacation in Fond-du-lac, Wis.

All are glad to see **Marge Zugel** back at 6-4 after her recent illness.

Irene Cummins spent a week-end visiting her folks in Towanda, Ill.

Emily Wight entertained at a dinner party July 3 for her brother who is home on furlough from the Navy.

Edythe Krzich and **Ivan Olson** did a Russian dance so well one night many are afraid they are going to Hollywood.

The girls from the booster line enjoyed a wiener roast on the Island in Wilmington last week.

Bill Saffell is vacationing at his home in Ohio.

Norine Opel is back after spending some time with her folks in Decatur.

Group 6 bids good-bye to **Marian Hollmeyer** who left for the WACS.

Dorothy Connors looks wide awake lately, probably catching up on much needed sleep.

A card was received by the electricians from **Glen E. Lamphere** requesting that all his friends write to him. He is stationed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va.

Group 8

The day after the "Walkerettes" played Group 9 **Bill Strobel**, umpire, and **Mike Molnar**, cheering section, were accused of being all-out for the other team.

In Group 8's game with Group 1, the "Walkerettes" lost, by a score of 6-0. Batteries for the Group 8 team were: **Gomora** and **Dot Seno** on the mound, with **Stalzer** behind the plate. Two hits each were chalked up for **LaVerne Gomora** and **Eileen Woodcock.** . . . The "Walkerettes" played Group 9 and lost by a score of 10-8. Batteries were **Virginia Abraham** and Seno, with high batting averages going to **Dorothy Lehman** and **Olga Prebish.**

Lucille Englert is back at work again.

Jimmy Davidson always whistles a catchy tune during the noon-time quiet in the head assembly lines.

George Arseneau can't find anyone to play checkers with him anymore, because he always *wins.*

Juanita Fishbaugh is suffering from a bad sunburn, obtained on vacation.

Bernice Altenbrunn gets a letter from Honolulu, Hawaii, every week—and the name is **Russell.**

SERVING as secretary of the staff of The Bomb-Shell is keeping Evelyn Vilt, formerly of the Comptroller's Office, exceedingly busy these sweltering days. Miss Vilt, a resident of Coal City, was in the Personnel Division, War Department, before transferring to Sanderson & Porter. A sister, Josephine Vilt, is secretary to Maj. George A. Grant, executive officer.

Eddie Foley says he won't be needing his alarm clock much longer because his roosters will soon be old enough to wake him up in the morning.

Those two dozen beautiful roses sent to **Mary Majcina** by her husband, **Cpl. Eddie Majcina**, are something to smile about.

Lois Peterson says that the trains *going* somewhere, go awfully slow, but they always seem to want to get *back*, in a hurry! She can't understand it.

Group 9

Elizabeth Lyman and **Eleanor Bortkewicz** of the hard-working clean-up gang of Group 9 make the first aid station there a bright spot with their diligent cleaning.

Eddie Burns' three-week-old son, **Terrance Michael**, has a tooth already. He's really a super-baby.

Dolly Matia received a beautiful ring from **Ernie Wilson.**

Eleanor Hoagland has a sunburn that is a sunburn.

Mitzi Evetz spent her birthday with her boyfriend from Chanute Field.

Group 45
By Ruby Frederick

Mary Wright spent an enjoyable Fourth of July week-end in Elkhart, Ind., visiting relatives and friends.

Group 45 extends deepest sympathy to **Alice Meadows** whose mother died last week.

Tillie Watson has certainly been working under handicaps, with boils, sore throat and more boils.

Group 45 welcome **Beatrice "Dode" Posner** and **Irene Mulligan**, formerly of Group 7, to the salvage department.

Mary Lampman promises to be more careful crossing bridges hereafter.

There's no question about who is the luckiest girl at 45 as **Alice Jones** is way ahead of the rest.

Rilla Tallman doesn't appreciate her peach pie facial as given by **Helen Fritz.**

Mildred Doyle has a proud look on her face these days as her son, **Frank, Jr.**, became a marine July 12.

B. McQuerry is spending a vacation in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Joe Carter spent July 4 fishing, reporting nothing less than 12 inches.

Ben Gavin has returned to work after attending the funeral of his aunt.

George Peacher, better known as "Peaches," has new potatoes and ripe tomatoes in his Victory garden.

Earl Hays had a birthday this week.

Joe Belom is having a great time in his garden fighting potato bugs.

Bob Morris is thinking about taking a train for Washington.

Sun glasses are repaired by **Bill Blonske.**

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Bea Bovee took the place as correspondent of **Marjorie Howerton**, who is on vacation.

The crisis in the High Explosives office is past and usual activities have been resumed. The shortage of White Owl cigars threatened, for a time, it's smooth functioning but the situation was masterfully handled by such scouts as **E. G. McAloon, I. Bovee,** and **Al Augustine.**

Many fish tales have been emanating from Group 66—the evidence is hereby demanded and already fried.

The vacation of **St. Elmo "Kansas" Stewart**, superintendent of Group 66-A, was interrupted by an emergency operation at Silver Cross Hospital. Sympathy and best wishes for a quick recovery are sent by all.

Group 63
By Larry J. Dunda

La Verne Lyons of Channahon and Group 63 left July 10 as the group's latest contribution to the armed services.

An exciting tomato plant contest is on between two rival factions. One favors the use of sticks in supporting the plants and is headed by the two "countrymen," **Charles "Chuck" Di Peso** and **Tony Toglitti**, together with **Sgt. Carl Tock.** The opposing side, headed by such outstanding farm experts as **Joe Umphrey, Ray "Luther Burbank" Offerman** and **Chris Ciluffo**, is shaping up as quite an attraction at 63. The proving-ground for the experiment is the tomato patch near the well and the judges named, after due investigation of integrity and fair play, are **Ed La Rocque, Rex Thomas, Frank Stevens** and **Tony Zuppa**, with Mr. Bovee to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie. The tentative date for the judging is on or about August 1, if the plants come through by that time.

A triple birthday celebration was an added order of the day July 8 when Mr. Offerman's birthday (July 6), Mr. Thomas' and Bea Bovee's (on the same day, July 10) were observed at the noon-hour with cake, ice cream and soft drinks on the side. Decorations bordered on the gay side and everyone agreed it was a gala affair.

FOX hole maneuvers have been keeping T/Sgt. Arthur Menning, formerly of Group 6, busy near Nashville, Tenn.

Fulton "Foley" Edmonds claims the motor-scooter operated in the group still hasn't licked him, despite the bucking-bronco tactics of the scooter, when the front wheel reared up at a mud puddle the other day, bruised the rider's left shin, but still didn't throw him.

Group 68
By Elmer Zost

Group 68 has reached an all time high with 102 employees—this figure includes drivers, helpers and some of **A. J. MacLellan's** ace inspectors.

Morris Flynn and **Robert Broch** wrote from New York that they are enjoying a vacation very much trying to hit all the night spots in and around Times Square.

But while some are on vacation others are very busy, namely, **Dick Sabastian** and **Raymond Luellen** who are making notoriously poor weather predictions and excuses for the bad showing displayed by the White Sox.

Don't forget! Russ Morgan and his orchestra are being featured by **Elmer Zost** and **Frank Perino** at their Ivy Way Gardens in Marseilles, Ill., July 17th.

The fellows who really know say that **Harvey Watkins** is God's gift to the girls.

Maybe **Jim Nolan** should try Crosby's horses.

Olive Bisping seems to have an appetite these days. There's a rumor she ate three dinners one day.

Many wonder what **Elaine Trudeau** will do if both of her heart-throbs come home on furlough at the same time.

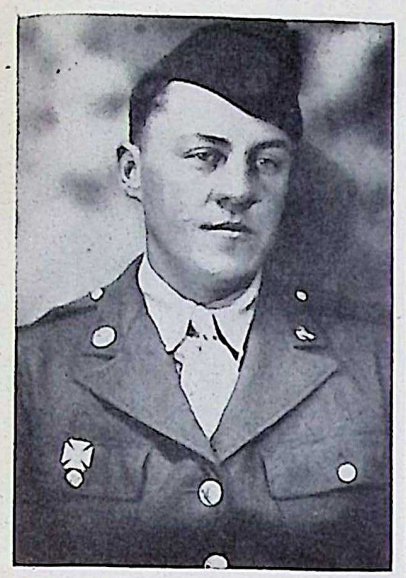
J. Claude Heap is leaving soon for California and other points west.

Harl Son, load line safety supervisor, has sworn not to return **Stu Moloney's** girdle until he finds out exactly *what* was in that free lunch Moloney prepared.

Wieber on Swing Shift

Bob Wieber, safety engineer in Group 2, took over a swing shift assignment June 1 to cover all lines on days off for safety engineers who have Sunday jobs in the groups.

SON of Ray Trimby, EOP sheet metal worker, Pfc. Benjamin L. Trimby, now an aircraft inspector with a Ferrying Squadron overseas, also used to work at the Sheet Metal Shop here.



BROTHER of Johnny R. Williamson, head progress clerk in Group 3, Pfc. William R. Williamson, now at Camp Irwin, California, also worked here on road maintenance. A sister, Olive M. Williamson, formerly worked in Group 4.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Max Wolfson's wife was recently rushed from Wilmington to Chicago for an emergency operation. All are happy to learn that she is convalescing at Henrotin Hospital.

Edward E. McKinney, formerly of the Hospital, writes that he is located at Great Lakes in the Navy.

A welcome sign should have been hanging in the Administration Building Timekeeping office when **Margaret Fitzhugh** returned from her illness.

Rita Dwyer, of Expediting, is vacationing in St. Louis.

Edward Fitzer's son, **Ray D. Fitzer** of the U. S. Army, announced his engagement recently to **Berniece Green,** of Joliet.

John Gott, of the owl shift in Tabulating, spent a vacation outdoors enjoying the country air on a farm—the result was an honest-to-goodness tanning.

The cute little Irish gals of Auditing, **Vi Donlan** and **Shirley Gersich,** plan to spend their vacation, starting July 19, out west.

Max Waldvogel, of Labor Cost Accounting, has returned from vacation.

Wedding bells rang out for **Hugh Thompson** while on vacation. **Jean Vance,** of Dwight, was the lucky gal.

Bill Lanterman says his badge shows him 54 pounds ago . . . country air must agree with Bill.

H. Rostron, of Engineering, is vacationing in Philadelphia.

No kiddin' . . . the big ones did get away from **Harl E. Son, Jr.** on his recent fishing at Houghton, Mich. Understand the biggest game on his line was the bait.

Tex Jackson writes that he is up where he has not heard of anyone having gas trouble . . . Montreal, Canada does not bother with gasoline coupons.

Betty Kovach, of Auditing, has a lovely tan. She's getting to be quite a swimmer.

Helen Tusek, Ann Carboni, Ruth Hitchcock and **Margaret Kay** did some recreationing at Lake Geneva over the week-end.

Hats off to **George Buttel, Sr.,** who has an exceptional record of attendance at work. . . . Only a snowstorm remembered by all kept him from his desk.

L. J. Sullivan, James Ryan, Sophie Mores and **Ralph Piper** joined **Charles Reilly's** department recently and moved bag and baggage into Room 49.

Anita Lambert's boy friend, **Eddie Farrell,** was home on furlough recently from Aberdeen Proving Ground and upon his return was transferred to Roanoke, Va. He was formerly of Group I.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oldani and some friends had a picnic at Vanhorn Woods. Bill says he was all wet . . . fell into the water with his clothes on.

Betty Fedderson is substituting for **Marjorie Lawhead,** who is on vacation.

Morris, Ill., gained while EOP lost. . . . **Bill Bishop** went home on vacation . . . but will return.

H. H. Clark, chief expediter, was seen paying off a bet in a nearby cornfield Saturday noon, July 3. Due to the rain and slow growing season this spring, Mr. Clark figured his tall dimpled knees would still hover over the tallest corn by July 4. It is reported by witnesses that **Earl Carroll** may be looking for just such a shapely limb.

Bob Bailey, Purchasing, fished in the lake . . . to get the motor of his boat . . . *Now he has sold the boat.*

William Sullivan, Tabulating, found something that was very unpatriotic . . . name unknown, she tromped his 150 tomato plants. Bill certainly gave that long-faced heifer a name . . (censored) . . since she broke out of the barn.

Leon "Sandy" Saniford, formerly of **C. J. Coburn's** Department and of the Pine Bluff Arsenal, died at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet June 30.

On vacation . . . destination unknown . . . are **Earl Moline** of the Stock Room, **Ethel Connor,** of Accounting, **Clarence Warning,** of Expediting, and **George Prince** of the Bond Department.

A party of 30 from the Administration Building attended the Yanks-White Sox game in Chicago July 8.

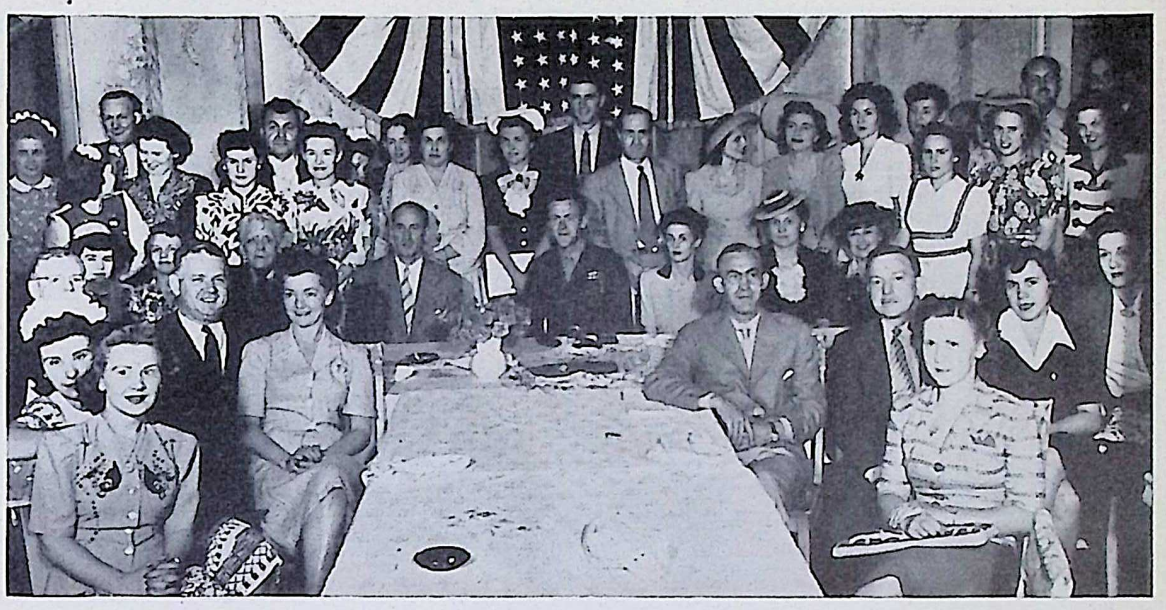
Esther Stevens went home for her vacation . . . Springfield. **Rosemary Kane** plans a vacation in Ohio. **B. F. Nell** may go to Wisconsin, if the trains are still running. **E. S. Craik** desires a few of those little perch from Lake Michigan. . . . **Marilyn Rhodes** plans on swimming every day in Crystal Lake. . . . **Glenn Eastburn** is just sawing wood . . . in his sleep . . . on vacation.

MILITARY police duties at Washington, D. C., are the assignment of Pfc. Edward J. Early, a former guard here and brother of Lola Early, secretary to E. O. Huey.

George Altstadt, Accounting, left for the Navy July 6. The Department presented him with a gift and all were sincerely sorry to see him leave. He has been with Sanderson & Porter since December, 1940.

E. V. "Farmer" Sperling is "going to town" . . . he is sporting a pair of ice cream pants so he must be letting his Victory garden go to grass.

Harry J. Carlin, of Engineering, says he had a *free* Fifth of July . . . *free* ride, *free* lunch but no *free* breakfast. He figures that was one time he got even for being *free* to go to the Army. He leaves July 26 for Camp Grant Reception Center, Engineering Corps, and will leave there for Camp Claibourne, La. The entire department attended a going-away party for him at Naperville June 8.



PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS gathered at the Woodruff Hotel July 7 to pay tribute to Robert Hamlin, former associate of the department, recently returned from Guadalcanal and the other South Pacific Islands where he fought with the Marines for several months.

John Platz, of Auditing, certainly has a brood . . . ninety and nine little chicks and one is named Susie.

Sympathy goes to **Frances Rager,** of Auditing, whose father died recently.

Being a great outdoor man has certainly improved the color of **John Machias** . . . such a beautiful tan on a likeable man.

Many want to know what **Karl Ulrich** plans to do with 18 rows of sweet corn.

Dale Montgomery, of the Field Engineers, is on vacation in the southern part of the state.

Katherine Johnson leaves July 19 on vacation and plans to take in the races and to attend a few ball games. She needs some pointers on how to have her team win every time.

Marion Shelley, Shirley Grassle, Hazel Koller and **Bernadine Klausing** went to Chicago one evening to see "Junior Miss." By the way, Marion just heard from her brother, **Frank Richard "Zeke" Shelley,** that he is overseas.

W. N. Simonds is moving from Elwood to Chicago. A long ride back and forth to work will obtain the fresh air of the country.

Wilhemina Roeder left July 9 for vacation in Indiana.

W. Rockrohr is certainly proud of his Victory garden at Elwood. Nothing could outshine his asparagus, he says. Now the spuds are predicted to outsize anything in the field of gardening. He talks about soy beans and doesn't forget the crops from the fruit trees. Laying all jokes aside, all are proud of Rocky's success in gardening, but he shouldn't brag when "Farmer" Sperling is around.

When your father is an undertaker you become accustomed to caskets in the funeral home. There is a miniature casket on the desk of **Margaret Lonyo** of Dwight. An inscription on the top says, "Use It Wisely" . . . which is difficult to interpret.

Helen Carey, who worked in Office Management at one time, is the new employee at the Mess Hall . . . she is the gorgeous brunette handling the cash register.

Many wonder if **F. E. Whitney** did any "woofing" when he barked his shins recently.

A. E. Kinson is in the market for crib fasteners. It seems he can't keep the covers on these nights and is afraid a breeze might "flu" over him.

The Purchasing Department had a picnic at Rivals Lodge Saturday afternoon, June 26. Miss Shelley took pictures which were the only flop of the day. . . . **Jeanette Larsen** beat Mr. Craik at wrestling. . . . Miss Johnson's baseball team beat **V. L. Knudson's.** . . . Miss Grassle and Miss Shelley jitterbugged . . . and Marion and **S. P. Nyren** harmonized. Mr. Knudson, champion of the day, was the only one who could throw crabapples into a glass. It was not reported if a contest was held to see who could spit seeds the farthest when they had watermelon down by the river.

Hugh Henderson is parting a vacation . . . part in June and part in July.

Floyd Stuka, formerly of the Mail Room, was a visitor July 6. **Bill Ostermeier,** formerly of Multilith, is also stationed at Farragut, Ia., in the Navy with Floyd.

Art Birsa bought an $8 pair of shoes (brown) when he planned to go to Chicago to join the Army. Imagine trying to outargue an officer when he wrote down "Navy" back of Art's name. Art says the Navy is grand even if they throw you into the water and say "sink or swim." He is stationed at Farragut, Ia., and visited his former department head, **V. M. Dagenais,** July 6.

Paul L. Deylitz, formerly superintendent of Group 61, is now industrial engineer and is located in Room 217, Administration Building.

Episodes of the Auditing Department—**Mr. Coburn** has been taught by *experience* not to go driving on a country road, smoking a cigar with his new straw hat lying on the rear seat. . . . **Irene Mellinger** is working after a very restful vacation at home. . . . **Delores Kane** is at present wearing African Campaign stripes. . . . **Annemarie Kinney** has two bruised knees, result of a taxi ride in Milwaukee July 4. . . . **Hugh Henderson** was seen in the Officer's Club at Great Lakes Training Station the Fourth of July week-end.

Q. Will the veterans of World War II be permitted to carry their Government insurance after the war? If so, for how long?

A. National Service Life Insurance is issued upon the 5-year level premium term plan, with the privilege of conversion to policies of ordinary life, 20-payment or 30-payment life insurance. The act provides that all 5-year level term policies shall terminate at the expiration of the term period. It is possible that Congress will have for consideration the renewal of this type of insurance as it has in the case of World War I veterans. If the 5-year term insurance is changed to one of the above specified policies the insurance will remain in effect as long as the premiums are paid.

Q. Is it improper to wash the American flag?

A. Absolutely not. It is no disrespect to wash or dry-clean an American flag. It is also proper to mend the flag when torn, unless it is in such bad condition that it would be a discredit to the owner if displayed.

Q. Who originated the Purple Heart decoration?

A. The Purple Heart, awarded to officers and enlisted men for meritorious service against an armed enemy, was created by Gen. George Washington as a decoration for his Revolutionary soldiers. The decoration was discontinued after the Revolution out of respect for Revolutionary soldiers to make it exclusive, but was revived after World War I and bestowed upon officers and enlisted men, wounded or gassed.

Group 60 Loses to Fuze & Booster

In the start of the first round of play of the EOP Girls' Softball League the Group 1 team defeated Group 8 by a score of 6 to 0 June 28. **Betty Ford** and **Mary Elkins** led the winners with three hits each.

Group 60 and Fuze & Booster put on a great slugging match July 1 showing the fans what the bats are made for. Fuze & Booster came out on the long end of the 17 to 16 score, pounding out 24 hits while Group 60 found the range for 14 hits. **Barbara Greenwood,** Fuze & Booster third baseman, had four hits in five times at bat.

In the final game of the day Group 8 defeated Group 9, 10 to 8 in a well played contest. **Dotty Lehman** was the batting star with two hits in two times at bat. **Dorothy Eglin** of Group 9 pitched a good game and got two hits in three times at bat.

Group 8—0	AB	R	H
Gomora,1b	3	0	2
Prebish,3b	0	0	0
Stalzer,c	2	0	1
Bailey,2b	2	0	0
Lehm'n,ss*	2	0	1
Preboy,lf	2	0	0
Abrah'm,cf	2	0	0
Seno,sc*	2	0	0
Woodco'k,p	2	0	2
Thomas,rf	2	0	0
	19	0	6

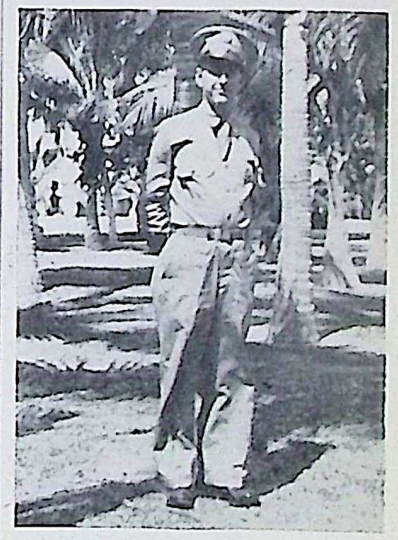
Group 1—6	AB	R	H
Gurka,1b	2	1	1
Chiniske,sc	2	1	0
Ford,p	3	1	3
Iverson,2b	2	1	0
Horvath,cf	3	0	0
Elkins,ss	3	0	3
Stafford,lf	2	0	1
Jenkins,3b	3	1	1
Harnack,c	2	2	2
	22	7	11

Group 60—16	AB	R	H
Shols,3b	5	1	0
Shonert,1b	5	3	2
Horrie,sc	2	3	0
O'Keefe,lf	4	2	3
Gussman,rf	3	1	1
Cusick,cf	3	1	0
Kakara,c	3	2	1
Martin,ss	4	1	2
Faris,p	3	2	3
Goff,2b	4	0	2
	36	16	14

Fuze & Booster 17	AB	R	H
Kolesar,ss	4	2	2
Birske,cf	4	2	2
Gre'nw'd,3b	5	2	4
Clapper,p	3	3	2
Tan'ovic,2b	3	0	2
Mowry,sc	4	1	1
DuLan'y,1b	4	1	1
Freeman,c	4	1	2
Pichon,rf	4	2	2
Karpel,lf	4	3	3
	39	17	21

Group 8—10	AB	R	H
Seno,p	2	1	0
Preboy,lf	1	1	0
Gomora,1b	2	2	1
Abraham,c	1	1	0
W'dco'k,cf	3	1	1
Bailey,2b	2	1	1
Smutnak,rf	2	1	1
Lehman,ss	2	2	2
Thomas,sc	2	0	1
Prebish,3b	2	0	2
	19	10	9

Group 9—8	AB	R	H
Matin,lf	3	1	2
Eglin,p	3	1	2
Studer,c	3	1	2
Vallente,1b	3	1	2
Ross,3b	3	1	2
Fisher,2b	3	1	1
Rassati,ss	2	1	1
Motta,rf	2	1	0
Vah'nk'p,cf	3	0	2
Gervase,sc	3	0	0
	28	8	14



TRAINING for overseas duty, Pvt. Ervin Bretzman is in a Military Police unit at Miami Beach, Fla.

HAPPY HOME is maintained by Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Jordan at the Federal Housing Project in Wilmington. Mrs. Jordan is employed in the office of the project, while Mr. Jordan is a foreman at Group 7, EOP.

Fire

STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF

Correspondents

Many broke down and cried when **Joe Drazy** left for the Army. The Fire Department can ill afford to lose such a sterling character. Joe's sunny smile, willing manner, and all-around good fellowship will be remembered. **George Learned, Tony Doman** and **Ralph Batty** will never smile again until their partner returns from the wars be-decked with medals.

The foregoing statement was prepared by Mr. Drazy. There is a note found on pamphlets issued by some brokerage houses and market analysts and it is reproduced here: "This information does not necessarily reflect our views on the subject, but comes to us from a usually reliable source. We do not, however, vouch for its authenticity."

Lovers of the classics should not miss **Lt. Edwin D. Selle's** description of his recent Army physical in Chicago.

Before Mr. Doman left for the Navy, he was regaled with the usual unsolicited and unheeded advice when he checked the chatter with "To heck with this starting at the bottom and working up! Why can't I enlist as an admiral and grab off a lieutenant commander's job on the way down?"

Wiley Bell has a beautiful lady tattooed on his shoulders and back. After a sun bath which evidently lasted as long as the North African campaign, strange things happened to the gorgeous bit of artistry. A casual glance at the lady disclosed that she had sprouted water bags under her eyes and water blisters on the knees.

The "Never Say Die" club has risen again. After a disastrous experience in fox-farming, the Fire Department has secured two new mascots. **Chief Roy Mortenson** kept manipulating until he finally obtained two pet raccoons. Their names have yet to be selected, but the first one to bite this writer will receive a dandy one, you can betcha. **Fred Johnson, Donnie Jones, Don Barnett, Eddie Powell, Ralph Blake, Willie Hayes, Orville Milton, Eddie Randolph** and **Jim Kerwin** each grabbed a hairpin and some tooth-picks and before you could say Ichabod Ickelheimer, living quarters were provided for the pets. The above crew sounds like a lotta helpers, but bear in mind that the boys made a lotta cage, coop, kennel, coon-house, menagerie, roost or whatever it is they put around pets to keep them from roaming.

Frankie Nolan has re-christened **George Philip, Frank Goldenstein, Frank Keeley, Cal Gordon, Bert Benson, George Rogina, Len Anderson, Ed Koren** and the rest of the boys at Station 3. Francis lovingly refers to them as Mandrake the Magician, and his 40 sleeves. Whenever flower seeds or paint are mentioned, Mr. Nolan pales, purples, reddens, gasps, gurgles and jumps into the Burning Pit to cool off.

Things move fast around the Fire Stations. The lads leave for the Army, the sweet-things of the Department fall in love with one schedule after another, and many pets are lost. Recently a strange dog attached itself to the Central Fire Station and **Frank Scoma's** name. Now whenever Chief Mortenson gently murmurs to Frank to come into the office for a friendly chat (pole-axes at two paces) in bounds the hound and plants a kiss on his honor's whiskers. This practice is exquisitely distasteful to the Chief and Scoma.

And the boys at Station 3 mourn the departure of their little playmate, a St. Bernard dog named "Adler." Adler was just like one of the boys, he bit everyone.

Station 2 was ably represented in Joliet the other night by **Michael Ryan**, fresh from Calumet City. Mr. Ryan's charming personality and genuine appreciation of life's finer pleasantries have enshrined him in the hearts of **Tom Bretto, Vern Martin, Gerry Noyd, Frank Popstein, Vern McKimson**, and the other fine gentlemen who form the flame fighting fraternity for the Administration and Fuse and Booster Areas.

Walt Panian officially became a member of the Armed forces July 6. **Bill Dust** beat him to it by three days. Both men are now on the usual furlough.

Loris "Candy" Hart, now a private in Uncle Sam's Army, is getting his basic training with the Engineers in Georgia.

Johnny Connelly has been doing a lot of struggling lately, trying to force petunias and other posies to sprout where only grass grew before, but he's getting the grounds about Central Fire Station to look like a squire's manor. As long as he doesn't have to haul sod, he never gets *stuck* in his work. It is being rumored that Johnny is going to play the part of the gravedigger in "Hamlet," if any producer needs him.

Sgt. Frank George intends to do a lot of fishin' while on vacation if he can find all the parts to his rod and reel.—In some strange manner he lost a few very important parts and so far will have to confine his fishing to the markets instead of his favorite haunts along the DuPage, Fox, Kankakee and Swanee rivers.

Charlie Kammerman recently has been seen looking into a mirror frequently, watching for any appreciable signs of old age, and hoping time will go backward.

Clyde Townsend, extinguisher service man de luxe, has returned from vacation . . . all expect the office to be filled with flowers (or asparagus) any day now.

Inspector **Orval Riggs**, Group 3, is on his way to master the art of welding—in the event he does any welding, he can *stand-by* himself.

James "Call me Governor" Small, spends most of his time trying to figure how to make a fortune quickly and without effort—perhaps some day the cards will fall his way.

Guards

GENE RYAN

Correspondent

C. J. Klafta is pinch-hitting as correspondent for **Lt. Eugene Ryan** who is vacationing for two weeks. Gene will spend the vacation as follows: paint his house, attend a few ball games and a day at Washington Park race track.

Lt. Cecil Johnson, Sgt. Albert Frankovich and **Cpl. Roy Jaggers** played host to the guards of Group 3-A on **Capt. Thomas Murphy's** shift June 26 at a party at the Kuntz estate on the Kankakee river. An elaborate array of food and refreshments was provided for and enjoyed by the guests. Former guards **Leo Schroeder** and **E. Pattengale** of Peotone attended. The highlight of the party was a speech given by **Frank Kuntz**. During the festivities the door prize was mislaid. There appears varied speculation as to time things broke up, but after all had departed Kuntz and **Harry Wood** returned to look for the door prize. Their joint statement issued the next day was, "Sighted prize, consumed same."

Group 3 lost one of its best liked and most efficient guards when **Porter Cassaday** resigned. All the workers and guards who knew "Cass" wish him the best of luck wherever he goes.

Capt. Walter L. Bayer is vacationing. He should have some good fish stories to tell when he gets back.

Lt. W. S. "Pete" McClellan took his family to the circus a few weeks ago. Who wanted to go . . . the lieutenant or the kiddies?

Former Dispatcher **Carl Kornmeyer** is now working for Uncle Sam. He would enjoy hearing from his friends at the EOP.

Frank Greene, who was stationed at the Personnel Building, left to accept employment with the Navy in the state of Washington.

Joseph Wolf has been promoted to dispatcher. He has returned from vacation and is putting in his spare time peeling epidermis, the result of too much exposure to the sun.

Sgt. Earl Goodknecht, in charge of equipment, has been promoted to lieutenant.

It is a most embarrassing moment to stay at the Guard House and relate the next morning a dream you seem to have had of a beautiful lady and a man in uniform waking you up, only to be told that it actually happened.

A short short story complete in this issue follows:

For weeks the halls in the Guard House had echoed the dull monotonous click of the hammer falling on an empty cylinder. In a monotone there was a repetition of the "one thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three," the time which elapses between the appearance and disappearance of the silhouette target. Each morning, faithfully, the first 10 minutes were spent in the stockroom with a watchman's clock suspended from the wrist while the tried and true Colt No. 160, was held unwaveringly on an imaginary bullseye. Thus did Dispatcher Klafta prepare for the supreme test of his career.

Came the dawn of July 5, the day set aside for the celebration of the Nation's greatest event. Another great event is to take place for Klafta is to meet the deadly **Lt. Eylar Brunskill** on the field of honor (with a side bet of $2). Through rapid, timed and slow fire they go with Klafta building up a slight lead, although Brunskill clings tenaciously at his heels. Then, into the stretch, or rather the silhouette, they breeze. Here is where the hero met his Waterloo, for the steady arm of Brunskill (who, by the way, was free from perspiration) directed the entire 15 shells to the mark. The strain was more than human nature could bear, and Klafta fell down with only 11 hits. Final score—Lt. Brunskill 88.33, Dispatcher Klafta 80.62. **Chief M. C. Baughman** presented the winner with a bouquet of roses and the loser received razzberries.

With the Women

Gladys Koerner has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. She has been in charge of the midnight shift for several months.

Twice H. Jones and his fellow officers have greeted the women guards with a snappy salute as they entered Group 3-A. To all of them the girls say "thank you."

Everyone loves a surprise. **Bea McInerney** received one last week. Her husband came home on furlough from Newfoundland. He has been stationed there with the Seabees for a year. She couldn't be blamed for being excited when she learned he had returned so unexpectedly.

Verla Chism Fisher has discontinued her duties as a woman guard in lieu of those of a housewife. Verla was one of the pioneers here and wherever she goes she knows that best wishes go with her.

Among those enjoying vacations are **Luella Lipschutz, Margaret Cavolt, Delores Helmick** and **Grace Day**. Due to gas rationing, all long trips were cancelled, but everyone reported enjoying themselves immensely.

Sarah Van Slyke's son, **Earl**, left for Shepherd Field, Texas.

Margaret Egan and **Ruby Lantz** have returned from vacations. Both of them say that they had a nice rest, but are glad to be back.

The department sympathizes with Lt. Koerner whose father died recently.

Mayona Nelson is fishing in Wisconsin. She hopes to solve the problem of meat rationing by proving that she is a real fisherman.

Bette Walters left the department to join her husband at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Polly Morrow, Kay Koncor and **Esther Martin** spent July 4 at Fox Lake, Ill. They really took in the sights, in fact, Polly says that there wasn't a thing that they missed.

Material Warehouse

PAUL ROY

Correspondent

The Warehouse staff welcomes back **Cpl. Frank Walsh**, who has returned from 11½ months in the Army. His return is due to the 38 years age limit. Frank, before his induction into the service, was a material checker at Group 63 and Group 66-A. In the service he was with the Troop Transport Division of the Air Corps and spent 9½ months overseas.

Farewells were said to **Jay A. Fold**. "Bert," as he was better known by his fellow employees, left his job as a checker here to work for the Illinois Steel Co. in Joliet. He was employed here 2½ years, 24 months of which were spent as a timekeeper.

Summer is not here as yet according to **Fred Nelson** and **Joseph Horrell**, who still insist on wearing their vests. Some say Fred would still be wearing his overcoat had not his wife disposed of it recently.

Dyer Vaillancourt claims he is the best chicken raiser in Group 70 . . . that is from the platter to his plate.

Since **Oscar Horn** has returned from his vacation he is better known as "Oscar the Painter." According to a report, Oscar started to paint his house from the top down as most painters do, but as Oscar reached half way down one side he was forced to put the paint away. He already had too much paint for one side from the drippings of the top half.

Alexander Kravitz, material checker, has been transferred from the Richards Farm Warehouse to Group 70.

Fisherman **Stephen "Cat" Felix** spent July 4 week-end setting on the river bank trying to outsmart some poor little innocent fish. According to his reports he did catch some.

Thomas Martin, Irene Croxen, Francis Grinrod, Louis Parys and **Fred Nelson** are on vacation.

Deacon **Otto Heap**, the venerable sage of Kendall County, recently returned to work after a two weeks' sojourn on his county estate. He reports many interesting experiments conducted in his laboratory. He is crossing crows, seagulls and turkeys. His claim is that the seagulls and turkey add weight, while the crow portion makes a bird which covers a wide area eating the neighbors' grain.

At the present time Otto is nurse maid for 200 ducks. Lester, his pet duck, recently swallowed Otto's badge. A close watch is being kept of the eggs. Anyone finding Otto's badge in an egg is asked to return it to Group 27 and receive a reward.

Take Salt Tablets

Salt tablet dispensers throughout the Area will be serviced by the group safety engineers this spring and summer, it was announced. Workers are advised to take the tablets daily to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

Peace and quiet reign once again . . . the good ol' Fourth of July is a thing of the past . . . and believe it or not . . . an inventory reveals that everyone reported back with all ten fingers . . . wonderful, ain't it? . . . **Kay Cusick** had a heck of a time . . . and to top it all off . . . appears with an up-sweep hair-do . . . but she was not satisfied with just having herself all duded up she had all the gals go along . . . take a look at **Mary Dagon, Hazel Koller, Imogene Burroughs, Anamarie Schroeder** and **Dottie Herbst** . . . They're all in an up-to too . . . sort of epidemic like.

Personnel bid good bye to four gals . . . **Lee Sopher, Edna Eaton, Emma Shea** and **Virginia Willard.** . . . Lee has gone back to good old home town Streator. Edna and Em are esconsced at KNK and Ginnie is thinking about joining hubby who is a lieutenant in the Army.

Suppose ya know by now that **Mollie Baker,** the rascal of teletype fame, is now the bride of **Lt. Kenneth Scott** . . . Mollie will be back after the honeymoon and all will be there to give out the glad hand for congratulations.

Janet Chapman's better half is in the Armed Forces and is stationed at Texas . . . Janet says she knew he would be sent there as she has inhibitions regarding the Panhandle state . . . but she probably will hie herself down that way come vacation.

Kay Rosenbaum of **Johnny Welch's** office was chatting exuberantly to a member of Payroll in line at the Mess Hall last week . . . many wonder if she still gets those letters from the soldier overseas???? . . . Haven't heard much about that lately . . . guess the carpet sweeper will have to start rolling over that way soon.

Bernece Carlson's boyfriend zooms over Joliet every once in awhile . . . she wishes he could toss her a message instead of having to depend upon the mail . . . maybe she could put an X on the roof of her house so he could find it.

"Killer" Koller had quite a vacation . . . she went to California and from all sections reports come through that she is in a desperate mood . . . for further details consult the killer-diller.

Got news of **Mary Lou Schwartz** via her swell boss, **Jo Kush** . . . she is living in Washington while husband, **Bill,** is stationed at Fort Lewis . . . she is working in the Transportation Department there.

Kay Reubart couldn't decide whether to take her pride and joy to the circus or not . . . your reporter sure wishes she could have gone . . . there is nothing like a circus to raise your morale . . . sorta makes you feel like a kid again and if you don't remember how that feels . . . brother you're getting old.

Miss Dagon plans to give croquet lessons any day now . . . according to witnesses she is quite a whiz . . . **Vera Gussman** had to take a back seat the other day when Mary took the mallets in hand. . . . It takes her forever to get her aim . . . but when she does . . . the first nine rows have to move back.

Mavis Emerson created quite a sensation in Kankakee the other night showing the **Tommy Haigh's** around the town . . . by the way didja know that Mrs. Haigh is becoming proficient on the values of mousetraps and mousers . . . course she has had quite a lot of help from **Carmen Oldani** . . . Between the two of them . . . the Haigh's almost lost their happy home.

Anne Kakara spent the week end in Chicago, seeing the sights and visiting friends.

Helen Harmon is running close competition with the mail man . . . she has quite a string of service men writing her . . . but haven't heard Helen say which one she enjoys the best . . . so-o- must still be Bill.

Certainly glad to hear **Evelyn Vilt's** charming voice over the editor's phone . . . She's a swell gal and besides she's pretty, too . . . but then when you look at sister **Josephine,** it isn't hard to understand.

Wish the conversation of the Kankakee auto could be recorded . . . what with the Dix sisters, **Lois** and **Evelyn, Charlotte Matheny,** Miss Emerson and **Bea Peterson** . . . bet there would be plenty of material for a column now and then . . . to add to the general confusion they have permitted Mr. Haigh to join 'em.

Danny Considine was showing a picture of his son the other day . . . it is sure a dandy and when the family can spare it *The Bomb-Shell* readers will get a break and see it too. . . . He's in the armed forces and is in Alaska. . . . Can't blame pappy for being proud of that.

Lois Ressler is vacationing and is going to spend most of it around home . . . course the big city of Chicago will get a whirl for a few days.

Johnny Odchodnicky was having a lot of fun with the chef at the Mess Hall . . . seems like the portions were a little out of line . . . Johnny has such a keen sense of humor that he can get every one smiling without even trying too hard. . . . Many wonder how the contest on raising babies is coming . . . Johnny and **Phil Hahn** haven't been loud in their plaudits of their offspring lately . . . don't believe it . . . they still think theirs is the best.

Flashes of the week from the lads at war . . . **Jerry J. Russ** is in Tampa, Fla. . . . **Ray Marquardt** and **Mel Huston** are at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. . . . they all send greetings and hope to hear from the gals and guys here right soon.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

While vacationing in Evanston, **Dorothy Lundin** is to be guest speaker at a missionary meeting.

Ye ol' swimming hole saw **Veronica Kelly** diving into it frequently after work during hot weather.

Departing for a new position recently, **Myrtle Burrus** was given a lovely pearl necklace for remembrance by the Hospital staff.

Pvt. Robert Anderson, former ambulance driver, visited the Hospital when home on furlough. He is stationed at Aberdeen, Md.

Much counting of the days till July 11 occupied the mind of pretty **Lorene Motto** while awaiting vacation time.

The *cake* goes to **Tom Moore** who said he clips his eyebrows, because they curl into his eyes and interfere with his glasses.

Maurice Bremer's son was given a promotion recently. He is now **S/Sgt. Gordon Bremer,** meterologist, somewhere in Africa.

Dr. H. L. Schultz is sporting a new pair of maroon seat covers for his car.

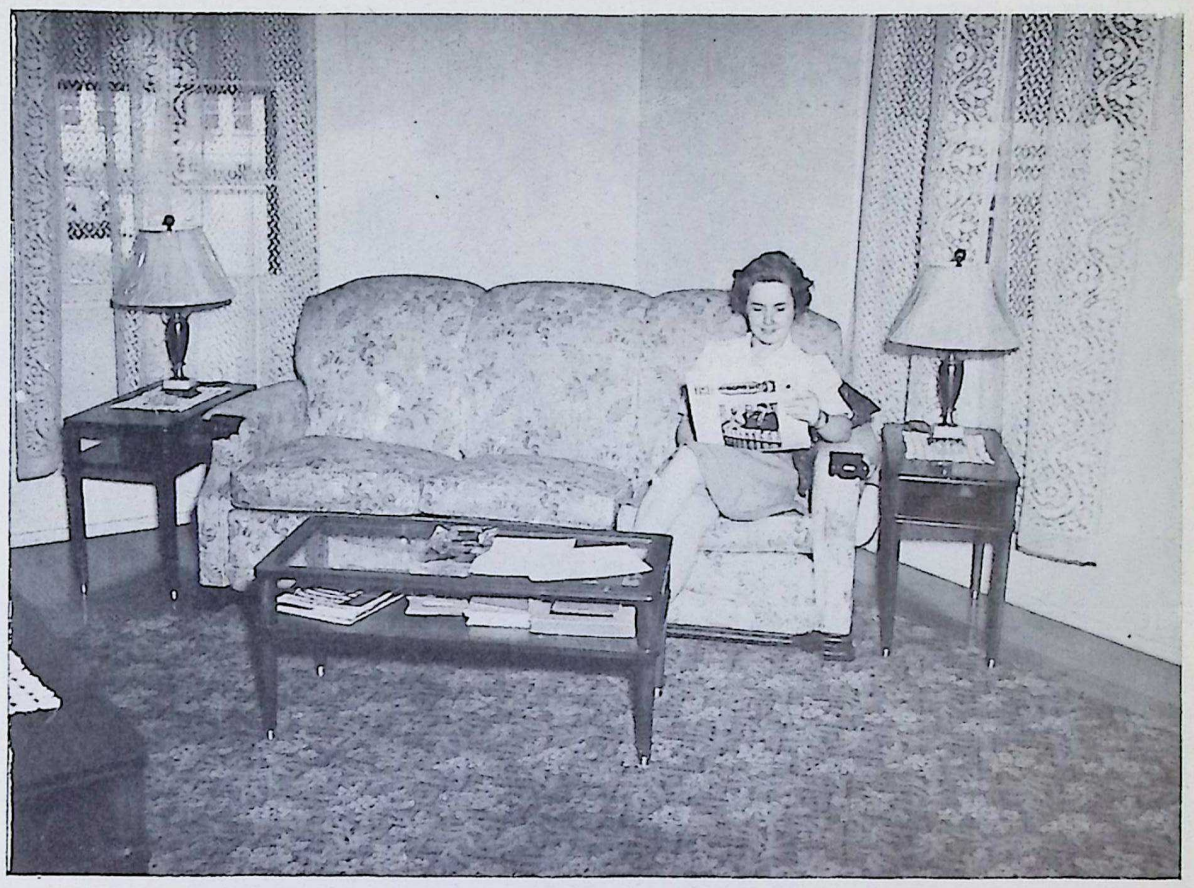
While golfing **Wallace Koepp** was burned . . . could be the sun or his score . . . anyway he said that his sunburn is a lot better than his golf game.

A surprise was in store for **Margaret Gregovich** when she returned home from work. Yep! When she arrived her husband was home on furlough from (clap, clap, clap) Texas. It is understandable why she is on vacation now.

Esther Anderson was so enthralled eating chicken at a Sunday School picnic that she was not aware of the ice cubes down her back.

Good-natured **Nellie Lazio** is going around with *bangs* these days. Yep, it's a new hair-do, she's trying—and a nifty one at that.

Elsie Robert's frequent trips to Chicago may be due to her interest in her interior decorating and gift shop.



COMFORTABLE LIVING ROOM is part of the residence of Mrs. Robert G. Jordan in the Federal Housing Project at Wilmington.

Marjorie Hartong's Victory garden is giving good results. She has harvested six pounds of luscious peas from it already. Lettuce was another successful crop.

June Hull is having difficulties arranging a picnic . . . the drawback is rain no matter where they go.

No slapping of **Dorothy Schoop's** back is permitted. The reason is plain and simple — rare back — caused by picking currants in a blistering sun.

Farmerette **Elizabeth Russell** reports her Victory garden has been ravished by bugs of all kinds —even the soil is disappearing.

Drawin' **Ozoro Blanchard** is an old hand at cooking southern fried potatoes.

Dr. Jim Madura, the magician, attempted to remove developer stains from a uniform. He put on one solution—nothing happened—the second solution was dabbed on cautiously. Immediately the material turned orange. A third solution was put on and it turned black. By this time the nurse was a bit disturbed by the procedure and then **R. R. Sidell** came to the rescue—with another bit of black magic and presto—it turned white again.

Ordnance Inspection

CATHERINE TOMLIANOVICH
Correspondent

When bigger and better stories are told **Melvin Dugan** will tell 'em. He is relaxing at Hines Hospital while the poor medicos labor to reduce his waist line from a stylish-stout 42 to a fashionable 40. He admits the process will prove an asset. . . . **Kermitt Long's** natural suntan is the envy of the girls. He says Victory gardening is responsible, but nearly everyone knows fishing is a wonderful pastime.

William "Pete" Peterson's contribution to the "Laboratory Journal" is a timely message—"Get rid of those yellow devils and goose stepping rats double quick." . . . **Paul Smith's** inevitable Robert Burns "cigarillo" has been scenting Rooms 1, 2 and 3 of the Administration Building for quite a spell. The only person who could possibly enjoy the aroma is **Linnetta Parry** and she's lost her sense of smell. . . . An important appointment can keep any man waiting for any length of time, but how can **Clara Brennan** keep her husband waiting an hour and a half at Walgreen's corner? Smiling **Lois Dix** was welcomed in Room 1.

Palma Weston, a former inspector, is employed in a munitions plant in Decatur . . . happens to be at the same place **Nellie Lemke** departed for sometime ago to be with her hubby.

Have you seen **Emil Bruni's** new ensemble? Everyone has given their suggestions as to how his hat should be worn. **Russell Cline** insists that the brim should be turned up all the way around. Now all Emil has to do is turn up his trouser cuffs a bit, wear a long watch chain and he'll look like a typical jitterbug. . . . **Harvey Barrett** is suffering at home with a back injury. Although Mr. Barrett may have been a "broad jump" star in his school days, he's not as young as he used to be. Speedy recovery is wished by all.

It's been sad partings in Group 1 the last couple of weeks. **Albert Ehringer, Stanford Maresh, Paul Talbott, Arden Allgaier, Roald Evenson** and **August Ash** have departed for various branches of the armed forces. Al is now down in Pensacola, Fla. (his address is available to all girls who desire it). Al was sort of a disappointment to the girls when he didn't appear to show off his new ensign uniform — and well they might have been disappointed, for it was a sight well worth remembering. Stan is with the Seabees; Paul got in the Navy, but the whereabouts of Arden and Roald are not yet known. **Chalmers Wooley** left for the Army. August departed July 5.

Trixie Allen and **Ann Radakovich** have left EOP. Ann went to Michigan and Trixie has gone to join her husband.

Howard Fischer, Mae Murray, Joseph Lawlor and **Lucretia Muldoon** have returned to Group 2.

Catherine "Dreamy Eyes" Fitzmaurice was anything but dreamy-eyed the other day when she was shoved out of her pet position. . . . Mr. Cline had a sore tooth extracted the other day and he testifies that three roots were broken off in the ordeal. . . . **Horace O'Kain** recently returned from the Army and is now stationed at Group 3. During food rationing Horace is afraid his Army training is going to waste. He was a cook in the Quartermaster Corps.

All were under the impression that the Ordnance Department had a new inspector until his identity was revealed as **Floyd Barber** without his mustache. . . . **Ethel McCann** and **Eleanor Czajkoski** have been welcomed back to Group 3-A. . . . **Jeanne Boris,** formerly of Group 3-A, is now in Petersburg, Va. . . . **Robert Potter** is going to O.C.S. in North Carolina.

Inspectors noted at the recent Group 3-A dance were **Roy Hallihan, Evan Lewis, Basil Steinhoff, Catherine Werner** and **Victoria Scuteri.** It appears that Mr. Lewis has a new nickname—a far better one than "Louie." Now it's "Finnegan" and all because he's going on a big fishing trip.

Florence Farley is back again after an extended rest cure. To celebrate she wraps up her thumb and tells people she broke her toe. . . . No decision can be reached as to whether Mary "Minnie" Ohler has a twinkle in her eye because her husband is coming home soon or if it's a lonesome look because he's just gone. . . . It's reported that every time **Naomi Apgar** thought of July 4 she began to jump 'n' jive, sparkle 'n' sigh. . . . Everyone hated to see **Anna Mae Harvey** leave and really meant the good wishes extended to her. . . **Frances Kraus** has been on the sick list for some time and all wish her a speedy recovery. . . . Best of luck is wished for **Mercella Morton,** who was injured in an automobile accident.

E. J. Nemanich has adopted a "two cycle scooter" to go from group to group in the Fuze & Booster area. . . . **Violet Cummings** and **Arah Lovel** have returned from vacations. . . . Many wonder how **Cecelia Temple** can lie awake all night composing those humorous tales she relates and still look so fresh in the morning. . . . The contents of **Margaret Cohil's** letters are getting to be very interesting.

The Ordnance Inspection Department extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Dorothy Magolan,** who died July 3, after an illness of six weeks. Her absence will be felt keenly by her many friends here.

Ethel Campbell has returned after having spent two weeks in Indiana with **Bob.** . . . The **S. L. Eisler's** and your correspondent spent a delightful week-end in Peoria and Canton respectively. . . . It is noticed that **Dolores Dagon** returned from DuPage River Valley somewhat wealthier —she recommends that spot for mosquito bites and black eyes. . . . **Clara Wehner** spent the holiday in Room 3 by her lonesome. . . . **Lois Martin** isn't saying.

Q. I have an 18-year-old brother in the Navy. Will his age keep him from getting a petty officer's rating?

A. As we get it, a Third Class Petty Officer ordinarily must be 20 years old; Second Class, 23; First Class, 26; and Chief, 30. Certain exceptions, however, may be made. It's all up to your brother.

Q. In order for a serviceman to obtain an allowance for a wife and child under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act, does he have to submit proof that they are financially dependent upon him for support?

A. No. It is not necessary to prove that they are dependent, but it is necessary to show relationship by submitting the proof.

ARMY OFFICERS ARE GUESTS of Sanderson & Porter officials when visits of Sixth Service Command executives and representatives of Chief of Ordnance arrive at EOP simultaneously. (See story on Page 1.)

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Group 1
By Fred Harris

Paul Calligaris, inspector in this group for 17 months, bid farewell to his fellow workers June 17. Paul left for the Army the following Monday.

Joe Neiswender, inspector in Bldg. 10, has been advised the watchman at the Courthouse in Joliet has been given the "dope" about his exploits in the Courthouse yard. He was cautioned to stay away from the goldfish pond, even though it may mean some fishless Fridays.

Group 3
By Kenneth Meyer

Bill Burrel left July 12 to join Uncle Sam's forces.

Elden Kistler spent the remainder of a vacation in sunny Indiana.

Senior Inspector **George Wetterhahn** is in urgent need of help in reassembling his automobile.

Mel Canaday came back from a vacation with a few more hours of flying to his credit.

Hal Lantz is wearing a bright new smile.

Group 4

Bob Welch is back from a vacation wearing a new straw hat and a big smile.

Kate Flatt is now called "Apple Mary" instead of "Wilma."

Myrtle Pantaleone is nursing her nine little chickens.

Dorothy Nelson has been looping and tailspinning since her husband has taken up flying.

Kay Keliher is planning a trip to Missouri. Upon her return she will probably be wearing a sparkler on her finger to match the sparkle in her eye..

The inspectors of this group miss **Gaylen Ford**, who is spending a vacation working in his Victory garden.

Theresa Svitek is planning to be up flying, because of her interest in the Lewis School of Aeronautics.

All will be glad when **Frances Regnier** gets used to her new grinders, as they are getting tired of the baby talk.

Group 5

Congratulations go to **Laverne Dite**, who became **Mrs. Irvin Button July 4.**

All **Beulah Dixon** needed July 6 was a feather in her hair. The sun did an exceptionally fine job in changing her complexion.

Ward Edwards says he isn't exagerating a bit, but he caught his limit of fish every day on vacation.

All wish **Martin Pecchinino**, who is moving to Southern Illinois, the best of luck.

Robert Schmitz is enjoying a vacation in central Wisconsin.

Group 6
By Betty Johnson

Everyone in 6-6 misses **Willard Vail**, who left to go to his home town to await his induction into the Air Corps.

Two inspectors took their steps to the altar last week, **Edna Smith** and **Blanche Ryslink.**

Roger Anderson is welcomed back into the group.

Helen Kachelhoffer enjoyed the circus July 5 even if she isn't a child any more.

Group 8
By Laverne Gamora

Shirley Magosky is in the upper bracket now—her boy friend is a sergeant.

Janet Baily is singing the blues. She didn't hear from her boy friend for two days.

Maxine Burris has returned from a short visit to her home in Indiana.

Jean Nelson is all smiles again. Her soldier is home on furlough.

Joe Keefe, shift inspector, is missed as he has been in Group 45 for two weeks.

Group 62-N
By John Ney

Joe Birsa returned from vacation and tells he is joining the circus after the war. Many wondered why he dove out of a box car last week, and now he is practicing the swan dive from a motorcycle.

Leslie Cloyd really had some fireworks for the Fourth of July. It's a good thing some one else saw it and put it out, or he would have to walk to work for the duration.

Peter Klein says he will bet anyone he will have the first ripe tomato. His Victory garden is coming along perfectly.

Group 62-S
By Thomas F. Dillon

Alex Stein left July 1 for the Army. The well-wishes of the Inspection Department, which he so faithfully served, will follow him wherever he goes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dillon spent a short vacation in Sheboygan, Wis.

Group 63

Ray Pfeifer took that long-to-be-remembered step June 26 in the Frankfort Church.

Group 27
By Harry Tanner-Robert Clark

Among those vacationing this week are **Charles Luther, Virgil Mooty** and **John Videno.**

Frank Feeney said he spent a vacation catching up on sleep.

Walter F. "Eggs" Schwartz likes eggs hard—like rocks.

Ted Hintz is cussin' because someone has been mussin' around his potato patch. He is just waiting to exercise his brawny hands on their neck.—(Don't be afraid, he really won't hurt you.)

Group 7
By Genevieve Karpel

Pierced ears are still going strong around here.

Jennie Ostafin is now a member of the hole-in-the-ear club.

The gremlins finally got **Jim Nolan.** Seems his chair wasn't there when he expected to sit on it. Result—Jim and the floor got together.

Emerald Peterson had a bangup time at Riverview July 4. The Army helped considerably.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

The definition of goat is "a ruminating horned quadruped with long hair." **Larry Holz** reminded the group of this recently, of course, minus the quadruped, or in other words, with only two legs, but with plenty of goatee. However, suffering from a skin infection on his face, Mr. Holz was excused from shaving.

Heard bragging was **W. Reed** who said he was going to a place on vacation where fish were plentiful and easily caught. He likes to tell fish stories, but his old tales are put to shame by some of the new ones he is telling.

It is true, the women have invaded **Art Hansen's** happy workshop. The women were stationed in 20 B, so Art left for new quarters in Bldg. 8.

As usual Group 3 is on top in softball just as in everything else the boys enter. It is a rip-roaring team and the players look extra-special in their snazzy green and white uniforms.

By the time this goes to press, **Al Mattson**, timekeeper, will be back from vacation. His shoes were ably filled by **Larry Holz**, a former member of Group 3.

Men 70 years old are usually satisfied to sit in a rocking chair and smoke a pipe, but not **John Hornberger.** The able bodied fellow insists on coming out and doing a good day's work. Mr. Hornberger is a fine example for younger fellows to follow.

Tony Gomora was visited by his son, **Billie,** who was home on leave.

Sporting a brand new haircut is **Don Starr.** Mr. Starr lacks three-fourths of an inch of having one inch of hair on his head.

Stanley Kroger is so accustomed to getting in peoples hair that he went up to Benton Harbor, Mich., and got mixed up with the House of David men.

Leo Wagner says let someone else feed the horses from now on. He has purchased a flock of chickens and they have to be fed.

The fellows who ride with **Charlie Horack** of Bldg. 16 have some good ones to tell about him. There is the one about the 75 pounds of fish, he sent from Minnesota, that never reached their destination, but the best one goes like this. His passengers were wondering where he was one morning, so they went down to his house only to find him not completely clad chasing a woodpecker around the house with a gun. He evidently had been getting the bird all night and was pretty tired of losing so much sleep.

A coincidence is reported by **Millard Ferguson** concerning his son and himself. Millard entered the armed forces July 2, 1917, and his son entered July 2, 1943, just exactly 26 years later.

Should any farmers miss some choice hogs, **Ervin Rovenhagen** may be able to help them.

Bud Warriner and **Bob Bolte** are dickering over a pony. Bob said "no more dogs for me and besides I won't need an A card for a pony."

Ed Capp said he knows the Bldg. 4 picnic was a success because he was not invited.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

A survey is being made of all Victory gardens, so all you farmers get busy and keep them free from bugs and weeds. There may be some prizes awarded.

There is a sample of the dehydrator all made up which can be seen in the Recreation office. It might help some, to be able to look it over before you build yours.

The archery targets have been erected on the new location in the Group 60 recreation area, and followers of **Robin Hood** put them right to use. If you want to learn how to handle a bow, drop around some day.

The EOP baseball team is certainly going to town now. Warm weather has brought out a lot of base hits. Watch your bulletin boards for their games on the area and get back of them and give them some encouragement. Their first game at home will be with the 327th Military Police from Camp Desplaines July 28. The team will play a game at Wilmington for the benefit of the USO, Wednesday, July 21. If you live in that area, don't miss that game.

Edward Johnson and **Eddie Rickert** are still battling in the table tennis tournament, both good players, and one of them should meet Guard **Robert Crane** for the championship.

Myrna Farris says:

Bob Greenwood of the Recreation Department says that **William Tell** was his great, great grandpappy and, from all reports, that could be true. Bob is quite an archer and will be glad to offer any suggestions to you archery enthusiasts. The range is located just west of the tennis courts and will be available for use from noon until 9 p. m. daily.

Kay Tuona and **Lee Shonert**, Bus Transportation, are welcome additions to the Administration girls' softball team. Better watch that team!

The Fuze & Booster girls' softball team will soon be wearing snazzy new uniforms. **Gen. Supt. T. M. Burns** and **Supt. J. E. Truka** were enthusiastic attendants at the Fuze & Booster—Group 60 ball game recently. With that kind of support how can a team do anything else but win?

Do You Belong?
For June, 1943
"NO LOST-TIME ACCIDENT CLUB"

Group 1*
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Group 5******
Group 6*
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Group 8******
Group 9*****
Group 45******
Guards****
Fire Department******
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Group 62-N***
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Group 66******
Group 66-A******
Group 68******
Richard Farm Util.******

*—One month without lost-time accidents.

Groups not appearing in this column have been eliminated because of lost-time accidents during June.

Make 1943 Accident Free

Alice Pichon Now Commands WAC Troop

From EOP Cafeteria girl to commanding officer of a company of WACS has been the career of **Alice Pichon**, who left here but a few months ago as the first EOP girl to enter service. A card to *The Bomb-Shell* reported that Alice is now located at March Field, California.

Blue Print Reading Course Is Launched

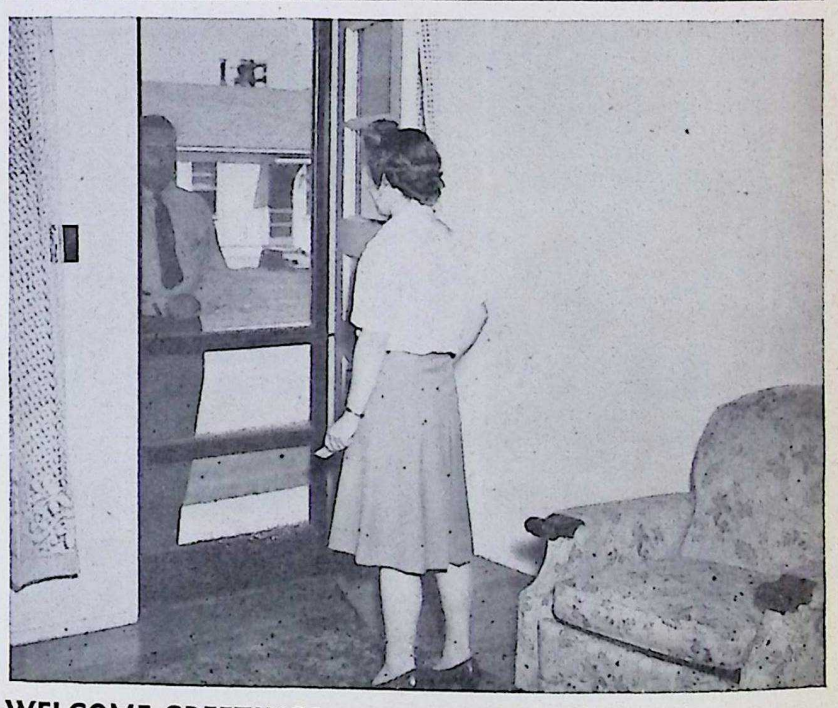
A 13-week course in blue print reading was started at the Kankakee High School July 6, it was announced by **Irving Munson**, superintendent of schools. The class meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. The course is intended for those who did not have a course in mechanical drawing in high school and those who did not attend high school.

R. R. Sidell's Son Receives Citation

Philip A. Sidell, 28 years old, son of **R. R. Sidell**, supervisor of the laboratory at the EOP Hospital, has received a citation from the Chief of Ordnance for his outstanding contribution to the war effort in the development of a new type fan for use in tanks.

Philip is chief engineer for the American Machine Metals Co., East Moline, Ill. He was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1938.

The presentation was made July 1 and the citation pointed out that the new fan develops 33 per cent more efficiency and saves a great deal of critical material. The fan enabled American tanks to withstand the disadvantages of desert heat in the North African campaign and contributed much to the Allied victory.



WELCOME GREETINGS are extended to E. C. Fortmann, manager of the Federal Housing Project at Wilmington, by Mrs. Robert G. Jordan, one of the home users and an employee in his office.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN

WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

One of the Inert warehouses had a change in status last week; it became very much alive—with bees. The swarm settled inside on a rafter and then another swarm of warehousemen headed by **Andrew Leadingham** and **Owen "Buck" Ralston**, followed by **Chester Holt, Michael Roach, Robert Henneberry**, and **Irving Olson**, all under the remote supervision of **John Wald**, went in to capture the bees in a small box.

Mr. Leadingham, using the Kentucky method of alternately coaxing and coddling and then irrigating them by sprinkling with water, was saved by the bell after two hours of wrestling with the problem. The task was then taken over by the fearless **John Ney**. John, using the more direct Wisconsin method, knocked most of the bees into the box and took them out of the building amid the admiration and cheers of the gallery who earlier offered nothing but catcalls and kibitizing suggestions from a cowardly distance. The job was completed under the eyes of the inspectors, checkers, a representative of the Safety Department and an assistant superintendent—no one was stung and there was no accident, but there was a loss of time never-the-less.

Among the Girls at 27

Dorene "Tiny" Koerner has moved to Kankakee so she could catch up on her sleep. The noon hour sport among the ladies is amateur wrestling . . . from the progress they are making Heaven help the boyfriends and husbands. **Mary Bigham** visited with relatives over the weekend in Pickneyville, Ill. . . . she's still griping over the $8.28 she lost. **Helen Witt** had proper initiation into 27 . . . all types of work were included in that day. **Marie Stark** has moved to one of the Government houses in Wilmington . . . she hopes the housework won't get her down.

Vacations . . . In Michigan fishing **Winfield Arthur** . . . **Joseph Birsa** resting in Rockdale . . . **Thomas Dillon** on a bus trip . . . **James Brooks** home for a rest cure . . . **Fred Ford** getting acquainted with the newcomers at his home . . . **Bill Denver** traveling through the West.

Pvt. John F. Heavens, formerly a checker at South Inert, writes of his life in the Army Air Force. John is stationed in Miami, Fla. His address is available at the North Inert office.

A lone poppy was discovered growing in solid rock by **Walter Mork** and was transplanted to the flower bed after it was quarried.

On the Side

Well! Well! So "Scorchy" says that he has been on a vacation—you know he missed two issues in succession; that is at least a period of a month—some vacation! He probably means a mental vacation the same as he has been on for the other eleven months of the year. With his gift for imaginative creations, vacation trips and other excuses he should be renamed "Ali-bi-bi" and the forty dreams. —C. H. M.

News and Notes from EOP Safety Engineers

William "Bill" Baer, foreman of Bldg. 3, and **Emil Jajacik**, painter foreman, turned some uninteresting clean-up work into a bit of fun through friendly rivalry. It is difficult to get a thrill out of cleaning the paint house in Group 3-A, but by a good bit of foremanship Bill and Emil got the job done. **Allen Ackerman, John Jilicik** and **Cecil Cullic** participated in the venture and the results included a clean paint house, waxed floors and good feelings all around.

After his necktie became too intimate with an electric fan in the Superintendent's office at Group 3-A, **Don Crowther**, safety engineer, is in favor of a fine screen guard for the cooler.

Emory Akeman, Group 3-A, spends even his day off within sight of the Group where he works. The reason, according to **Ivan DeMoss**, is because he has a Victory garden South of Group 3-A.

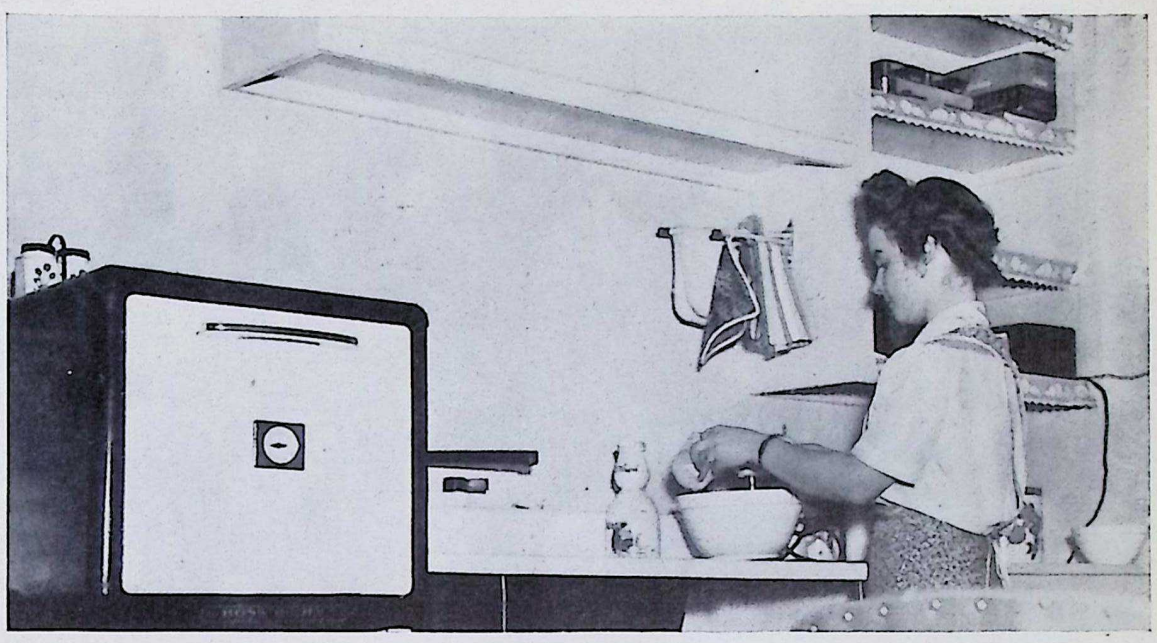
Don H. Grove, Group 3, reports that "Joe turned out to be Dona Ann." Don said the little ray of sunshine arrived at 7:30 a. m. the first day of summer, weighing six pounds and 11 ounces. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Lorin Cain, Group 1, is reported to be seeking the services of a first class wood splinter picker, who can furnish references and his own tools. Lorin was riding in the back of a truck and attempted to jump directly from the truck to the ground without aid or assistance. The wooden floor of the truck was filled with splinters and now Lorin is.

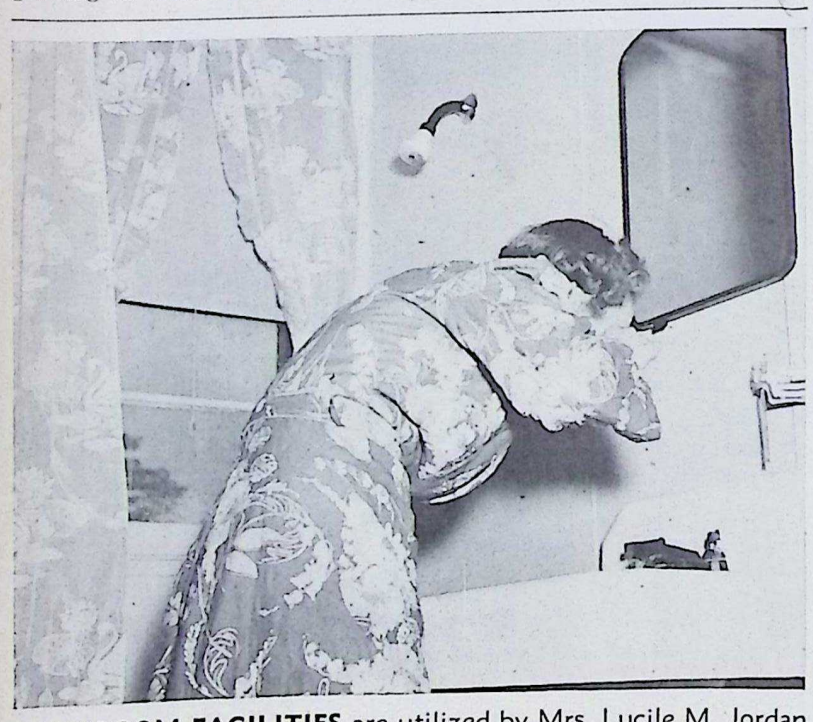
Charlie Harrison, Group 3, has returned from a vacation on his Oklahoma ranch where he spent his time helping with the wheat and oats crops and listening to drill bits chew through dry earth instead of oil.

Winfred "Win" Prickett and family enjoyed a fishing trip in the North woods while on vacation.

T. E. Fennessy, safety auditor from the Safety and Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Chicago, has been at EOP for three weeks making an audit. He has made a number of friends during his stay here, according to **Harl E. Son, Jr.**



CONVENIENT KITCHEN permits Mrs. Robert G. Jordan to have tasty dishes awaiting her husband, an EOP foreman in Group 7, when he returns in the evening to their home in the Federal Housing Project at Wilmington.



BATHROOM FACILITIES are utilized by Mrs. Lucile M. Jordan in her Federal Housing Project home in Wilmington. Her residence consists of living room, kitchenette, two bedrooms, bath and a large pantry.

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★★★ V — EOP Honor Roll

Joseph Anthony Adams
Michael Ambrosich
Aloysious Thomas Ballum
Leslie Eugene Benfield
Dominick William Bosone
Edwin D. Boulware
Edith H. Bower
Robert F. Brereton
Edward L. Brougham
James H. Brougham
Eldrid Cantway
Evan J. Chaplain
Roy Edmund Claudin
Fred George Copp
George J. Costello
Howard P. Davey
Danny Leon Davis
Elmer Larry Decker
Clarence H. DeFrees
Charles T. Dimmick
John Roger Dolan
William George Frank
Donald Stanley Gereaux
William E. Gerencher
Wendell August Glaudell
Otto Francis Graves
Howard Griest
David Gutierrez
Steve Gutierrez
Edward Arthur Hackbarth
Clifford J. Hagen
Warren Ray Hair
Gilbert E. Haire
Ronald Dean Hall
Austin W. Herman
Raymond Cornelius Kennedy
Edward LaFine, Jr.
Frank Roy Larker
Floyd Rudolph Leenerman
Peter P. Lombardi
William Columbus Lowry
Gail R. Lyons
Donald J. McCormick
Albert Daniel Maierhoffer
Max M. Mayhew
Floyd Francis Miller
George James Moody
Ralph Nickleski
Henry Marshall O'Reilly, Jr.
James Maurice Ostrowski
Eldon F. Overright
Richard August Owen
Charles A. Picco
William E. Radke
Frederick Francis Rigoni
Joe Westly Roff
Edwin H. Shunk
Richard Keith Smith
Maurice Byron Southey
William Peter Squellati
Gale E. Thomas
Norris Elwood Tucker
John A. Ullian
Anton J. Vecellio
Lloyd Eugene Walsh
James Francis Wilhelmi
Gerald F. Wright

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

The Group 1 girls softball team and the fellows' baseball team are still unbeaten, and they're really enjoying their glory.

Pam Champoux, Bldg. 14, has taken the fatal step. Best wishes go to Pam who left for Texas July 2 and was married July 4. Pam was celebrating the affair in Joliet the evening before she left with **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sloss**, and she almost created a riot when she decided to kiss all friends and acquaintances good-by. Some of the jealous girl friends were ready to gang up on Pam but decided she was really the lucky one after all.

Mary Taylor, supervisor of women, and **Ursula Williams**, clerk in **Supt. Joseph E. Salmon's** office, went to a wedding last week-end and are still talking about it. Ursula has about decided to give up school-teaching and look for a rich man, but the prospects aren't so good. There just aren't any men left.

Irene Giles, expediter's office, is pinch hitting in Group 2 temporarily. **John Pate**, component juggler, really misses Irene. He doesn't have anyone to sing with now. They were getting so good in their harmonizing that she called him **Nelson (Eddy)** and he called her **Jeannette (MacDonald)**.

George Gibson, assistant superintendent, is so witty at 7:30 in the morning that no one else can catch up with him. When he makes a crack at 7:30, it's 8:00 before anyone else catches on. That goes on all day, too.

Marie McNamara, Bldg. 13, looked swell the other evening in Joliet. Marie has huge blue eyes and blond hair and wears pink beautifully.

Joe Myatt, seen the same evening, looked nice, too. When next seen, the next morning, Joe could have used a couple of toothpicks to prop his eyelids open.

George Galvin, formerly of the Group 1 component office, was back in Joliet on furlough from the Air Corps last week. George was really in the pink, and looked as though the Army agrees with him.

Johnny Policondriotes, Bldg. 13, took a vacation, then was forced to take sick leave (he looks as though he might have had pneumonia) and then found he had four days more vacation. Johnny thinks he hit the jackpot this season. Everyone else in the Group would like to take a try at that jackpot.

Opal Just, women's supervisor, Bldg. 13, took a trip to Florida last week, and from all appearances, she enjoyed it thoroughly. She is now the envy of the Group.

Alva Phillips, truck driver, went fishing one night and got so many mosquito bites that anyone but a nurse would swear he has smallpox. Phil hardly had time to drag in the fish, with them biting on one end and the mosquitoes biting on the other.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

Vacations are being enjoyed by **Bert Rydman, Robert Brimm, Ben Sloan, Frank Skole, James Brooks, Zona Bond, Alma Salzman, John Hohisel** and **Joe Smajd**.

Clifford Northrup, friendly and well-liked poster, claimed another tax exemption when his wife presented him with a six and one-half-pound daughter. The new exemption will be called **Lynne Diane**.

On a recent visit to Riverview Park, **Sylvia Drysanski, Helen Kelly, Gerry Parthuns, Pauline Vismara, Virginia Harsha, Irene Blaha, Mary Bossum, Treva Kane** and **Virginia Novak** had their ups and downs, followed by their stomachs whenever possible, as they enjoyed all the perilous rides and thrills that the park offered.

Dorothy Allison is the newest addition to the filing division. She is as efficient as she is pretty.

While many employes work straight days and complain about the occasional swing shift, pity the plight of the Richards Farm night men who work the swing and graveyard shifts, week in and week out. The boss on the swing shift is **Ralph Carmichael**, a swell fellow and easy to get along with. Working with Ralph is **Clifford Day**, poetic, intelligent, neat appearing; **James Brooks**, young and curly headed, girls can't resist him; **Bert Pierson**, Victory haircut his specialty, always has a cheery hello for everyone; **Paul Speaker**, looks like and is as silent as an Indian; **Claude Carlson**, co-operative, favorite hobby is driving his automobile, has two sons in service; **Nick Earthy**, favorite story teller, easily overcomes all obstacles; **Turner Albright**, cornet player, rides the field, friendly; **Al West**, gets things done, he will top any story. On the midnight shift is **Mr. Brimm**, who rides the field and is one of the oldest employees in the department; **Clarence Peet** and **James McGowan**, posters, who prove one can overcome handicaps and become successful and **Leroy Seeley**, foreman of the night posters.

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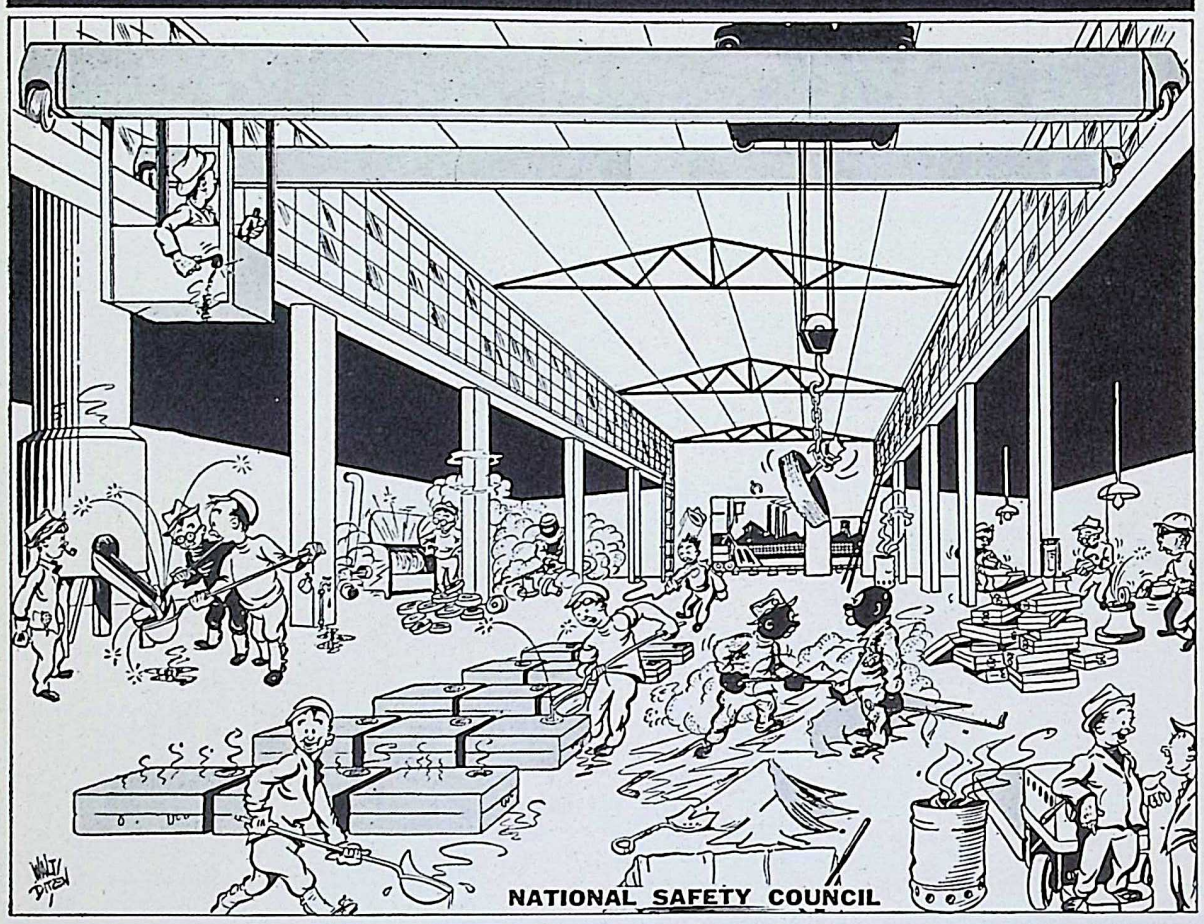


Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

The following report was written by **Carmen Oldani** *in the absence of* **Dara Prew** *on vacation.*

Hello, oh hello Jennie, no I wasn't busy, just finished breakfast. What's new—but first let me tell you — Did you know **Bob Withey** is a paw—yep June 29, her name is **Marilyn Kay**—cute eh—oh yeh her pop sez she's the spittin' image of him—Bob sure let us in on the ground floor. Marilyn made her debut at 1:30 and at 1:40 Personnel knew about it.

Wait a minute I forgot to turn off the gas under the coffee pot. Hello-Hello—did you hear about **Hugo Brauer's** super service — well, we were riding to work one morning and Hugo spied a man standing on the corner of Chicago and McDonough—sez Hugo—"gee whiz (you know how that sounds ala harelip) that fellow said he would come to the office today to be hired"—so he—Hugo stopped the car and asked the fellow—"Aren't you coming out to the plant today?" and the fellow, he said—"Yeah, but I missed the bus"—well we all moved over and Hugo brought him to work, hired him, and that's really Personnel Service.

Madam, will you please stop clicking that receiver? . . . That's Mrs. Zilch, she's always on the phone and when I get a chance to have a few words with my friends she butts in. Aren't some people inconsiderate? Hold the phone, Jennie—the doorbell's ringing—Hello, hello—it was the mailman—postcard from **Irene Mulligan** who's visiting her brother in Florida. The boys who left Personnel often write back—one of the most faithful is **Clem Lambert**—yes—he's the one with the Seabees—seems to write someone of us a letter each week—by the way did you hear about **Charlotte Doxsee's** accident? She cut her hand so badly she'll be out a while. They say her right hand is so bandaged it looks like a boxing glove—(but the lucky man slipped the band on her left hand—Ed.) **Ollie Pearce** has a garden of his own and he fell heir to **Rose Le Beau's**—so he's almost a rancher now. Yes several of the old crowd are gone, Rose, **Jeanne Hershey, Selma Brown, Alpha Engelhardt** and **Henry Bale**—yeh we miss them, but you know what the War Manpower Commission or something sez—if you don't need a worker release him to a plant that does—gee whiz—no use being dog-in-the-manger about it.

Oh dear—door bell again—well, what do you know! It was a Fuller brush woman wanting to know if I had any old brushes I'd sell back. . . . Where was I? Mrs. Zelch please get off this line—isn't she awful. Now what was I saying—Oh, Jenny, you should come out, just to see the new up-dos'—every gal has her own style, and they really look cool. **Colletta Wright, Marge Forrest, Helen De Lach, Betty Benedict, Helen Pikush, Jane Schnepper, Evelyn Melby, Helen Bardi**—well just about all of the gals are wearing 'em. Say Jennie, heard about the best leg tan—uh huh—Creole cream—just fill a tub with it and then wade in—you'd be surprised at the wonderful art work out in our building—such neat paint jobs—but wait till next winter—guess the favorite shade will be—BLUE—BRR.

By the way another old Personnel worker stopped in—**Jack Hogan**—yep—Jack graduated from Missouri University this year, and is going places.

Mrs. Zilch, we have not been talking 35 minutes, but of course if all you have to do is set at your phone and hold a stop watch—no wonder your Willie is always at the neighbor's eating—and another thing — hello, hello — the chief operator—a long distance call—Oh yes mam, right away—Goodbye Jennie, call me back this afternoon, you must have lots to tell me about your vacation—but after all there's a war on, and never let it be said that me, a war worker, on my day off ever did anything to—to what do they say — impede the war effort — Yes, yes, operator, we are getting off the line—Goodbye Jennie—Don't forget to phone me.

FORMERLY in the Group 1 boiler room, Peter P. Lombardi is now a first class petty officer of Merchant Marines.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Utility Stores
By Ed Keenan

It is with a great deal of pleasure that your reporter renews his association with *The Bomb-Shell* after being co-correspondent with **Bill Galbraith** at Group 2.

To begin with a most appropriate subject, take **Lester "Pat" Patterson**, able and efficient supervisor of Utility Stores Department. His main ambition is to do some deep sea fishing off the coast of Florida.

John Bottary and **Frank Rupnow**, who would rather see a good baseball game than eat a free turkey dinner at Ciro's.

To continue the roll call, there are **Joe "Pooch" Potch, Sherman Hedrick** and **Joe Mills**, all worthy members of the department.

All hope **Charles Brennan** and **Art Lamping** are enjoying vacations.

The latest on **Jim Miller** is that he has turned nursemaid. For more details, just ask Jim how he does it.

Truck Driver **Harry Minkus** is booming **Paul "One World" Meyer** for the next senatorial election. Paul, they say, is an ardent Wilkie man.

The employees of the Telephone Department who found it possible to attend the picnic at Nowell Park had a very enjoyable time.

Frank Kucchenmeister is shedding the cares and worries of the past year at Loon Lake, where he is spending a vacation.

Martha Herrity, who served as chief operator since the first days of EOP, resigned last week. All will certainly miss her and are sincere in wishing her the best of everything. She is now located in Florida.

Velma Whitmore has requested that an extension to her home phone be installed at the plant. It seems that on the morning of July 4 she left for work at 6:50 a. m. and at 6:51 a. m. a certain corporal, **Ray Harper**, called from Washington, D. C. Tragic, wasn't it?

Victory gardeners' attention: **Matt Horn** will be glad to furnish the name of his cigars to anyone interested. That aroma should be perfect for insect control.

Machine Shop Message
By Marie Studer

Tom Dooley admits that he is a tenderfoot when it comes to the great outdoors. Tom says that sunburn is really painful.

Employees enjoying vacations the last two weeks were **Tom Riordan** and **Richard Malone.**

Bill Dolan attended the wedding of his daughter in California recently. She is a WAVE.

Frank DeMarco, who recently joined the Navy, has been in sick bay ever since arriving in Great Lakes. He would appreciate hearing from all of the gang at the Machine Shop.

Ray Peter, stationed at Camp Peary, Virginia, with the Seabees, writes that he is working hard but is well and happy.

Transportation Tales
By George O'Reilly

If an award were offered to the employee having the neatest and finest Victory garden within or outside the plant, **Ernie Wendt**, switch-foreman, would win hands down.

Andy Walters has returned from a vacation spent along Fox Lake. He claims the fishing was swell, but many would like to see the evidence.

The train crews in general would like to know if Switch Foreman **Bill Ellinger** ever paid the yardmaster for that ham.

The Transportation Department wishes to welcome **Bill Galbraith**, formerly head expediter at Group 2.

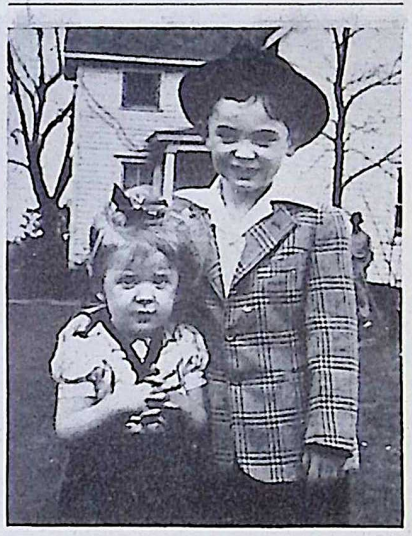
Sheet Metal Scraps
By Francis Feeney

Sympathy is extended to **Hans Wilder**, whose wife died suddenly June 29.

Charles Boudreau is back at the Shop after a week's illness spent at Mayo Brothers Clinic. On the sick list now is **Jess Thomas.**

Carl Triebel has been missing his good friend, **Charlie Webb**, who moved to California. Before Charlie's departure, a farewell party was held for him at **Joe Heiland's** home in Lockport.

Bob Lewis is quite a horseman.



CHILDREN of Stevens Watson, assistant superintendent of Group 6, are Mary Jo and Steve Romus Watson.

He even educates his horse to ford a stream in nearby DuPage.

July 4 activities: **George Schlegel** spent the holiday in Wisconsin with his wife and child; **Ed Berry** at his home town of Bloomington; **Bill Ryan** spent a quiet day at home; **Roy Metzka** spent his time fishing, but had no luck; **Ike Carlson** picked this holiday to polish his car.

Good to have back in the funnel room these days is **Frank Wickman.**

Paint Shop Patter
By Blackie Blackburn

Ralph E. Sexton has enlisted in the Marine Corps. Ralph is a former "leatherneck," having served from 1935 to 1939.

Charles Butts (5 by 5 to his friends), will be five feet tall and six feet wide if he doesn't watch that waist line of his. Charlie is painter foreman at Group 2.

Earl "Diz" Whipple writes that "the Seabees toughen a fellow up in a hurry, but EOP gets the credit for the preliminaries."

Bus Transportation

Bernice Rodgers, conductor, and **Bill Kegley**, driver, are welcomed to the Bus Transportation Division.

Margie Stevens is enjoying a vacation in Pittsburgh with her father and sister.

At present this division employs a former barber, carpenter, ice-men, farmers, beauticians, gobs of orators, a would-be preacher, and a welder, but where is that butcher?

Motor Pool Memos
By Lucille McCabe

This month marks the first anniversary of the Motor Pool which is under the able supervision of genial **Frank Kern.**

A big welcome is extended to three new chauffeurs, **Elizabeth Drennen, Beta Peak** and **Lillian Christofferson.**

Screens and new fly sprays have done wonders for the comfort of pool workers. Also easy on the eyes (as the old saying goes) are freshly painted walls.

Georgia Habry has been on the sick list for two weeks.

Word has been received that **Jean Swanson** has returned home after a serious operation. All wish a speedy recovery for Jean.

Lucille McCabe spent a vacation in California witnessing the graduation of her son, **Red**, from Navy Pre-flight school.

Vivian Ward is spending a vacation nursing her brother after an operation.

Bill Clark claims it rained six out of the seven days of a vacation.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Jack Shiner was seen holding a six-foot three-inch baby on a merry-go-round at a carnival recently.

Joe Kopski misplaced his car in Joliet and had to walk all the way back to Coal City, arriving home just in time to leave for work the next morning.

Chick Spesia is vacationing in Wisconsin.

Fred Gebhardt spent last weekend fishing — the catch — a nice sunburn!

Walter Long expects to be the next iron worker's steward.

Line Department Lines
By Ray E. Curtis

The Line Shop softball team has been going all out for victory, but the winning stride was broken when the Pipe Shop team showed them how a good softball pitcher works. The sigh of the wind escaping from deflated chests could be heard for blocks! Post-mortems and alibis are bad form, but the Line Shop pitcher, **Speedy Reeves**, was really not in his best condition. He promises to be in tip-top shape when next they meet the Pipe Dreamers.

Ernest Peterson recently passed out cigars and announced the birth of an eight-pound daughter.

The general foreman of the Line Department, **James Boyd**, and three other veteran members of the Shop, **Dewey Kennington, Bob Kiser** and **Bill Kennedy** left for the Armed Forces. A rousing farewell picnic was held on the banks of the Kankakee River July 4 and the usual good time was had by all. The boys will be missed, especially the boss, who was a swell fellow to work for and with. Best wishes are sent by all the gang.

Arthur M. McCarthy, with **E. G. McAloon's** office, entered the Edgewater Hospital in Chicago July 9 for an operation. The place won't be the same until his return.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire. . . . . Dial 17
To call police. . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only) . . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.

Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

July 19

Ernest Austin, High Explosives; **Clarence Barnhart,** Group 3-A; **Alva Baxter,** Group 9; **Elmer Bertn,** Group 3-A; **Mary Black,** Group 1; **Stone Bloomquist,** Group 1; **Edward Briscoe,** Group 3-A; **Seretn Broderick,** Group 1; **Gladys Cain,** War Department; **Joseph Cordes,** Utilities; **Bennie Cosino,** Group 1; **Charles Countryman,** Guards; **Veronica Curry,** Utilities; **William Gillespie,** High Explosives; **Opal Goudreau,** Group 1; **Bessie Jackson,** Group 1; **Raymond Jannusch,** Inspection; **Joseph Maielli,** Group 3-A; **John McCarthy,** Utilities; **Leonard Osterbauer,** Group 1; **Earl Parker,** Guards; **Raymond Reed,** Group 3-A; **Raymond Romans,** Utilities; **Bernice Shive,** Group 1; **Evelyn Tolf,** Engineering; **Ethel Wadleigh,** Group 9; **Mary Walker,** Group 1; **Carlyn Warriner,** Group 3; **Peter Zerboglio,** Group 6.

July 20

Ibra Adams, Utilities; **Esther Anderson,** Medical; **Waldo Baldon,** Group 66-A; **Glen Bick,** Utilities; **Ethel Bierman,** Group 4; **Agnes Britz,** Group 1; **Thomas Burns,** Gen. Supt. Fuze & Booster Area; **Christine Cappetta,** Group 4; **Thomas Carney,** Guards; **Marion Carter,** War Department; **Stephen Felix,** Materials & Stores; **Clyde Foster,** Utilities; **Loretta Franke,** War Department; **Joseph Girod,** Group 1; **Clarence Herstrom,** Utilities; **Edward Jankowski,** Group 3-A; **Nels Johnson,** Utilities; **Genevieve Kane,** Group 1; **Margaret Kasperkevicz,** Group 1; **Ethel Kirk,** Group 7; **F. Kuechenmeister,** Group 7; **Gus Leupold,** Group 1; **Alma Limacher,** Group 7; **James Nichol,** Group 3; **Elsie Pederson,** Group 6; **Paul Roesener,** War Department; **Stanley Safiran,** Guards; **William Schoudis,** Inert Storage; **James Seward,** Group 7; **Charles Smith,** Finished Rounds; **Reba Smith,** Group 3-A; **Earl Swisher,** Group 1; **James Thompson,** Utilities; **Elsie Unger,** Group 7; **Paul Weber,** Group 3-A; **Harry Yarbrough,** Group 1.

July 21

George Boudreau, Group 3; **Leo Brown,** Utilities; **Earl Callahan,** Guards; **Archie Charvat,** Group 1; **Robert Crane,** Guards; **Thomas Enright,** Group 1; **Bernard Fay,** Utilities; **Margaret Hayes,** Group 9; **Archie James,** Fire; **Charles Johnson,** Utilities; **Lillian Nowman,** Group 1; **Marshall Oelrichs,** Guards; **George Pancake,** Utilities; **William Robinson,** Group 3; **Edna Shoemaker,** Group 7; **Ethel Warner,** Group 6; **Kenneth Wells,** Utilities; **Leonard Ziemer,** Group 1; **Elmer Zost,** Inspection.

July 22

Oakey Battrell, Group 3; **Lee Bell,** Utilities; **John Blatnik,** Group 9; **Raymond Brennan,** Inspection; **Lucille Canaday,** Group 1; **Carl Carlson,** Nitrate Ammonia; **Alfred Childsey,** Group 9; **Lorene DePratt,** Group 7; **Mark Dufrain,** Utilities; **John Fry,** Guards; **Frank George,** Fire; **Elliot Hayes,** Inert Storage; **Henry Keller,** Group 3; **Rose Karlock,** Group 3-A; **Harriet Knight,** Plant Protection; **Arthur Krug,** Utilities; **Bertha McKenney,** Group 1; **John Miller,** Maintenance; **Joseph Mosier,** Utilities; **Alice Nehis,** Group 4; **Lucille Olson,** War Department; **Eva Peterson,** Group 3-A; **Samuel Poff,** Group 7; **Henry Prosser,** Utilities; **Ann Schick,** Group 1; **John Schafer,** Utilities; **Floyd Sheppard,** High Explosives; **Pearl Smith,** Group 9; **June Tanck,** Group 9.

July 23

Frank Adams, Group 3-A; **Vera Boud,** Group 7; **James Cerny,** Group 1; **James Chully,** Group 7; **Margaret Kertes,** War Department; **Mildred Damron,** Group 9; **Eleanor Hoagland,** Group 9; **Patrick Kelliher,** Guards; **Fred Kinster,** Utilities; **James Lawrence,** Guards; **Mary Lein,** Group 1; **Ragnar Nelson,** Group 1; **Norman Olson,** Utilities; **Arthur Peters,** Maintenance; **Dorothy Sassenger,** Group 1; **Taylor Sears,** Inert Storage; **James Sherwood,** Utilities; **Langdon Shipps,** Guards; **Ruth Stites,** Group 1.

July 24

Thomas Brown, Fire; **Homer Cole,** Inspection; **Capt. Paul D. Cooper,** Officer; **Henry Craig,** Utilities; **Luella Curtis,** Group 7; **Maurice Doty,** Group 3; **Leo Finlen,** Inspection; **Glenn Goyette,** Group 1; **David Graves,** Personnel; **Claude Hogan,** Guards; **Chester Holt,** Utilities; **Arne Hultman,** Utilities; **Anna Jancuska,** Group 3-A; **Esther Martin,** Plant Protection; **Shirley Meyer,** Group 1; **Helen Milosevich,** Group 1; **Kenneth Morgan,** Utilities; **Hyacinth Papineau,** Group 1; **Gladys Pierce,** Group 3-A; **John Richards,** Utilities; **Ora Reha,** Utilities; **Lucile Raub,** Plant Protection; **Lewis Provance,** Group 8; **George Price,** Group 3; **Rosella Smith,** Group 1; **Lloyd Thompson,** Group 1; **Marion White,** Group 4.

July 25

June Baxter, War Department; **Beaulah Beeman,** Group 1; **Jacob Benedict,** Utilities; **Floyd Borah,** High Explosives; **Robert Churchill,** Group 1; **Glenn Du Vall,** Group 3-A; **Joseph Dupree,** Group 1; **Thomas Hall,** Utilities; **James Hibler,** Group 1; **Sylvester Hubert,** Fire; **Anne Kakara,** War Department; **William Kelly,** Inspection; **Ruby Kendall,** Group 1; **James Lambert,** Group 3-A; **George Lyman,** Group 2; **William Martin,** Group 8; **Sophie Martin,** Group 1; **Clinton Merrill,** Inspection; **Ella Metz,** Group 4; **Delores Motschall,** Group 1; **Germaine Munts,** Plant Protection; **Harry Murphy,** Guards; **William Parsons,** Watchman; **Allan Peterson,** Group 3-A; **Clarence Regnier,** Utilities; **Dora Simmons,** Group 5; **Josephine Terlep,** Group 7; **Edward Wardell,** Guards; **Truman Whited,** Utilities.

July 26

Kathleen Ahrens, Group 5; **Geraldine Almon,** Comptroller's Office; **Elvis Bigham,** Utilities; **John Boucher,** Group 3; **Joseph Catton,** General Offices; **Rosemary Childress,** Group 1; **Jerry Donar,** Group 1; **Roy Fox,** Guards; **Martin Gast,** Utilities; **Ann Grobarcik,** Utilities; **Esther Heavens,** Plant Protection; **Charles Hickok,** Group 9; **Vesta Hinds,** Timekeeping; **Virginia Kemp,** Guards; **George Koehler,** Group 3; **Herbert Lavallier,** Utilities; **Vera Lee,** Group 1; **Reba Keissmann,** Group 6; **Arthur Lyons,** Guards; **Melvin Neal,** General Accounting; **Nellie Ott,** Group 6; **Daniel Palmer,** Group 3-A; **Elsie Roberts,** Medical; **Thomas Ryan,** Utilities; **Clorus Tackitt,** Group 3-A; **Robert Webber,** Utilities; **Walter Whitman,** Group 9.

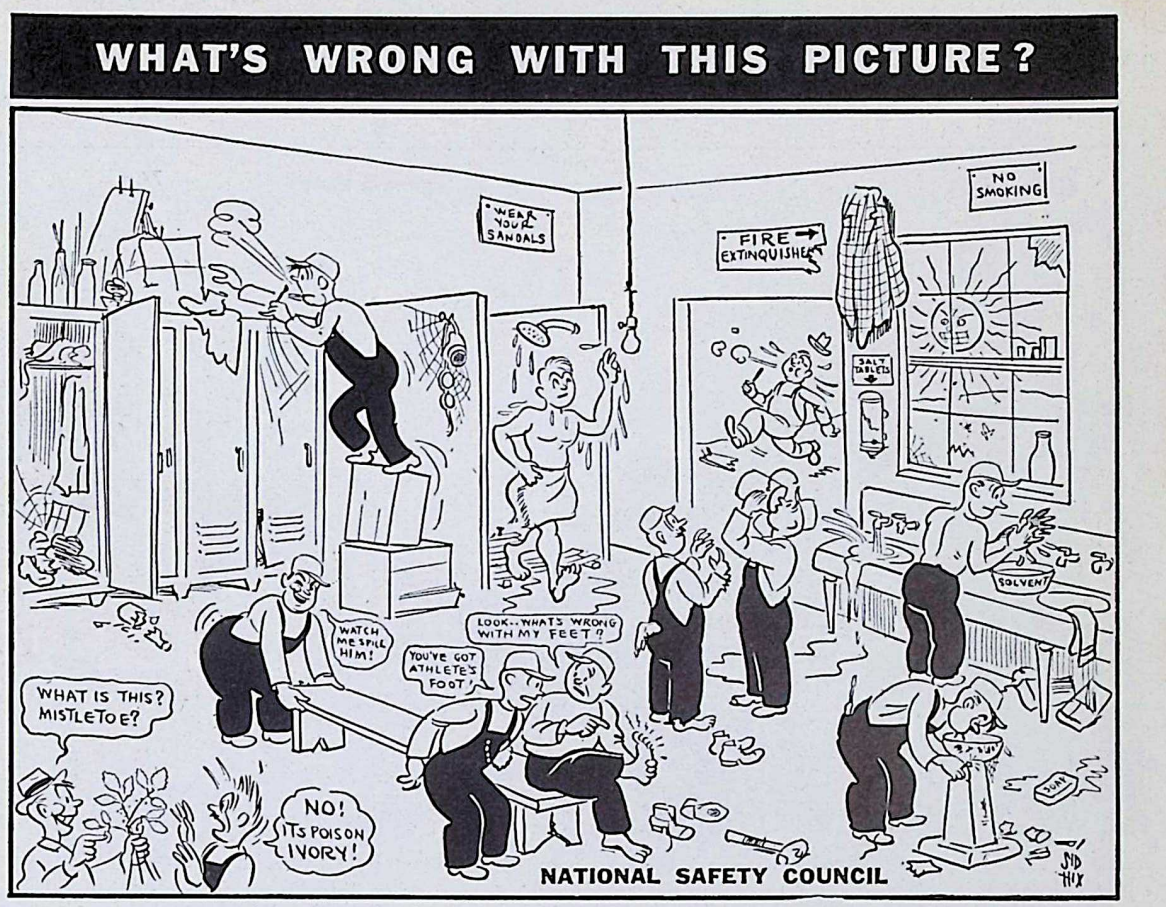
July 27

Archie Adams, Group 1; **Elmer Anderson,** Utilities; **Eugene Armstrom,** High Explosives; **Garnet Collins,** Group 9; **Myron Cobb,** Group 1; **Bert Day,** Utilities; **Clarence Dixon,** Group 1; **Thomas Glynn,** Group 1; **Carl Harris,** Guards; **Marjorie Hartong,** Inspection; **Arthur Jensen,** Group 9; **Harold Johnson,** Utilities; **Earl Kay,** Utilities; **William Klegman,** Group 2; **Pauline Klinger,** Plant Protection; **Ralph Montgomery,** Group 1; **Paul Noble,** Group 3; **Juliette Noel,** Group 3-A; **Dorothy O'Flaherty,** Group 1; **W. H. Partridge,** Group 9; **Regina Phillips,** Group 1; **Robert Plese,** Utilities; **Edna Reynolds,** Group 3-A; **Willis Reardanz,** Group 1; **Whitlo Prather,** Guards; **Russell Shriver,** Group 3-A; **Frank Wilson,** Group 1.

SCORCHY. . . . some say yes, some say no, but anyway this is popular Harry Brown, Production Planning Department veteran, as he appeared one July years ago.

July 28

Rosario Anzalone, Utilities; **Dr. Nathan Atovsky,** Medical; **Bernadine Brand,** Group 3-A; **John Bradecich,** Materials & Stores; **Charles Corless,** Group 1; **Thomas Cromwell,** Group 1; **Oliver Curry,** Group 1; **Bessie East,** General Accounting; **Elizabeth Elias,** War Department; **Ralph Heap,** Utilities; **Otis Hurt,** Group 3-A; **Leo Lamping,** Guards; **Dollie Manning,** Group 9; **Ralph Mazza,** Group 1; **Asa McGuire,** Utilities; **Rayburne Miller,** Utilities; **Robert Morris,** Group 7; **John O'Connel,** Timekeeping; **Sam O'Large,** Group 61; **Oliver Sandell,** Group 1; **Otto Schreib,** Safety; **Roy Solter,** Group 3; **Vinel Thompson,** Group 1; **Madeline Waring,** Group 7.



July 29

William Beeman, General Accounting; **Alva Crutchfield,** Group 3-A; **John D'Arcy,** Guards; **Herbert Duensing,** Group 1; **Phelma Ellis,** Group 7; **Paul Emblek,** Inspection; **Andrew Franks,** Group 3; **Isophenia Gleason,** Group 6; **Nicholas Harris,** Utilities; **Harold Long,** Group 1; **Leo Mackin,** Utilities; **Mads Madsen,** Utilities; **Carl Sala,** Group 1; **Janet Stanley,** Group 1; **Duncan Strong,** Group 1; **Robert Swinford,** Inert Storage; **Addie M. Watson,** Group 1; **James Whitley,** Inert Storage.

July 30

John Andrens, Group 3; **Zona Bond,** Group 1; **Edward Burns,** Group 4; **Raymond Butler,** Group 3-A; **LaVerne Covey,** Group 7; **Clarence Elde,** Guard; **John Giles,** Utilities; **William Kavanaugh,** Group 3; **Robert Keltz,** Inspection; **Arthur Leonard,** Group 1; **Mary Meaux,** War Department; **Rita Morrisey,** Group 1; **Mary L. Meaux,** War Department; **John Mulhall,** Utilities; **Arthur Rinehart,** Utilities; **Evelyn Scanavino,** Group 4; **George Stedman,** Finished Rounds; **Georgia Stebbins,** Group 6; **Frank Syssens,** Group 1; **Dante Vicini,** Inspection; **Mary Wolf,** Group 3-A.

July 31

Russell Baker, Finished Rounds; **Peter Ballun,** Group 3; **Harry Bell,** Utilities; **Lawrence Crawford,** Group 2; **Michael Feeney,** Group 1; **Robert Greenwood,** Utilities; **Leonard Guenette,** High Explosives; **Harry Johnson,** Inspection; **William Kavanaugh,** Group 3; **Bernice Keenan,** Personnel; **Eleanor Lind,** Group 1; **Mary Long,** Group 6; **Joseph Lucca,** Inert Storage; **Frank Norton,** Utilities; **Howard Phillips,** Group 1; **Bernard Posing,** Group 1; **Eurties Powell,** Guard; **John H. Senter,** Group 9; **Monroe J. Shell,** Group 2; **Lucille H. Smith,** Payroll; **Genevieve Veronda,** Group 7.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick is spending his vacation in the East. While there he expects to visit many of the boys in service who were formerly employed here. Of course, all know he'll say "Hello" to Broadway, too.

Congratulations are sent to **Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gagnier,** who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary July 14.

Amy Losby is vacationing with her family in Appleton, Wis.

Colby Eriksen and **John Henshaw** should have some "tall ones" to tell when they get back from a fishing trip in Wisconsin.

A letter was received from **George Costello,** former assistant superintendent. He says it is swell to be in the "Seabees" and he would like very much to hear from his friends. He is located at Camp Endicott, Rhode Island, and his address can be obtained from this office.

Many wonder if **Della Norman's** being acting change house matron, since her fishing escapade of July 4, is because she hasn't paid her dues to the "I Can Take It Club."

Inspector **Carl Kemp** is back on the job, after being absent because of an appendectomy.

Fred Lohrman was accepted by the Seabees and reports for duty August 1.

Rose Malek's pet caused so much confusion one day last week that Rose was absent from work.

Charles Zogus is reported to be on a second honeymoon, instead of a much needed vacation.

Ann Dowden's husband, **Lt. Harry Dowden,** of the Guards, leaves for the Army in a couple of weeks.

Best wishes are sent to **Betty Horbath** who was married last week.

Gertrude Marsh, matron, is spending a vacation with her mother in Missouri. She said she would enjoy canning blackberries.

Arthur Thompson is on vacation for a week.

All the girls in the Line surprised **Dana Ivez,** matron, with a lovely stork shower July 2. Dana takes this means of thanking each girl for the practical and lovely gifts received.

Hattie Biggerstaff and family spent the holiday in Elgin, Ill.

Sincere sympathy is extended by the Group to **Meete Alberts** and to the families of **Jennie Stroh** and **John Feeley.**

GROUP 6, Building 6, was the abode here of Pfc. Anthony Bajt, now stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska.

Boosters Capture Holiday Game 7-6

Lou Hoffman of Elwood Ordnance Plant, and **Al Toombs** of the West Side Boosters, hooked up July 4 at Alpiners Park in Kankakee, in a pitchers battle for six innings until the heat began to tell and converted the game into a free scoring contest with the Boosters finally winning 7 to 6.

Toombs was removed from the game in the eighth inning when the Elwood nine scored three runs. Hoffman's three base hit, with three men on base, in the sixth featured for Elwood, while the hitting of **Stanley Wieliczko** for the Boosters was outstanding. The box score follows:

EOP	AB	R	H	Boosters	AB	R	H
Plese,3b	5	0	1	Boule,3b	4	1	0
Spezio,lf	5	0	2	Wo'dm'n,2b	5	2	2
Keenan,ss	4	1	0	Guertin,1b	3	1	1
Murphy,1b	3	1	1	A. Stahl,cf	4	1	2
Enger,cf	4	2	1	Neumann,c	2	2	1
Jurlcic,2b	4	0	1	Zinnani,c	1	0	0
Bensley,rf	3	1	1	Wl'l'zko,ss	4	0	2
Hagen,c	4	1	0	Ginotti,lf	3	0	0
Hoffman,p	4	0	1	F. Stahl,rf	4	0	0
				Chnouard,p	1	0	0
				Toombs,p	3	0	0
	36	6	8		34	7	8

EOP Nine Defeats Cardinals 5 to 2

Manager **Johnny Kusinski's** EOP nine won from the Kankakee Cardinals 5 to 2 for the third victory of the season against Kankakee City League opposition. The Kankakee Browns have lost two games to the Bomb Loaders, while the State Hospital holds the lone victory. EOP garnered four runs in the first inning to make things easy for pitcher **Harold "Pete" Wagner** who allowed 10 scattered hits and fanned four.

Professor **Jessie Honn,** of Bradley, pitching for the Cardinals, allowed five hits but EOP bunched them together. **Eddie Murphy** got three hits out of four times at bat. **Eddy Keenan** and **Bob Plese** got the other two. The box score:

EOP	AB	R	H	Cardinals	AB	R	H
Plese,3b	3	2	1	Hd'l'st'n,3b	3	0	3
Spezio,rf	3	1	0	Taylor,ss	4	0	1
Keenan,ss	3	1	1	Laffey,2b	4	0	2
Murphy,1b	4	1	3	LeMaster,lf	3	0	0
Hankes,lf	3	0	0	Brown,1b	4	1	1
Enger,cf	2	0	0	Wilkins,c	3	0	0
Jurlcic,2b	3	0	0	Inkster,rf	3	1	1
Hagen,c	2	0	0	LeClaire,cf	3	0	1
Wagner,p	3	0	0	Honn,p	3	0	1
				Abney	0	0	0
	26	5	5		30	2	10

The EOP Guide Post

SALE · FOUND · LOST · RENT · BUY · SERVICE · TRADE · RIDES

Classified ads will be published without charge for EOP employees and their families. If you can offer transportation, want transportation; want to trade, buy or sell something; have a house or apartment to rent; have lost or found something, you are invited to make use of this service. Deadline is Wednesday, ten days preceding publication.

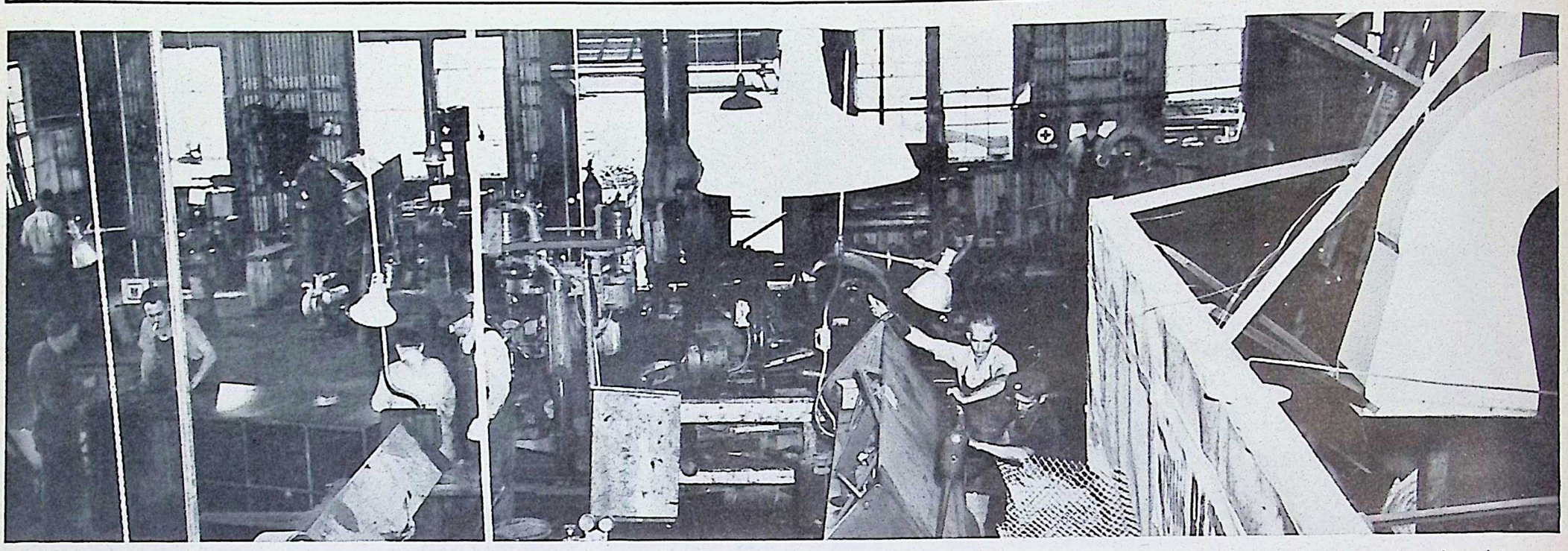
Wanted—Riders from Coal City or Wilmington to EOP. 7:30 to 4 shift steady. Call **Wilbur Galbraith,** line 5105.

Wanted—Riders for the 11:30 to 7:30 shift. Call **Clarence Coope,** line 2274, or Joliet 2-0179.

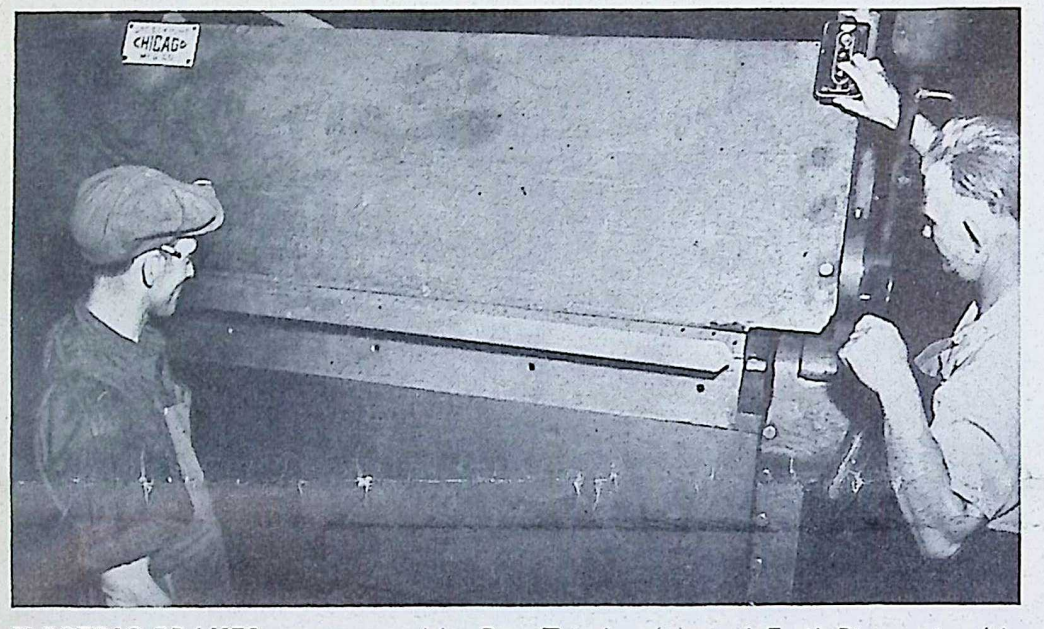
For Rent—Furnished modern 2-room apartment. Garage. Excellent laundry privileges. Call Gardner 3681.

Wanted—Riders on day shift from DesPlaines or LaGrange. Call **Dr. I. N. Kohler,** line 3246.

ELWOOD ON PARADE

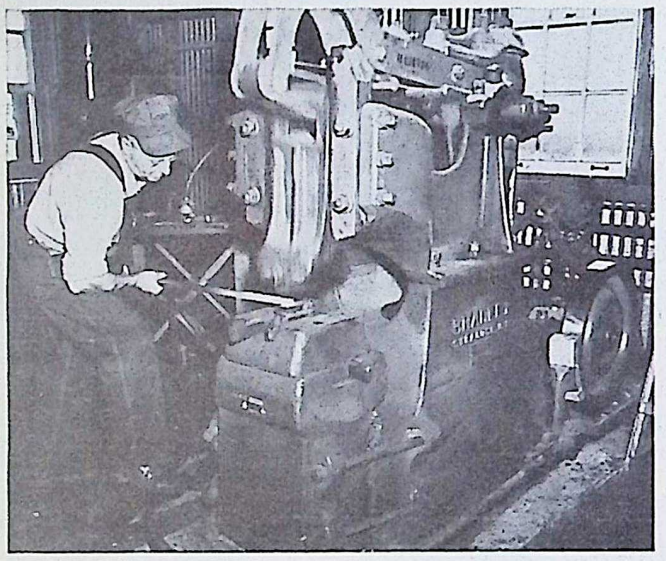


TWO INDIVIDUAL GROUPS are identified in this scene, which is a panoramic view of the Blacksmith Shop and the Sheet Metal Shop. Scores of men work here and do their best to make and repair tools which are used in the mechanisms of war. Three shifts of eight hours each are employed in this service, of paramount interest to the war effort.

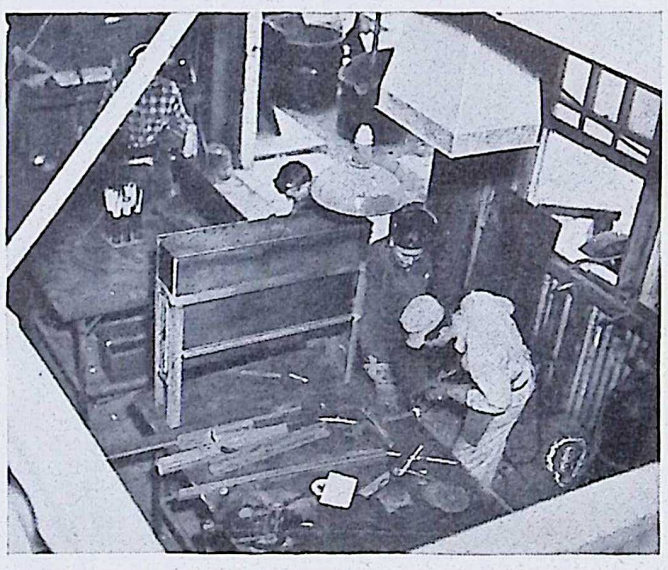


ELECTRIC BRAKES are operated by Ray Trimby (r) and Emil Pianca in this scene from the Sheet Metal Shop.

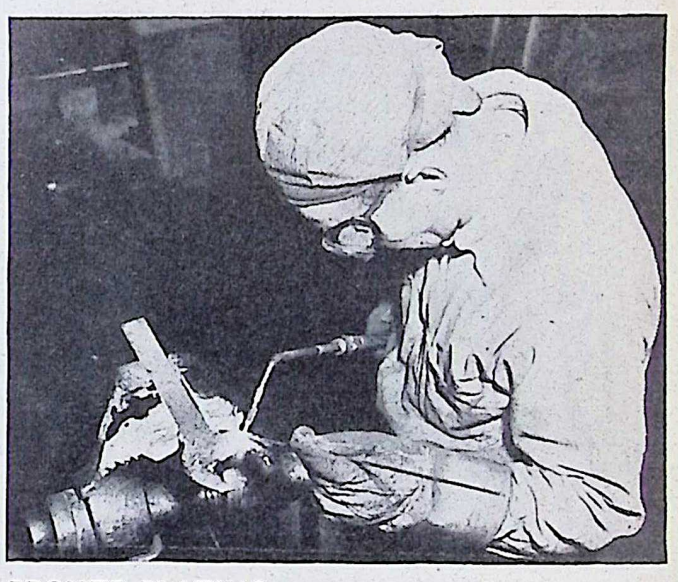
FORGE AND ANVIL work are done in this picture by Lloyd Rynearson (left) and Dan Raich.



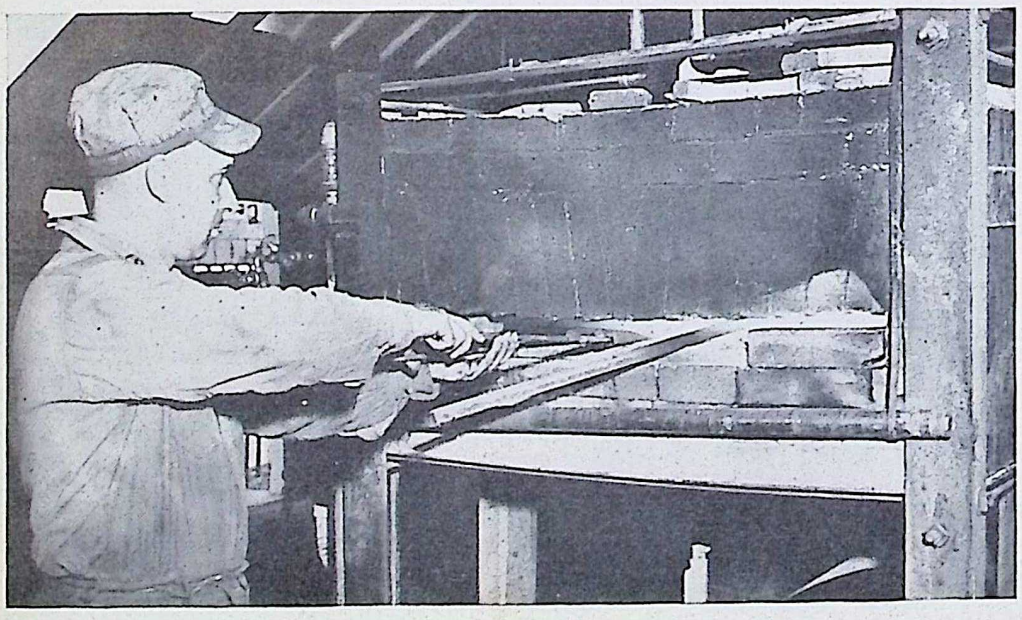
POWER HAMMER is operated in this scene by C. M. Rynearson of the Blacksmith Shop.



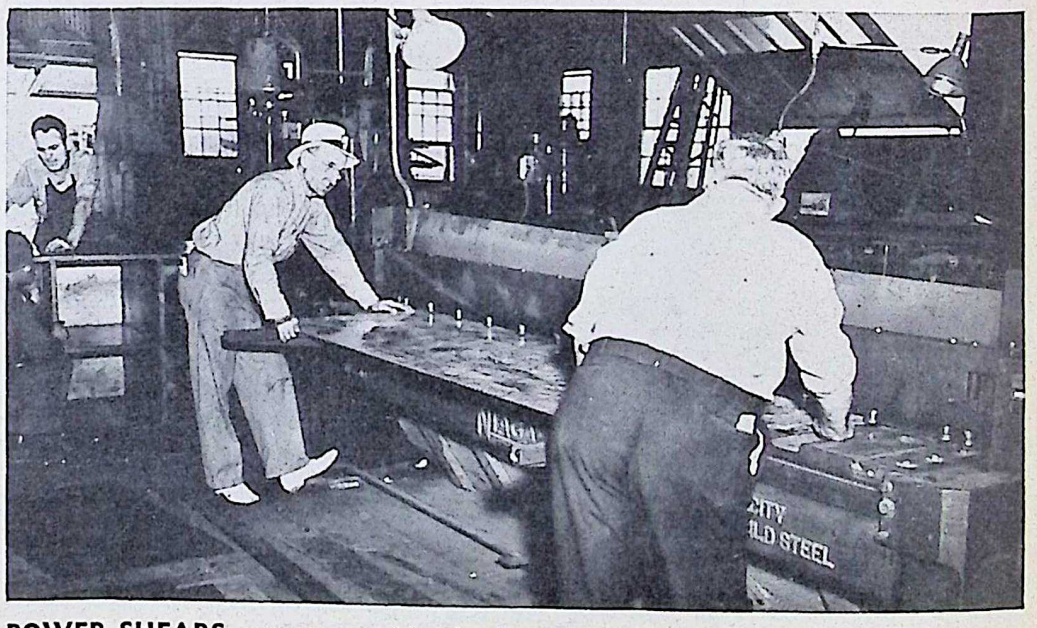
WELDING SHOP SCENE includes Phil Watkins, Frank Koch, Bob Plese and Earl Olson.



BRONZE PLATING on wrenches is being placed by Clayton Rynearson for the use of Group 1.



PUNCHES FOR GROUP 1 are being tempered by Albert Pelletier in this scene.



POWER SHEARS are operated by L. J. Parrott and C. S. "Pop" Watkins.

ORDNANCE IS THE HEART OF VICTORY

The BOMB-SHELL

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EOP Sets Pace For Building And Operation

Huge Plant Is Tribute To War Department, S. & P., 37,000 Workers

Built in record time and operated with record production, Elwood Ordnance Plant stands today in the forefront of America's great munitions establishments, a tribute to War Department planning, Sanderson & Porter designing, building and operation, and the hard work of 37,000 men and women employees.

Block-buster bombs and powerful artillery shells daily are rolling from the mile-long loading lines and have been since July 12, 1941 . . . months before this country was attacked by Japan at Pearl Harbor.

In the months since, the deadly destruction of this ammunition has been felt in North Africa, Sicily, the South Pacific, Europe and the Aleutians. Every man and woman now at EOP knows that he or she is at war . . . knows that he or she is supporting the fighting forces . . . contributing gloriously to eventual victory. For months purchases of War Bonds here exceeded 10 per cent of payrolls.

Recognition of the employees' realization of their responsibilities came February 12 when they were awarded the Army-Navy "E" flag for excellence in production. Colorful presentation ceremonies were held.

Elwood Ordnance Plant is the result of a contract signed by the War Department and Sanderson & Porter on September 19, 1940. It was one of the first steps in what was then called America's defense program.

Sanderson & Porter representatives arrived at the site September 27, 1940, and ground was broken for the first line November 18. The first artillery shell was loaded in Group 2 July 12, 1941, just seven months and 25 days after construction was started, two months ahead of the contract schedule, a record acclaimed by War Department leaders.

EOP was the first ammunition loading plant to be placed in operation, under the defense program, and the first EOP shell was Number 1 of a total that has reached millions.

By the time the Japs struck in December of 1941, not only Group 2, but Groups 1 and 3 were in operation. In that month, assembling and loading operations were started

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Paper's Final Issue Features All Groups

Pictures of thousands of Elwood Ordnance Plant employees are featured in this final edition of *The Bomb-Shell*. Other pictures show the plant's official family and the members of committees appointed to make working conditions at the plant as convenient as possible for employees. Editorial features also stress employee accomplishments in the war program and employee service.

EOP's Familiar Administration Building

MORE THAN 50,000 visitors have traveled up this road to the EOP Administration Building to see it as it appears here, with Old Glory, the Army-Navy "E" Flag for excellence in production and the Treasury Department's "T" Flag for War Bond purchases floating from the flagpole.

Workers Give Time, Money to War Effort

Employees of Elwood Ordnance Plant contribute much more than their regular day's work to the war effort, a survey of workers' activities disclosed.

In a little more than 14 months, EOP personnel has bought $4,161,775 worth of War Bonds. In fact, 10.06 per cent of the weekly payroll has been invested in the bonds, with 92.56 per cent of the employees enrolled in the Payroll Savings Plan for buying bonds.

Workers have given $13,252 to the Red Cross, the largest contribution in this area. The United Service Organizations have received $10,605, likewise the largest donation in the area, and various Community Chests in the EOP territory have received $4,241.

Employees serve on various civic and defense committees in their respective communities, donate blood and time to the Red Cross and participate on their own time in patriotic parades and civic celebrations.

Families of employees, even those who came from other states, have become an integral part of their communities. They are doing voluntary work for the Red Cross and other agencies. The EOP-KNK Red Cross Chapter, composed of wives residing within the plant reservations, meets weekly.

Commanding Officer Congratulates Paper

"With this, the final issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, go my heartiest congratulations on a job well done. Your publication has become known as a leader throughout the entire Ordnance Department. It has reflected the attitude, the spirit and the morale of the workers of our great Ordnance establishment.

"With its passing, we have reached another milestone in the successful prosecution of this war. This discontinuance has taken place in the interest of economy, conservation of manpower and saving of newsprint and other paper stock.

"To you splendid workers at Elwood who have contributed to the success of *The Bomb-Shell*, I ask that you continue in the same spirit along the many alternate lines of endeavor open to you."

—**Lt. Col. Byron Rife,**
Commanding Officer.

New Telephone Book Will Be Ready Soon

Copies of the new semi-annual Telephone Directory of Elwood Ordnance Plant will be ready for distribution soon, it was said by **William A. Buck**, superintendent of telephone communications.

Elwood Builders Have Other War Projects

Sanderson & Porter, internationally recognized construction and management engineers, have taken an active part in America's war effort by undertaking a number of vast projects, the largest of which is Elwood Ordnance Plant. The engineering partnership, for which **Harrison Smith** is resident partner at EOP, designed and built EOP and operates it for the War Department.

Sanderson & Porter also built the huge Pine Bluff Arsenal at Pine Bluff, Ark., for the Chemical Warfare Service of the War Department. For the U. S. Rubber Company, they built the large Charlotte Ordnance Plant, a Navy ordnance loading plant at Charlotte, N. C.

Other direct war projects are an alcohol plant at Kansas City for the Defense Plant Corporation, and a magnesium plant at Lake Charles, La., for the Mathiesen Alkali Works, Inc.

Power from several hydro-electric projects, designed and constructed by S. & P., will be used by manufacturing plants directly engaged in the war effort.

Publishing of "Bomb-Shell" Discontinued

Plant Paper Ordered Folded as Economy, Conservation Measure

Publication of *The Bomb-Shell* will be discontinued after this edition to comply with an order by the War Department issued in Washington early this month.

The order, signed by **Lt. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, Jr.**, Chief of Ordnance, directed that publication of papers by all Government-owned ordnance plants be suspended by July 31 because of the necessity for economy, conservation of Ordnance manpower and saving of paper.

Discontinuance of the EOP paper "will be a disappointment to all of our employees," said **W. E. Canniff**, general manager of Elwood Ordnance Plant, in a letter to **Lt. Col. Byron Rife**, commanding officer. Comments of **Harrison Smith**, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter, designers, builders and operators of EOP, are contained in the lead editorial on Page 2 of this edition. A statement by Colonel Rife is published elsewhere on this page.

"We believe that *The Bomb-Shell*, Elwood Ordnance Plant's paper, has done much to increase and maintain the morale of our employees by stimulating interest in the plant's manufacturing activities, and the part which it is playing in the war effort," said Mr. Canniff's letter. "It has afforded a medium by which employees could be informed on general matters relating to Ordnance, and the importance of Ordnance in the whole war program. Through *The Bomb-Shell* we are continually calling to the attention of our employees the necessity of following safe practices, and by example, the results of not doing so.

"Through *The Bomb-Shell* we are enabled to furnish employees with special information on bond subscriptions, the Victory Tax and the Withholding Tax. Employees look forward eagerly to each publication, and we believe a discontinuance of the publishing of *The Bomb-Shell* will be a disappointment to all of our employees.

"In view, however, of General Campbell's very definite statement as to the necessity for economy, and for conservation of Ordnance manpower, and saving of newsprint and other paper stock, we

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Fellowship Meetings Will Be Resumed

Fellowship meetings for department heads and employees of EOP will be resumed in September, it was announced by **A. E. Frosch** and **E. C. Carlson**, co-chairmen. The same successful pattern of last spring, dinner at the Mess Hall followed by entertainment in the Recreation Building, will be observed, the chairman said. A meeting of the program planning committee will be held soon.

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And Let Us Not Forget

For slightly over one year, Elwood Ordnance Plant workers have become accustomed to read *The Bomb-Shell* each two weeks. It has become a custom, but unlike many customs has not become commonplace.

The Bomb-Shell has been outstanding as a plant publication, both in appearance and substance. Through it we have become acquainted with high executives in the War Department—men who are doing outstanding jobs in their positions. Through it we have a better knowledge of the job Ordnance is doing in supplying implements of war to the armed forces. Most of us feel that we are a real part of Ordnance, and we are proud of its leaders, of our membership in the organization and the work which we are doing to fulfill our obligations.

We believe *The Bomb-Shell* has filled an important job at Elwood Ordnance Plant. It has made us better acquainted with our fellow workers, given us something of their viewpoint toward life, and enabled us to share with them some of their pleasures and problems. The ability and enthusiasm of our editor and of the fine men and women who have so faithfully and interestingly reported our activities have been most refreshing. To them we are indebted.

We have much to be thankful for in having had *The Bomb-Shell* and we are going to miss its appearance. The information which it has given us on varied matters relating to taxes and other government regulations, and on safety and health matters, including preventives which we should take, for our personal welfare and in the interest of Victory, will not be forgotten.

Although we shall miss *The Bomb-Shell*, we must remember that, while we are an important cog in the production wheel, it is a very big wheel. Economies and conservation measures taken at this plant will be multiplied in the many other war plants, and such measures are for our best interests.

Let us not forget that Elwood Ordnance Plant is a great facility, of which we may all be proud. By our work we have given it an outstanding reputation, but without our continued effort, regular attendance to our duties, safety in our work, co-operation with our associates and our supervisors, mutual understanding of each other's problems, and an attitude of helpfulness under all circumstances, this reputation will suffer.

—Harrison Smith.

Not Mine—Ours!

The gasoline I burn is not mine; it's ours. The tires I wear out are not mine; they belong to America. The money in my pockets is not mine; it's ours. The food I eat or the food I grow is not mine alone; it belongs to the nation. This is not my home, my land. I only have a lease on it even though I hold a deed in fee simple. The land was here before I was born, and it will be here when I am gone. My life, even, is not wholly my own. I was put here for a purpose and I can meet that purpose, that grand, infinite design only by living for and working with my fellows. This is not my country. It is our country, and the more I do for "our" country the greater the reward will be mine.—*Winston-Salem Journal.*

"Yeah, no kiddin', he told me he could drop 'em from 20,000 feet right into a wash tub, especially mine!"

Passes and Rejects

By Vernon C. Bailey

It is appropriate for this last issue to revive this column, which has appeared from time to time in *The Bomb-Shell*, so that the compliments which have been showered upon the paper may be placed publicly where they belong. One of the strongest features of the tabloid has been its excellent photographs of the EOP scene. These were the work of **Loren D. Ross**, chief photographer, and **Irvin L. Moore**, his assistant. Too much praise for them is an impossibility, for this work was done in addition to their regular duties in the Personnel Department.

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Kudos for Correspondents

In many years of experience with employee publications, I have never seen the loyalty and enthusiasm of *The Bomb-Shell* staff of reporters equaled. Their support has been not only an inspiration to me, but a continuous marvel to **Harrison Smith**, who regarded each one of them as a very special asset to his respective department and to EOP.

The year saw changes in personnel because of conditions, but each succeeding correspondent tried to outdo his predecessor. Space limitations prohibit more than a mention of those now on the staff. They are: **Arlene Schloendorf**, General Offices; **Helen McGinnis**, Ordnance; **Catherine Tomlianovich**, Ordnance Inspection; **Juanita Harter**, Fuze & Booster; **Beverly Garing**, Group 1; **Norbert McLuckie**, Group 3; **F. G. Tamblyn**, Group 3-A; **Charles H. Mann** and **William Denver**, Inert Storage; **Marjorie Howerton**, High Explosives; **Dara Prew**, Personnel; **Lorrayne Ostrem**, Inspection; **Paul Roy**, Material Warehouse; **Lt. Gene Ryan**, Guards; **Stuart Moloney** and **Frank Skoff**, Fire Department; **Mary McGovern**, Production Planning; **Nicholas Belluso**, Timekeeping; **Helen Shimek**, Utilities; **Evelyn Richards**, Hospital; **E. L. Walkup**, Recreation; **Karl Ulrich**, Safety, and **Andrew Vail**, Salvage.

Three others who cannot be overlooked are **Eddie Keenan** and **Wilbur Galbraith**, formerly of Group 2, and **Joe Motta**, formerly of Group 61.

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Credit for Circulation

Throughout the life of *The Bomb-Shell*, it was **Victor M. Dagenais**, Miss Schloendorf and **Joseph Catton** who saw to it that each employee received his or her copy. In more recent months, **Chief M. C. Baughman** threw his willing guards into the breach to hand out copies as the employees left their work. To all of these, I say thanks in behalf of the EOP family.

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Message to Fighters

To all of you men and women in Uncle Sam's uniformed services, who once worked here, I express the appreciation of all employees for the interesting letters you wrote from your respective camps and posts. Please continue to write and your requests for news from EOP will be sent to the proper groups or individuals for response.

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Splendid Printing Job

The attractive appearance of *The Bomb-Shell* has been due to the time and effort devoted to the job by The Cuneo Press of Chicago and its expert staff. **Otto Forkert**, typographer and designer, has been a well of inspiration. Without **Dave Plews, Walter Wilson, Walter Bates, O. W. Rawlings** and **George Sefcik**, *The Bomb-Shell* could not have been the paper so many have said it has been.

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Scorchy Is Unmasked

Frequently throughout the year and more so during the last two weeks, the question "Who is Scorchy?" has been asked. "Are you going to expose him in the last issue?" queried more than one. The answer is "Yes." The mystery is a mystery no longer. His picture is in the lower right corner of Page 11. . . . Now, are you satisfied?

Welfare of EOP Workers Charge Of Committees

Various Groups Study Problems Involving Service to Employees

Betterment of working conditions and fitting them into the rigors of war time regulations are the principal aims of a number of committees set up by Sanderson & Porter within the Elwood Ordnance Plant.

The first group to be named was the Employees Service Committee (picture on Page 5). This group acts as a steering committee for problems relating to employee welfare. It not only initiates proposals, but studies those which come from other sources and makes recommendations about them to the management. Meetings are held every other week and on call of the chairman.

An Employees' Activities Committee (picture on Page 10) is composed of representatives of practically all working groups within the plant. It reflects workers' views concerning recreational and other features and fits in the aims of any one group into the best interests of all.

The Labor-Management Committee (picture on Page 4) was organized June 25, 1942. The committee was organized to handle problems arising from rationing of tires used on the cars of employees for transportation to and from their homes to work. At the time gasoline was rationed this committee assisted the employees in securing their "A" books and also certified employees requiring additional mileage so they could travel between their homes and this plant.

Since the committee was organized they have handled approximately 15,000 applications for supplemental mileage. At the present time the committee deals with 81 Office of Price Administration Boards to keep 3,300 car sharing groups carrying employees from approximately 300 communities.

An Employees Relations Committee (picture on Page 5) studies employment problems and the Merit Award Committee (picture on Page 4) provides means for recognizing outstanding contributions of employees to the war effort. Employees' suggestions are considered for submission to the Ordnance Department in Washington or for certificates of merit from Sanderson & Porter.

The Burning Pit

By Scorchy

Folks, I cannot say I am in a valedictory mood, what with the battle only half over and so much yet to be done. But the die is cast and we shall have to accept the "Hail and Farewell" with the firm admission that it is all for the good and in the interests of an earlier conclusion to certain military arguments now going on in various parts of this mundane sphere.

The association with all of you through the medium of the World's Greatest Printed Thing has been inspiring from many angles and aggravating from others. The desire to wring necks has been mutual — and not monopolized by you, as you had thought so long.

But now that the curfew has rung, let's get off to the side of the road for a little journalistic stock-taking. It is hoped that these columnar nightmares have provided a bit of amusement here and there, and perhaps even ground for more serious meditative thought on some of the pressing problems facing you and you and you and me every day, as we put our shoulders to the wheel headed toward that ultimate destination, called *VICTORY*.

As I recall, past installments of this "Word-to-the-Wise" department have dwelt on such weighty subjects as Gossip, Absenteeism, Speeding to Joliet, Victory Gardens, Chiggers, Belt Lines, Thrift, War Bonds, and others not susceptible of thumb-nail descriptions. The general purpose was constructive in intent, although not always accepted in that light, but it was thought helpful to add a bit of nonsense here and there to season the more profound ideas that burst into print under our aegis every so often. As far as this department can learn from its own intelligence division, the nonsense seemed to be much more appreciated than the serious stuff, but that's up to you, dear reader . . . take your fun where you find it.

As I look over the EOP scene today, I am not too sure that my little messages have accomplished all that they could have, and although it is distasteful to depart with a critical attitude, there is something that tells me that each and every one of you can do a better job in his own humble way, and by golly, I predict that you all will do that better job. Let's tell the cock-eyed world it "ain't seen nothing yet" and really go to town.

And now as to the future. Those of you who have heaved a sigh of relief at having gotten rid of that fiery proprietor of the Burning Pit, are in for disappointment. I'll still be with you, but in cosmic form. Henceforth, when you are tempted to shut off the alarm clock and roll over for another few hours sleep, that mysterious guy who taps you on the shoulder and tells you not to miss the day's work will be . . . *Scorchy;* when the right foot gets a little heavy on the accelerator and the speedometer shows bigger numbers, the correcting urge to slow down will come from . . . *Scorchy;* the fellow who will sell you that extra War Bond will be . . . *Scorchy;* the guy who makes a man out of **Charlie Mann** will be . . . *Scorchy;* yea, verily, the fellow who has already made *Boloney* out of **Stu Moloney** is . . . *Scorchy;* and so it goes.

Well, good burning now . . . I'll be searing you.

You've done your bit, now do your best!

Buy War Bonds

Enroll in the EOP Payroll Savings Plan

SEE YOUR TIMEKEEPER TODAY! — Save time and money by buying $50 instead of $25 War Bonds

2 Child Centers Maintained for Working Mothers

Daily Fee of 50 Cents Assures Care, Meals For Young Children

Two Children's Centers are maintained in Joliet by the Child Protection Committee, Joliet Office of Civilian Defense, for the use of mothers in war industries, according to **Mrs. J. A. Nord**, chairman.

The West Side Center is on the first floor of the St. Francis Preparatory School, corner of Center, Buell and Division Streets.

The East Side Center is at 601 Garnsey Avenue in the building previously occupied by the Slovac Culture Club. Both these sites have been remodeled, renovated and decorated and equipped with the latest type of nursery equipment and play material. Accommodations have been provided to care for children from two years of age up through school age. Three teachers are in charge of the children at each center and they are cared for from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

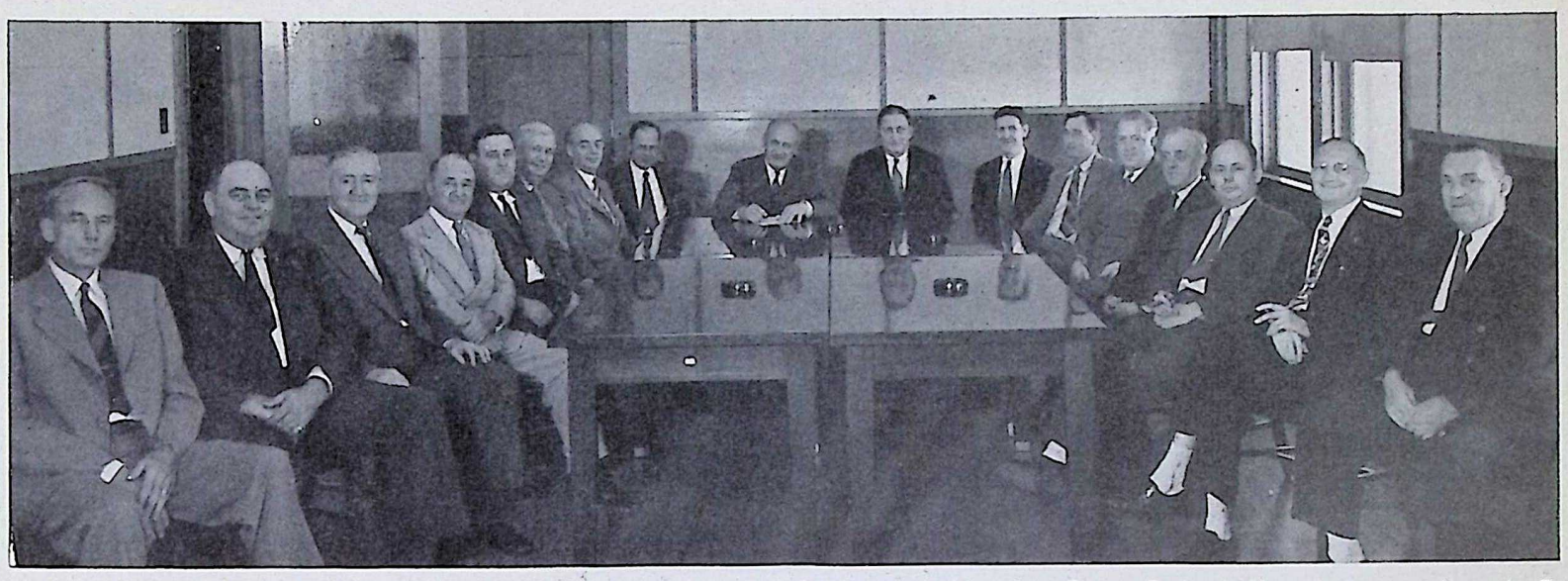
A Government grant has been received by the City School Board, which sponsors the project, to cover the cost of rent and teacher's salaries. A fee of 50 cents a day is charged the parents. This fee covers the cost of food and milk which is served the children.

A hot dinner is served at noon and mid-morning and mid-afternoon nourishment is given each child. Young children sleep in the afternoon on individual cots placed in quiet, attractive sleeping quarters.

Mothers who are working are urged to bring their children to the centers for day care and supervision. Mothers will do a better job where they are employed if they have peace of mind which results when they know their children are well cared for while they are away from them.

The Forest Park and Rockdale buses are convenient to the East Side Center and the Ruby Street bus goes by the door of the West Side Center. Parents driving may leave their children on their way to work and pick them up when they return.

Sign Up for a $50 WAR BOND
See Your Timekeeper Today



WEEKLY MEETINGS are held Monday mornings by W. E. Canniff, general manager, and his staff of superintendents to discuss problems pertaining to production, maintenance and employment. This photo, taken at a recent meeting, shows, left to right: R. T. Read, safety director; E. O. Huey, Plant Protection; A. J. MacLellan, chief inspector; T. M. Burns, general superintendent, Fuze & Booster Area; H. D. Dougherty, Group 3; James J. Murphy, Group 2; L. J. Kessel, comptroller; A. P. Balston, Inert Storage; Mr. Canniff; John J. Cole, assistant general manager; R. T. Bassett, service manager; A. M. Lockwood, general superintendent, Utilities; J. E. Salmon, Group 1; E. J. Walsh, general superintendent, loading lines; Paul J. Stazel, High Explosives; John C. Schmeh, Production Planning, and J. J. Fitzpatrick, Group 3-A.

Safety Department Serves Employees

Believing that satisfactory continuity of production of quality ammunition can be made possible only in plants where safety is first and foremost, Elwood Ordnance Plant has striven at all times to make efficient use of every opportunity to show employees the merit and rewards of safety.

The Bomb-Shell has been one of the instrumentalities used in this program. In the future, much of the safety program will be publicized by posters and bulletins.

The Safety Department now has a personnel of 28. Every attempt has been made to pick, train and place these men in the various groups where their influence would be most effective in furthering the war effort.

Much of the insistence on the use of proper protective equipment has often seemed to employees both arbitrary and unnecessary, but over a period of months results have definitely shown that in spite of the discomfort and restraint of some equipment the best interests of the workers are served.

Protective equipment is made for but one purpose, to protect the employee. True, the company benefits too, but the fact remains, every injury and every case of an occupational disease bears heaviest on the employee. By the same token the greatest protective benefit accrues in his favor.

Publishing of 'Bomb-Shell' Is Discontinued

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are planning that the last issue of *The Bomb-Shell* will be as of July 30."

Publication of *The Bomb-Shell* "by and for employees of Elwood Ordnance Plant" was started June 5 of last year and it has appeared every other Friday since. This edition is the 31st.

It quickly became a pace-setter for those plant papers which preceded it and a model for those which came later. In January of this year, *The Bomb-Shell* received second award for employee publications of a tabloid type in the annual contest for 1942 of the Industrial Editors Association of Chicago.

Novel features were developed by the tabloid. Through Page 1 portraits and biographical sketches, it made its readers acquainted with the leaders of the Ordnance Department and the Services of Supply. It published in each issue the name and birthday date of each employee for two weeks in advance. Letters from former employees in the armed forces, here and overseas, appeared by the hundreds. Many of these came as the result of the policy of mailing the paper to these service men and women wherever they went. Approximately 2,000 were on this mailing list.

Names of employees were printed in bold-face type, easily distinguishable from the lighter body type. In the 31 issues of the paper, the names of employees appeared 39,133 times, an average of approximately 1,200 for each edition. There were 1,591 photographs, in which 8,494 persons were pictured. These are record figures for a publication of this kind.

Editorials and articles from *The Bomb-Shell* were quoted widely and many of its photographs were reprinted in other publications of national circulation, including *The American Family, Northwestern Engineer* and *Cuneo Topics*.

With the exception of engraving and printing, *The Bomb-Shell* was a 100 per cent EOP product from Page 1 to Page 12. Its photographs were the work of **Loren Ross** and **Irvin Moore** of the Personnel Department. Humorous cartoons by **August Ash** and **Larry Lahrman** were regular features. Editorials were written by Mr. Smith, **Rollin T. Read**, safety director; **James Glade, Joe Motta** and many others. Stories and articles came from the pens of top management and department heads.

The backbone of the paper was the bi-weekly report from each of 21 departments written by a splendid staff of voluntary correspondents. A tribute to these reporters appears in the editor's column "Passes and Rejects" on Page 2. So well did they do their work, they were recognized several times with dinners given in their honor by Mr. Smith in behalf of Sanderson & Porter.

Throughout its existence, *The Bomb-Shell* was printed by The Cuneo Press, Chicago, one of the largest printing houses in the world. Engravings were produced by the Boncraft Corporation, an affiliated organization.

Until recent months, each issue of *The Bomb-Shell* was mailed directly to the home of every employee. The paper proved as popular with the workers' families as with themselves. Distribution by guards at the exit gates as the employees left work was developed as an economy measure. Distribution, both by mail and by hand, was supervised by **Victor M. Dagenais**, supervisor of office management, and complaints concerning circulation were seldom heard.

The first issue of *The Bomb-Shell*, named so in a contest among employees, consisted of six pages. The second edition had eight pages; third and fourth had ten. Beginning with the fifth, each succeeding issue consisted of 12 pages.

Kathryn Reubart, War Department, and **Vincent Cantarella**, formerly of the Payroll Department, received duplicate prizes for suggesting *The Bomb-Shell* as the name for the tabloid, and **Michael Gorman**, a former guard, was awarded a consolation prize. Hundreds of contest entries were received.

EOP Sets Pace for Building and Operation

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in Groups 4 and 7, the first two of the Fuze and Booster groups to get under way. In celebration of the event a monster barbecue was served to all employees by Sanderson & Porter.

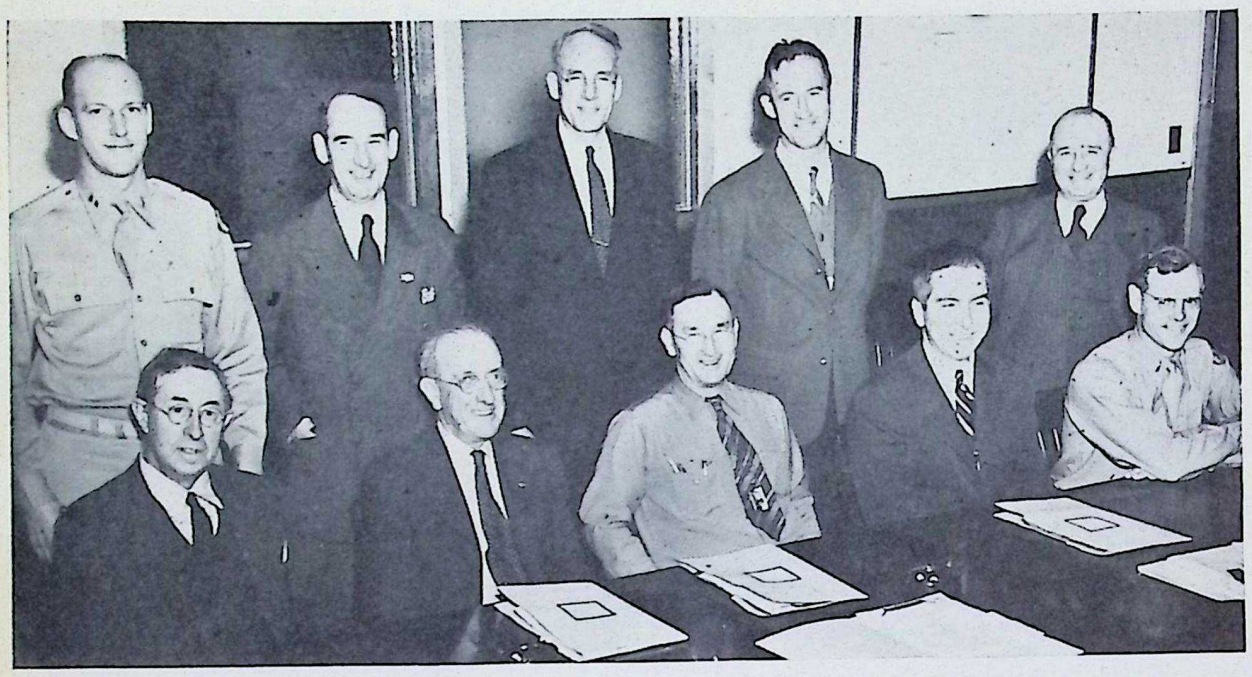
Group 3-A, bomb loading line, a supplementary line, began operations April 9, 1942, completing the four loading and six assembling lines which make up Elwood Ordnance Plant. EOP's work in the gigantic war program was in full swing and has remained so to this day.

Bombs, shells, anti-tank mines and other components, totaling more than a hundred million units have been assembled and loaded in this immense plant, located in what was once a peaceful farming area.

Approximately 37,000 men and women, without regard to race, creed or color, have contributed to this accomplishment at one time or another. Peak employment was approximately 14,000. Nearly 3,500 men and women workers have gone into the uniformed services, and many of the construction workers have departed for other war projects in the making.

Although employment has fluctuated with changing conditions brought about by completion of construction and the needs of the fighting forces, there are thousands of workers who have been here since operations were started, and many since the beginning of construction. One notable change is observed, however, by the presence of thousands of women, employed at the plant, as the armed forces depleted the number of men available.

THOUSANDS OF GIRLS are employed in the seven groups which make up the Fuze and Booster Area, of which Thomas M. Burns is general superintendent. Girls like those shown here, assembled for a recent meeting, have found working conditions in these groups good. Shell and bomb components are assembled and loaded in Groups 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 45.



MEMBERS OF MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE are (front row) J. A. Cocker, E. J. Walsh, A. M. Lockwood, chairman; Lee R. Reynolds, secretary; Lt. C. R. Crandell; (back row) Capt. Paul D. Cooper, George F. Bent, Rollin T. Read, Paul L. Deylitz and Thomas M. Burns.

Groups 4-9

Fuze-Booster-Primer and Detonator Lines

JUANITA HARTER
Correspondent

Groups 4-9
General Superintendent's Office

Bernice Altenbrunn, formerly of the office in Group 8, is welcomed here. **Juanita Harter**, secretary to **Gen. Supt. T. M. Burns**, left for a vacation in Missouri. **Martha Varsek** has returned from a pleasant vacation in Waukegan.

Ann Barthelme certainly hopes that **Helen Kammermann** returns from vacation soon because she misses her daily walk to Group 4.

John J. Murphy has returned from a two weeks' vacation in Denver, Col.

Group 4
By Marcella Hebert

All were glad to see **Pvt. John Dempsy** home on leave. He is now attending the University of St. Louis.

Helen Kammermann has returned from a vacation in Virginia. **Paul Laird**, that "man about Group 4," reports that **Scotty Westcott** lost a diamond ring in the Kankakee River and was embarrassed.

Sue Covington and **Wanda Boldige** are going to California with "banjos on their knees."

Ensign John Kinney, formerly of Group 4, has lost 15 pounds. It might have been the influence of the very slender **Bing Enger.**

Elmer Margraf is quite proud of the new paint job on his trucks.

Dora Foreman, blonde hurricane of Group 5, is reducing by drinking grape juice and eating one cracker a day.

The Fuze and Booster softball team needs players. Anyone interested is asked to call **Johnny Woods**, line 3249.

Group 5
By Cora Kay

Everyone at Group 5 welcomes **Charles Hickok** as the new assistant superintendent. Goodbyes were said to **Waldo Baldon** and **Bert Clark** who are taking over duties in other groups.

Bob Schmitz has returned from a vacation.

Jane Ashby, Eva Marma, Marge Sowa and **Dora Foreman** spent a week-end at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

LeDean Cheatham, inspector, left July 24.

Russell DeLong, better known as "Jerky," truck driver from Group 68, always has a wink for the girls.

Margaret Dodgen is the new timekeeper here.

Group 5 will miss **Dalton Daly** when he is on vacation in New York.

Congratulations go to **Jack O'Grady**, recently promoted to foreman. **Dwight Warren** has been promoted to bus driver. He is missed by his many friends in Group 5.

Joshua Garlick is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet. All miss him and hope for his speedy recovery.

Because of the ice-box in Group 5, **Rube Hoye** is nursing a split finger.

Mary Whalen wondered what to do with the flat tire she had outside 5-14. Mary says it was only flat on the bottom.

Betty Blaine is looking forward to a pleasant trip to Oklahoma in September with Mary Horn.

Group 6
By Mary Ricardi

Congratulations are sent by all to **Barbara Greenwood**, who became **Mrs. William Wolfe**, July 17. Barbara, who is an explosives truck driver, is leaving July 31. She will be replaced by **Dorothy Delaney**, forelady in 6-6.

The Tetryl pelleting "gang" enjoyed a party at the Hobnob at Troy July 15. A good time was had by all—"nuff sed."

Francis Cushing, foreman in the component room, has returned from a vacation spent in Wisconsin Dells. **Arthur Jensen**, assistant superintendent, is vacationing in Minnesota. **Gayle Bush** vacationed in Wisconsin, and is now back in the "groove."

Bee Nelson played a lot of golf while on vacation.

Lulu Rinehart, forelady in the component room, is back after a two weeks' vacation in Wisconsin.

Group 6 welcomes **Christine Barbara Ecimovich**, inspector, formerly of Group 8.

Group 8

Gertrude Jostak, of the WACS, was a recent visitor to Group 8. She is stationed at Boise, Ida., and was home on furlough.

Angela Turk and **S/2c Joseph Yedinak** have set the date for August 14. He gets a ten-day leave then.

Betty Johnston is the girl who can really put across a song. Her favorite is "Moonlight Cocktail."

Bob Ditton won't want to go swimming for a while. The last time he went, he cut his foot. Now he's limping around the oven room.

Loretta Chiese, Loretta Hibler and **Lila Muzzarelli** were guests of **Irene Herald** one night. A good time was had by all—into the wee hours of the morning!

Veronica Gordon has been vacationing in Lockport.

After many, many months of delay. **Bill Birtwistle** has finally set the date for his famous bicycle trip through the Rockies, December 25.

Mary Schultz has an 18-foot trailer for sale. Inquire at Johnson Drive-In Restaurant, Wilmington. Her husband is leaving next week for Marine training.

Pfc. Lester Haas and **Pvt. Elmer Hinds**, former employers, were recent visitors to Group 8.

George Elum, assistant superintendent, sent a sample box of Northern pike to prove he was fishing while on vacation.

Group 9
By Betty Boldan

Bill Lipsey was inducted into the Army July 26. All are going to miss him, and wish him the best of luck.

Mary Bloomquist, mother of **William H. Bloomquist**, reports that William, formerly of Group 2, is at Wittenburg College, Springfield, training in the Air Corps.

Carl Spenader went home last week-end and came back with a three-day supply of chicken.

Reba Dobson's husband reported for induction July 26.

Betty Stephanich has been lost ever since **Rose Helmle** was transferred to Group 8.

Lucitta Zimmerman is enjoying a week's vacation in Johnstown, Pa.

Group 45
By Ruby Frederick

Rose Nichols had lots of bruises after a wheel-barrow ride.

Helen Fritz is off from work for two weeks because of illness.

Timekeeping

NICHOLAS BELLUSO
Correspondent

This column was written by Milton "I." Treitel, assistant chief timekeeper, substituting for Nicholas Belluso.

I had the pleasure of writing the first column for the Timekeeping Department and it is with regret my substitution in this issue for **Nick Belluso** is to be the last. We of the Timekeeping Department want at this time to thank Nick for his fine work during the past year, and if *The Bomb-Shell* is ever resumed his services will surely be in demand.

The Timekeeping Department had its annual summer picnic, Thursday, July 15. It was honored to have as its guests **Harrison Smith, Richard Bassett, G. B. Pumphrey** and **Frank J. Leiss.** As usual, **John O'Connell** was in good voice . . . I sincerely believe he was vaccinated with a phonograph needle. The only way to keep him quiet is to put a "milk bottle" in his mouth. Talking about "milk bottles," Dick Bassett came in second in that contest. This was not very unusual for him because in all his handball contests with a certain would-be columnist, he always comes out second best! No snickers will be permitted from **John Schmeh.**

Our sincerest thanks go to **Ed Walkup** for his swell program of events. Music for the occasion was supplied by **Frank Zupancic** and **Shirley Van Duyne** on the accordion, and **Turner Albright** on the saxophone. **Barney McShane**, former chef of the Waldorf-Astoria, really did a swell job on the hot-dogs and hamburgers. **Connie Howard** must have gotten dizzy from spending his time in the Round House.

Scraps from the Dust Pan—**Bob Griffin**, timekeeper at Group 1, is waltzing around Chicago again. Many wonder why Belluso wants to sell his new car, especially since he has made fixing flat tires one of his pet hobbies! Did **Elmer Dames** catch all the fish he said he did or is it just another "fish" story? **Ira Combs** has been working in the "gold mine" at Sauenium during a vacation. **Herbie Drummond**, former timekeeper at Group 64 and now full fledged sailor in the Navy, visited his old friends in Timekeeping recently.

All extend sympathy to **Allie Cryder**, whose niece died last week.

What Mr. O'Connell meant by the "boogey-woogey man," when he introduced Mr. Pumphrey, is beyond me, I never knew George was a jitterbug. Maybe it has something to do with the monthly report he sweats over around the 15th of the month.

Best wishes go to **Ruth Stites** on her recent marriage. Congratulations go to **Mr. and Mrs. Archie Laborence** on the new addition to the family . . . it's a girl. Sincere sympathy is extended to **Maria Darin**, whose father died recently.

The Timekeeping Department extends a hearty welcome to its new members—**Mabel Milby, Audrey Daily, Edwin Gordon, William Warren** and **Margaret Dodgin.**

Timekeepers who will be vacationing in the near future are **Leonard Bottomley, Zona Bond, Elizabeth Daniels, Joe Smajd, Lloyd Combs, Bernie Smego, Harold Champley, Turner Albright, Charles Gaby, Grant Stitt, Joseph Bandino, Paul Lauer** and Mr. Belluso.

It is with sincere regret that I close this column with the ending of The Bomb-Shell and it is the hope of the entire department that in the very near future we will hear welcome news that The Bomb-Shell will once again be published.—Milton Treitel.

Fingerprints of 50,000 Persons Personnel Task

Department First Service Group Set Up By Plant's Builders

By George F. Bent
Personnel Director

The Personnel Department, which was the first service organization of Sanderson & Porter to be set up at EOP early in October, 1940, has in 33 months of operation, received more than 100,000 applications for employment. During that time, a working force has been maintained, varying in number from 8,000 to 14,000, according to the changing needs of construction and operation activity.

Aside from hiring the worker for the 31 various departments of the plant, scattered over a 22 square mile area, and including 1,000 steel and concrete structures, the department has dealt continuously with various trade and civic organizations, city, state and federal bureaus and numerous individuals.

As construction was completed in seven and one-half months and workers were employed for operations of the plant, a wave of new regulations, procedures and requirements were required until at the present time nearly 10,000 documents, letters and reports flow out of the Personnel Department every month.

The total number of persons who have been on the payroll is approximately 37,000. Because of the need for identification of workers, our Photograph Department has been required to make approximately 62,000 identification badges and prepare fingerprints for about 50,000 persons.

The Personnel Department is comprised of five chief divisions, namely: Interview and Placement, Reference, Division of Investigation, Military Intelligence Division and Division of Statistics and Records.

During construction 35 persons handled the employment problem. Later on, as the work became more complicated and involved, approximately 100 persons were employed on two shifts. At the present time there are 50 on the Personnel Department payroll.

Merit Award Group Seeks More Ideas

The Merit Award Committee has a number of contributions now under consideration. However, new contributions are not coming in as rapidly as the committee would like, according to **A. M. Lockwood**, chairman.

Anyone with an idea which he thinks will help the war effort here, should go to his foreman or superintendent with it. He is sure to receive consideration. If the idea has merit, in time it will reach the Merit Award Committee for consideration, Mr. Lockwood said.

Radio Ramblings

By Kay Richardson

Larry Jack has a lost look on his countenance. Larry is on all three shifts, 7:30, 3:30 and 11:30 and can't seem to decide whether to say "hello" or "goodbye" to his co-workers.

Arnold Johnson says that some of the "day boys" were at *the* corner in Joliet to wave goodbye to him the other night as he took off for EOP and they went on their merry way elsewhere. Barney didn't appreciate this little gesture at all.

Arnoldine Ballard is welcomed as a new member of the Radio Communications Division.

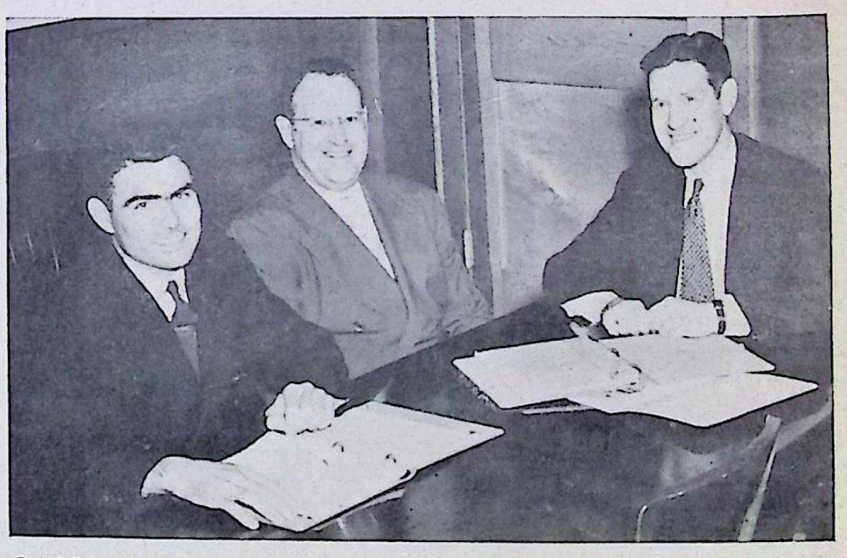
Merle Eberhart, who left for the Army, is now stationed at Camp Haan, California, and is happy to be doing radio work.

Kay Richardson has returned after a two weeks' vacation.

It is claimed that a block and tackle are needed to pull the carrots from **Al Johnson's** plot.

Q. To settle an argument, can you tell us whether the U. S. pays captured enemy officers?

A. It does. The U. S. follows the rule laid out in the Hague Convention of 1929 which set up international rules of war and was signed by all the major nations now fighting, to pay captured officers $25 a month.



GASOLINE RATIONING and allotment of tires are among the duties of the EOP Labor-Management Committee. Members are, shown here left to right, Russell R. Kuntz, A. E. Kinson and R. T. Bassett, chairman.

Utilities

HELEN SHIMEK
Correspondent

Ever since the birth of The Bomb-Shell nearly 1¼ months ago, we have found ourselves waiting anxiously for each succeeding issue with its inspiring news of what a great "all out for Victory" job we here at EOP are doing. To the folks at home as well, each issue has been a treat and the final copy will prove itself a treasure.

Those introductions and resumes of past experience of many of our leading men in Ordnance have proven interesting and educational as well. We'll never forget those humorous anecdotes that "Scorchy" brought to us. That good photography which has been ever-present in each issue has added heaps to our scrap books to revive memories of friends and happenings at EOP.

Yes, it's been a splendid paper, but who said we would not have a paper unless it was the very best? Harrison Smith, of course! Congratulations to the editor!—Helen Shimek.

Utility Stores
By Ed Keenan

Everett "Andy" Andrew, genial lumber dispatcher, was asked how many strokes it took him to get out of the rough while playing a game of golf with **Paul "One World" Meyer.** Andy said a small snake attempted to eat his golf ball and the only weapon available was his No. 5 iron; thus the extra swings at the pellet.

Medical science advocates daily use of vitamins, but many would like **Art Lamping's** beefsteak tablets any day for that extra lift to keep one rolling.

John Bottary left for a vacation and all wish for him a most enjoyable time.

Rumor has it that **Frank Rupnow** is being considered for a major league scout's job by two or three teams. Frank is rated as one of the most capable judges of prospective talent in the business. It's been impossible to get any news about **Joe Potch, Jim Miller, Sherman Hedrick, Joe Mills** and **Charley Brennan,** as the boys are being very quiet.

Machine Shop Messages
By Marie Studer

Those who enjoy a good debate are urged to tune in on the Kaye-Hewlett session any noon hour. Lincoln and Douglas were pikers in comparison, at least they couldn't holler as loud.

A patient gent is **Judson Fish,** storekeeper. With one or a dozen demanding service, he remains as cool as the proverbial cucumber.

A bit of romantic news has leaked out of **J. A. Cocker's** office. **Marie Studer** is now wearing a diamond and expects to center-aisle it sometime in the fall. The lucky gent is **Bill Chadwick** of Joliet.

The Machine Shop is hopeful of having another championship softball team this season. Proof that the team is playing good ball is shown in the victories of the past three weeks.

Building Maintenance
By John Bottary

Frank Roemer couldn't find the reverse gear on a dump truck and, lucky for him, there was enough room to drive around the building instead of through it.

Some of the boys say the four-pound bass **Bob Walker** boasted about recently was purchased at a local fish market in Joliet. Bob vigorously denied this, adding, "I used my Walker special bait to land this one."

Elmer Dupree is thinking of renting a boat at the Kankakee River and proving to **Supt. C. J. Taylor** his theory about a man in a boat pulling on a rope toward shore, and a man on the shore pulling a boat in.

Thought is being given to placing a warning sign on the steps leading to **Forrest Schnorf's** home. Recently he fell from the porch to the ground. Forrest avers some one moved the steps during the night!

Pipe Shop News
By Mary Wynne

Clarence Regnier thinks that a New York postcard with a Joliet postmark is positively sickening.

Orville Burkhardt and **Harry Chayer** have returned from vacations.

Cal Ashline is an ardent Cub fan. According to Cal, they are tops and not even Brooklyn can beat them.

Tom French came to work wearing a leather wool-lined jacket.

Mary Wynne recently returned from a vacation spent in New York.

Water and Sewers
By A. Shaw

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Watchorn and family were recent guests of **Roy Rogers,** well known western screen star, who has been appearing at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago. The Watchorns viewed the show from back-stage. Roy and Jack have been buddies for several years, having met in California where they were members of a "rolling" orchestra.

Tony's Circle Inn was the scene of a farewell party given in honor of **Gordon Hunt** July 15. Gordon left for the Army July 28.

Telephone Tid-Bits
By Elaine Christman

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buck and family are vacationing in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Loretta Bradshaw believed the longest way round was the shortest way home until the night it took from 3:30 to 6:30 to reach Joliet.

With the removal of her daughter's tonsils and the papering of two rooms, **Gertrude Gierich** is spending a restful (?) vacation.

Paint Shop Patter
By Blackie Blackburn

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stumeier are the proud parents of a son born July 8. "Stu" has been *up in the air* ever since. He has been painting smokestacks throughout the area.

Keith Gale has been busying himself during off-hours by redecorating his home in Morris.

After nine months on the night shift, **Charles "Swede" Gustafson** claims he is slowly becoming accustomed to day-light, since being transferred to the day shift.

Electric Shop
By Ben Webster

Ray Dracca, Joseph Dionne, Michael Pellegrini, Robert Baskerville and **Harold Balaz** recently paid visits to the Electric Shop, much to the enjoyment of the electricians. Various branches of the armed services were represented by these visitors.

The Electric Shop is proud that former employees are in every branch of the Army, Navy and Marines.

Water Division
By Beno Judge

Bernard R. Nichols, softening plant operator, has been accepted by the Army.

Beno Judge, "the old man of the mountain," has been placed in 1A, but **Dick Corrick** says he will beat him to the draw.

Many thanks are sent to **Andrew Kennedy** and son, **Edward,** for the use of their front lawn—and basement.

Jesse Pope has returned after a vacation.

Bus Transportation

Eunice Mantia, Kay Toune and **Lee Schonert** have joined the Group 60 baseball team.

Miss Schonert is vacationing in East Chicago with her family. Miss Toune has returned after a week's vacation.

Charlie Harris, dispatcher, has returned from vacation, but had the hard luck of spending five days of it in bed.

Harry Eaton has moved his family to Wilmington. **Eddie Koerner,** former dispatcher who joined the Navy sometime ago, was recently transferred from Florida to Norfolk, Virginia.

Congratulations are sent to **Ray Pratt** on his recent promotion to corporal. Ray is stationed at Camp White, Oregon.

Carpenters and Locksmiths
By Porter G. Olson

C. C. Hassel, Tim Thompson, Robert Brimm and their wives, attended a ball game at the White Sox Park recently.

Norman E. Keir left for the Army Air Corps July 23.

Vacations are being enjoyed by Mr. Hassel, superintendent of carpenters, and **Robert Enger.**

It's a boy at the **John K. Sveinsson** home.

Ribbons are deserved by **H. F. "Doc" Craig** for his untiring efforts in working for and with the Boy Scouts of Norris. Doc's latest accomplishment was building a camp for the boys.

Landis "Scotty" Morris *enjoyed* three flat tires, all in *one* evening!

Harry Hissong and **Tim Thompson** are mum about their proposed fishing expedition.

Laundry Letters
By Helen Pennington

We in the Laundry deeply regret the discontinuance of The Bomb-Shell. *This paper has served to make us better acquainted with other operating departments. We offer our hearty congratulations to Vernon C. Bailey and his staff for their fine job on this splendid paper. Our families will miss it as much as we here on the job.—Helen Pennington.*

Missed around the Laundry are **Edna Hyatt, Pat Runyon, Lucille Morrissette, Edna Butinis** and **Marge Bologh.**

Foreman **Roy Frye** is minus a good cook since **Russell Webber** was transferred to the Service Garage. Incidentally, Roy reports a nice vacation.

Ruth Ann Owens and **Cyril Finn** are welcome newcomers.

Mike Haller is doing a fine job of substituting for **Orville Wolfe,** who is on vacation.

The current gardening question is "Did or did not **George Kinard** plant that thistle in someone's tool box?"

The Laundry picnic is scheduled for August 1. A big turnout is expected and everyone is looking forward to a good time.

Groundskeeping

Marshall P. Oling, one of the original crew of groundskeepers, has been chosen to go to the Weapons School at Camp Hood, Texas. All his former pals know he will be a success as he "knows his onions" when it comes to machinery. Like all the rest of the boys, he wants to hear from his old friends here.

John S. Leitzell, tractor foreman, bought a farm in Indiana and expects to move there after the war is won.

Harlow Nicholson, assistant superintendent of grounds, who operates a farm near Manhattan in his spare moments, says that his corn and soy beans look better than he believed possible after such a late start.

Farmer W. B. Manchester wishes to compliment the girls of the Administration Area on their self-control in leaving the flower beds alone. *(That ain't the way we heard it.)* He hopes to be able to supply the girls with flowers at least twice a week.

In case you want to know who the tall, handsome gentleman is who runs the fairway lawnmower in the load line groups, it is **Ben Stadick.** Ben expects to be the landscape man at some big golf course some day.

Motor Pool Memos
By Lucille McCabe

Cheers are given for the Administration softball team. **Doris Brackett** and **Olive MacDonald** are two of the players.

Miss Brackett has returned from a vacation spent in North Carolina.

Ed Heath plans to take his family to Fox Lake for a week.

Dick Roeder is back after a week's stay on the golf course.

Ray Tucker left the EOP family to be at home with his invalid mother.

Here and There

Celia Kretz has returned to her duties in **Gen. Supt. A. M. Lockwood's** office after a pleasant vacation.

The pert little girl often seen driving around the area in a green pickup is none other than **Carolyn Campbell,** efficient messenger from the Utilities office.

After a two-week stay with his family in Long Island, N. Y., **Ernest Raunser** is back at his desk in the Railroad Transportation Division.

Competition to "Farmer" Manchester is **Charles Jones,** who has the grounds at Richards Farm looking beautiful.

Eugene Salisbury and **Howard Rub,** both with the Sheet Metal Shop, are expecting to leave to join the Seabees soon.

Line Department Lines

The entire personnel of the Line Department have always enjoyed and appreciated every issue of *The Bomb-Shell.* It always has been well written and edited and the news items, various educational and instructive articles and pictures have been an important factor in the creation and maintenance of good healthy morale throughout Elwood Ordnance plant. All sincerely hope to hear that the order in question has been rescinded.

A copy of *Sea Lines,* official publication of the Naval Construction Battalion in North Africa, was seen here recently. All were proud to read, prominently displayed on the front page, a copy of an official letter from the Seabees' commanding officer in that territory, commending very highly **Chief Petty Officer John H. Wagner** and his crew for a "dangerous and difficult construction job done in an extremely efficient manner." John was one of the oldest members of the Line Department in point of service and one of the first of its members to enter the service.

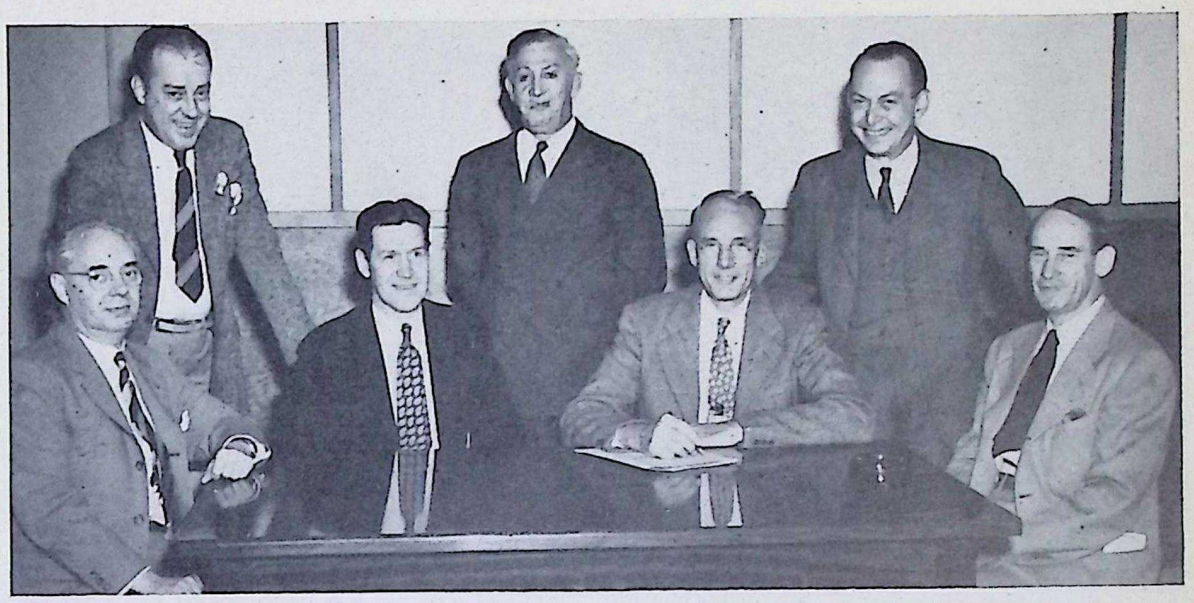
Photographers of **AC. Dick McCabe** and Mr. Wagner were passed around by their proud owners. They were handsome pictures, too, considering the subjects with which the photographers had to work.

Jim Boyd, former supervisor, wrote that he is stationed at an east coast Seabee Training Camp and has been given his G. I. haircut, which he says is a dandy.

Thanks to All

I would be lacking in gratitude and remiss in my responsibility did I not, in this last issue, express publicly my thanks to all of those representatives of the many divisions of the Utilities Department for their splendid help in preparing our column. They should know, too, that Mr. Lockwood is most appreciative for the publicity given to the divisions by these men and women. Space limitations prevent more than a listing of names, but they know what I mean. Thank you, one and all:

Kay Richardson, Radio; Marie Studer, Machine Shop; Elaine Christman, Telephone; Ben Webster, Electric Shop; Ray Curtis, Line Shop; Jess Thomas and Francis Feeney, Sheet Metal Shop; S. J. "Kelly" Kukulski, Eleanor O'Keefe, Russell E. Benway and Jean Ann Evans, Service Garage; Frank Kern and Lucille McCabe, Motor Pool; Mary Wynne, Pipe Shop; George O'Reilly, Railroad Transportation; John Bottary, Building Maintenance; Blackie Blackburn, Paint Shop; Beno Judge, Water; Jim Thompson, Round House; Tim Thompson, Arnoldine Ballard and Harry Craig, Locksmith Shop; Margie Stevens, Eddie Koerner and Sweeney Leggero, Bus Transportation; Helen Pennington and many others, Laundry; W. B. Manchester, Groundskeeping, and Eddie Keenan, Utility Stores.—Helen Shimek.

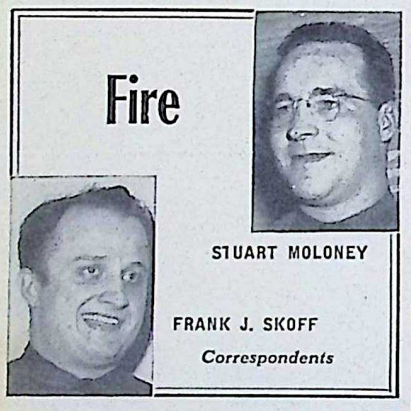


PROBLEMS CONCERNING WELFARE of employees, such as safety, medical care and recreation, are studied by the Employees' Service Committee. Members, shown here left to right, are: First row: L. J. Kessel, comptroller, treasurer; R. T. Bassett, service manager, chairman; R. T. Read, safety director, secretary; George F. Bent, personnel director; second row: Vernon C. Bailey, editor The Bomb-Shell; Dr. H. L. Schultz, medical director, and E. L. Walkup, recreation director.

WORKER RELATIONS are directed by the Employees' Relations Committee. Members shown here, left to right, are R. H. Watt, R. T. Bassett, chairman; F. C. Schauland and Lee R. Reynolds.

LOADING OF BOMBS has become as much a woman's job as a man's at Group 3-A. Aided by mechanical gadgets, girls handle the huge block-busters with ease and are happy that they are contributing so much to the war effort. More than half of the employees in this group are women and this picture of a representative number shows Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick in the center of the first row. F. G. Tamblyn, correspondent for this group, is shown at extreme right.

Fire



STUART MOLONEY

FRANK J. SKOFF
Correspondents

There's usually a silver (plated) lining in every dark cloud and, if the dreaded occurs, at least we won't have to look at the top picture that heads the Fire Department column, read poems from F. "Longfellow" Scoma, or feud with Scorchy. All this should prove restful to many nerves and eyes located throughout the area, but will probably soften us up to the extent that when we are called to the colors, we will be totally unprepared for the horrors of war.—Stu Moloney.

How would you girls and guys like to have seen **Chief Roy W. Mortenson's** picture at the age of 6 . . . read **Bill Reichert's** original story of the speedy deer hunter . . . read some of the original manuscripts that **Wiley Bell, Bert Benson, Win Corcoran** and **Frankie Nolan** used to pass on to be copied (said copying was discontinued when the clerkettes took over the typewriter and carbon copy department)?

Most doctors advocate an X-ray to locate many troubles, but **Virgil Bell** can tell what's wrong by just looking at a guy's shirt.

Len Jessen used to be one of the most loquacious sidewalk superintendents, but lately he has been as quiet as Group 61.

Dale (my ears tickle) Pratt has returned from a vacation. Dale was kept busy working at the car-wrecking business. **Steve Forgacs** has returned from a two weeks' rest — in his Victory garden. **Frankie Doyle** slipped quietly away on vacation.

Chief Mortenson has been spoiling the pet raccoons—feeds 'em fried chicken that he should be having for his own nourishment. **George "Paddock" Collins** has the biggest appetite in the department; never brings his lunch, yet puts on weight.

Willie "The Mouse" Davis is threatening to return to his old profession, tailoring, which he claims he has mastered as well as he plays the piano.

Orval Riggs is now only eight lessons from being an accomplished welder. After that he expects to make the sparks fly. **Tommy Billadeau** claims to be a master of the French language (really, he is beyond the "oui, oui" stage) and every day he practices his skill on unsuspecting friends. No one else here can speak French and so he has no difficulty in amazing all with his linguistic ability.

General Offices

ARLENE SCHLOENDORF
Correspondent

Charles Duchene left July 26 for a vacation at his old home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

James Smid left July 19 for a vacation of golfing.

Sophie Mores left July 19 to visit her sister, **Clara**, who is attending school in Champaign. They will leave there together for Logansport, Ind., for a visit with relatives.

Jackie Dailey, Betty Kane and **Dorothy Sonntag** visited **Harriet Wise**, formerly of Tabulating, to see her baby, **Penny**—Penny Wise—cute, eh?

Jean Tyrrell left July 18 for Cleveland to visit relatives; later she will travel to Sioux City, Ia. **Edward Fitzer** is vacationing.

Mary F. Rozich's mother is seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

Mary Gliha, of Timekeeping, is back again. **George Becker** left July 19 for a vacation in Milwaukee, Wis.

Margaret Fitzhugh, timekeeper, is up to par now since her siege with strep. **Mary F. Bostjancic** left Payroll July 16.

By now you have noticed the delightful new arrangement of **V. M. Dagenais'** office. The Multilith department, previously separated, is now one and the same—also now under the management of Mr. Dagenais.

Helen Bolling will leave for Des Moines, Ia., her home, July 31 for a vacation.

The Tabulating Room received a card from **Wilhemina "Billie" Roeder** from Indiana that her **Corp. Don J. Davidson**, is fine.

Frances Tomac has returned from vacation.

A newcomer to the Bond Department is **Ray Griglioni** of Coal City. **Gale Starkey**, of **R. T. Bassett's** office, was in Chicago July 21 for his physical.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mooney (formerly **Doris Johnson**) visited Payroll recently. Both are former employees.

Lucille Ambrose, formerly of **G. B. Pumphrey's** office, wrote that she would visit the plant between July 29 and August 13 when she has her furlough from the SPARS.

Lee Reynolds, assistant executive secretary, expects to be a proud father this fall.

Sarah Spencer went to Lake Ocondo with her family July 19.

Ernie Bell leaves Payroll August 3.

Arlene Schloendorf went to Clear Lake, Ia., and soon had her rod and reel out fishing for her friends. Results were excellent as Mr. Dagenais, Mr. Bassett and **John Schmeh** will attest. They already have had bass dinners.

Hospital

EVELYN RICHARDS
Correspondent

Enroute from DesPlaines to work, **Dr. I. N. Cohler** was seen irrigating the streets of Joliet. It seems that the car radiator just wouldn't retain water.

Two aboriginal sisters were gliding thru the dense thickets along a stream in Sidell's Woods. They were yoo-hooing for their mates, who were fishing for the evening meal. Sighting each other, they shyly glided back deeper into the forest, only to learn later they were co-workers from the Hospital laboratory. Their names happen to be **Evelyn Richards** and **June Hull.**

P.S.—Their husbands thought it was only some glamorous milk maid calling the cows.

Walter Houdlett and **Clare Woolens** are patients in the hospital.

Thelma Talbott is spending a vacation at the home of her mother. Her husband recently enlisted in the Navy and is stationed at Great Lakes. **Anne Johnson** is back from a vacation.

Edna Rimmer plans to vacation with her favorite aunt and uncle in Battle Creek, Mich.

Pvt. Joe Chizmark, former ambulance driver, visited the Hospital while home on furlough.

The bulge in **Margaret Gergovich's** pocketbook is due to the stack of pictures she took of her daughter and husband, who was home on furlough.

Mary Philbin is substituting for **Emily Noramczyk**, secretary to **R. T. Read**, who is on vacation.

The ambulance drivers can well be called the—go getters—yep! **Tom Moore** gets the new pre-employees from the Personnel Building, while **Ozro Blanchard** and **Vance Cook** bring patients in for first aid.

Pete Busanelli is the first to report he has home grown tomatoes from his Victory garden.

The new receptionist is pretty dark-haired **Roberta Zost.** Before coming to EOP she was employed in the Medical Department of the International Harvester Company, Bittendorf, Ia.

GROUP 1

BEVERLY GARING
Correspondent

Doug Marshment, steamfitter, is the proud papa of a daughter named **Jo Ann Mae**, born July 10.

Congratulations go to **Lola Hernack**, formerly supervisor of women in Bldg. 13, but now supervisor of all women on the 3:30 to 11:30 shift. Just before her appointment, Lola, who plays a swell game of softball with her Group 1 girls' team, got in the way of a ball and initiated her first night on her new job with the loveliest black eye that anyone has seen in years.

Russell Girot, commonly called "Hoolie," of Bldg. 4 is bragging again. It seems that he went to town to have a tooth fixed and the dentist charged him a dollar, so he rushed home and reported to his mother that he had been charged five dollars—so now he has four dollars to spend. Hoolie's too big a boy to be fooling his mother like that.

Shirley Olson forgot her badge the other day and from all reports caused a riot in the Guard force. These blonds always have a way with men.

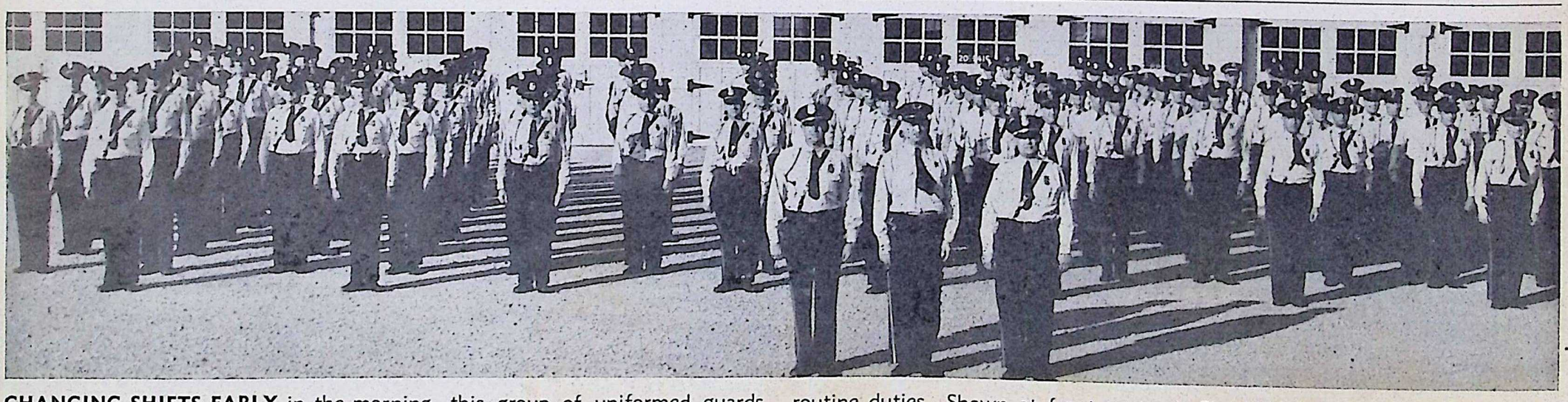
The guys and gals in Group 1 want little **Gerry Mandella**, Bldg. 4, to know that they think she's one of the swellest girls in the Group. Gerry is one of those Personality girls in a quiet sort of way.

Eldon Clark, truck driver, is on the verge of collapse. For eight hours every day he waits for a phone call from home concerning his expected income tax exemption. He's going to have a nervous breakdown soon if he doesn't hear.

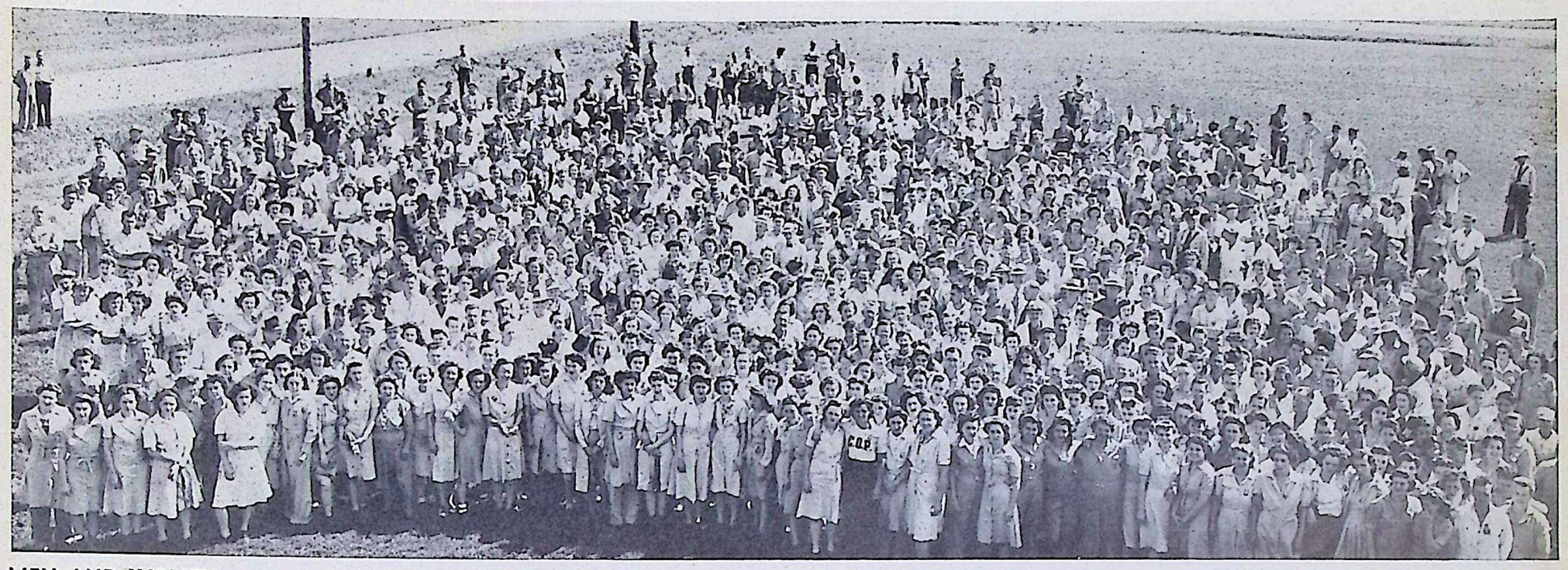
Herman Beringer, safety engineer, has returned from a vacation.

Orville Maish, clerk in **Supt. J. E. Salmon's** office on the 3:30-11:30 shift, took the fatal plunge last week and has gained weight already. He entertains all the other clerks with vivid descriptions of the wonderful meals his wife cooks with her own two lily-white hands and they're so jealous they are prepared to threaten Orville's life.

Leslie Schweisow and **Arnold Rink**, machinists, really look funny together. Leslie is every bit of 6 feet 3 inches tall and Rink is every bit of 6 feet 3 inches the other way. They wear the same size uniforms, but fill them in opposite directions.



CHANGING SHIFTS EARLY in the morning, this group of uniformed guards stopped long enough for this picture to be taken in front of Guard Headquarters. Their easy pose is due to the hours of drilling which are a part of their routine duties. Shown at front center is Chief M. C. Baughman. To the left is Capt. Walter Bayer and to the right is Capt. Joseph Killian, shift leaders. This department has been used as a pattern by many other war plants.



MEN AND WOMEN work side by side in Group 1, where powerful artillery shells are assembled, loaded and prepared for shipping to the war fronts. The first women shell loaders employed by EOP were put to work in this group. This photograph, arranged by Supt. Joseph E. Salmon, was taken at shift change time and shows a part of two shifts of workers. Many of the women who work here have husbands, brothers, or sweethearts fighting throughout the world.

Personnel

DARA PREW
Correspondent

Gorging themselves on courses consisting of red lead, fried sea gull, musket balls, spuds, a load of hay, frozen foam, jamok, chink or moo juice flavored with bible sand at the testimonial dinner for **Robert Hamlin** of the Marine Corps and formerly of the Personnel Department, some 52 members and former members of the Personnel force cleaned up the galley. Of course, most would say they enjoyed a good chicken dinner, but the Marines held sway as the souvenir menu indicated.

Leona Hagen started the formal program singing "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," "My Hero" and "One Kiss." This was followed by a few piano selections by **Helen Bardi**, and **Chastine Mason** offered "I Love Life" and "Danny Boy." Asked to say a few words, Bob pulled himself to his lanky height and started to tell of his experiences overseas. At the end of two hours, during which he had given many eye-witness accounts and showed his souvenirs of the battles in the Pacific Islands, the crowd was still asking questions. With him he had a fine pair of binoculars, a tiny Japanese flag, two of the personal seals which Japanese carry, Japanese wallets, and Japanese money printed in English which they expected to use on the English speaking islands after capturing them.

Many former workers in the department returned to honor Bob and see all their friends. Among them were **Harry Dean, Irene Comisky, Sophie Mores, Virginia Gallagher** and Miss Hagen.

The group presented Bob with a pen and pencil set to replace the one which they gave him when he left the department to go into service.

Today he is a man. Popular **James "Jimmy" Barrowman** can officially claim the honor as he celebrated his 21st birthday last week.

In case you've been wondering about the girl climbing to the roof of the Administration Building, she's **Mary Edwards**, formerly of the Investigation Department. She isn't playing tag at all, but acting as assistant meteorologist under **Guy Ward.**

Charlotte Doxsee Ahlvin is missed by the whole department since she hied herself away to Indianapolis, Ind., to tie that sacred knot and then scooted off to Pensacola, Fla., with that same man, **Alder Ahlvin.**

Without a southern accent, but wearing a very becoming tan, **Evelyn Melby** returned to the force Monday after spending two weeks visiting her sister in Greensboro, N. C. "Evvie" also stayed in Wilmington, N. C., and went swimming in the Atlantic ocean while at Wrightsville Beach.

June Morgan welcomed the timekeeper today and then objected when he handed her two checks. June had actually forgotten to collect her check when she came back from her vacation.

Lorraine Nichols went a-vacationing and has promised that she'll go to the Red Cross at least once to work when she returns. Just one of the bathing beauties is **Irvin L. "Jack" Moore** on vacation. Before he left, he warned all that he was going to spend a good share of it on the beach.

Dolores Courtney's good looking brother, **Pvt. Jerome K. Hancock,** visited her enroute back to Fort Bragg, N. C. The important man in **Marge Bittles** letters has just returned to the same camp. By the way, Marge is having an awful time trying to keep track of her brother who has been in the army for a few weeks. They've been switching him from one camp to another in such a flurry that she can't keep the addresses straight.

Romance after ten years of married life is practiced by **Al Dearth.** Telling his wife he couldn't possibly get home to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary, he said he would call her at their home in Bloomington at 6 p.m. Al sent her roses and drove down early so that he would be there in person at the time the telephone call was expected.

Audrey Deiss left July 24 for two weeks at Devil's Lake, Wis.

The sunshine of **Betty Diehl's** smiles have returned to the reference room. Betty's husband left Saturday for the "Sea-Bees" and letters simply did not arrive. Day by day her chin was lower until today when she and her family had two of these important epistles. No one had to ask her if she had any news from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., as she was the epitome of that old phrase, "wreathed in smiles."

Former dispatcher **John W. Barr** has shown up in India. The news came on the grapevine from his new "dad," **Stanley W. Kroger,** foreman in Group 3.

You've heard about "Wrong-Way" Corrigan, but there is a new celebrity in the Personnel Department known as "Wrong-Bus" Collins. Knowing that she had just a few minutes to catch a bus, **Margaret "Peg" Collins** went scurrying down the street toward her bus stop. Just as she was about there a bus drove up and she ran to board it. It wasn't until she had ridden up Jefferson street and turned three blocks out of her way that she realized that she was on the Rockdale instead of the Ruby bus.

Soldiers and more soldiers but they all looked like **William Bee** to **Dorothy Kaldem** while she was waiting. She had meant to surprise Bill, her fiance, by meeting his train at 5:30 a.m. at the Chicago station when he returned on furlough from Camp Butner, N. C. Somehow they missed each other in the crowd and he beat her to Joliet. **Lucille Venzara** says that nothing like this will happen when her husband, **Lt. Myles Venzara,** arrives on Aug. 1.

William Matthews is becoming befuddled with this rapidly changing work. Walking into the door marked Identification Bureau, he found an empty room. He backed out, rechecked the number over the door and the sign and then started looking in the corners. A laughing spectator, **Clint Matteson,** informed him that the equipment had been moved into another room that morning and personally escorted him to the new location. A few minutes later "Bill" walked into **Russell Watt's** office, struck a match and then stopped dumbfounded. He was so upset that he'd lighted a match and brought it up to his mouth, before he realized that he didn't have a cigarette out. He said that it's working in the Division of Investigation that has done this to him.

GROUP 3

NORBERT McLUCKIE
Correspondent

Of course everyone here at Group 3 has learned, with deep regret, of the discontinuation of *The Bomb-Shell.* It would take more than one issue to voice the comments of employees concerning this action. These well known Group 3 personalities responded in this manner:

James Fagan—"I can't read but I sure enjoyed the pictures."

Fred Dvorak—"And I was just going to advertise the sale of new potatoes."

Ed Copp—"It always kept us informed of everything new and of great significance at Elwood Ordnance Plant."

Ted Pollack — "Gee, I hear *The Bomb-Shell's* being stopped. Gee! That's tough, ain't it, kid? Gee Whiz!"

Phillip Wright—"And they were just about up to my Happy Birthday date."

Thomas Olson—"Well, I hope they tell who 'Scorchy' is."

Martin Rosengren — "Maybe they will rescind the order, I hope."

Lou Evans—"I don't mind it so much but I think the boys in the Army should get something along the same line."

It wasn't possible to get on the right wave-length to catch **Stanley Kroger** broadcasting his thoughts, but all know he would have plenty to say.

Now as the present correspondent I say in a serious mood, The Bomb-Shell has enjoyed a very bright and eventful life. It is truly a great diary of the greatest plant on earth, Elwood Ordnance Plant. My association with the editor and the rest of his large staff has been of great inspiration and I am proud to have been correspondent for the paper.—Norbert McLuckie.

Two New Officers Assigned to EOP

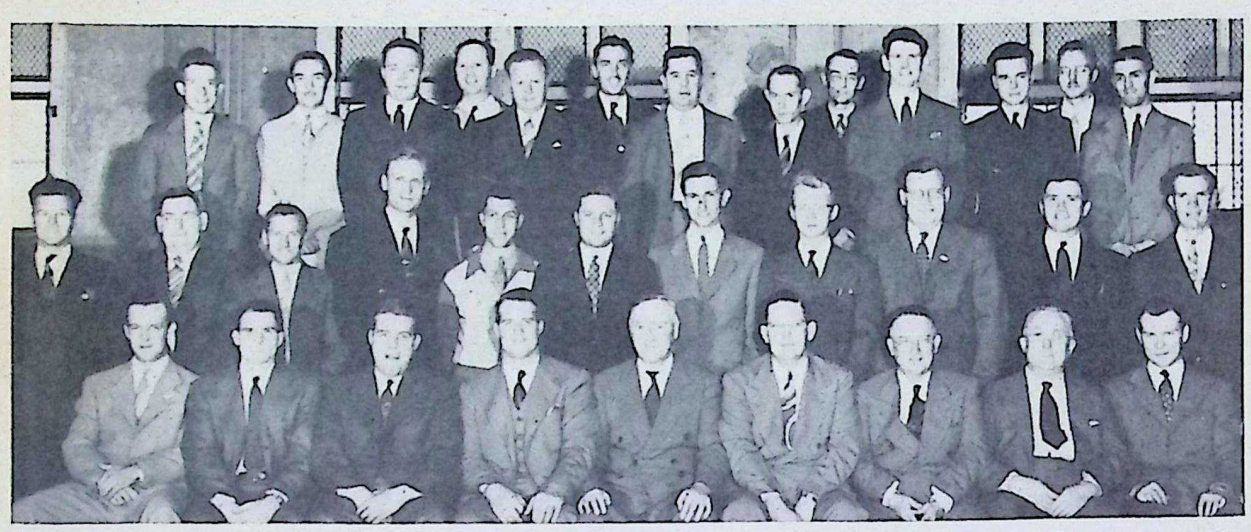
Assignment of two new Ordnance officers to the Elwood Ordnance Plant was announced by **Lt. Col. Byron Rife,** commanding officer.

Capt. Robert W. Kurtz, who came to EOP from the Nebraska Ordnance Plant, Fremont, Neb., has been assigned as chief of safety and security, and **Capt. Edwin R. Page,** who came from the Office of the Field Director of Ammunition Plants at St. Louis, has been assigned as chief of Ordnance advisory.

Captain Kurtz, a graduate in architectural engineering in 1934 from the University of Minnesota, was prior to his call to active duty, engaged in air conditioning, mechanical and general construction work in Texas. He was transferred from the Coast Artillery to the Ordnance Department in June, 1941, and saw duty at Baytown Ordnance Works, Baytown, Tex., during the initial construction stages, as well as the later operational stages of the plant. In October, 1942, he was transferred to the Nebraska Ordnance Plant, eventually becoming the executive officer. He is married and will reside in Joliet with **Mrs. Kurtz.**

Captain Page, a graduate in electrical engineering from the University of Oklahoma, also received his master's degree at that institution in 1940. He was later employed by General Electric in Schenectady, N. Y. He was initially ordered to duty at Picatinny Arsenal in April, 1941, studying explosives, and was later transferred to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

NUMEROUS SERVICE FUNCTIONS are performed in behalf of employees by the Personnel Department, members of which are shown here in front of the Personnel Building, which is located outside of the area fence for the convenience of applicants. George F. Bent, assisted by F. C. Schauland and Loren D. Ross, direct the activities of this busy department. There are now 50 persons employed at this group and the services they render have their effect throughout the plant.



INSPECTION OF AMMUNITION is the responsibility of this key group, representative of hundreds of members of the Inspection Department. Included are division inspectors, senior inspectors and supervising shift inspectors. In the first row, fifth from left, is A. J. MacLellan, chief inspector, and next to him on the left is his assistant, R. C. Wilhelmi.

Guards

GENE RYAN
Correspondent

With the outlook not so bright for the continuance of our plant paper, it appears as though this trustworthy typewriter has felt the melancholy of its operator and refuses to function. However, every possible effort will be used to put forth a column capable of passing the keen eye of the editor. For a year we have tried to do this, but each time we find our literary observation is nil and our columnist ambitions are shattered. — Gene Ryan.

Chief M. C. Baughman has convinced everyone who has questioned his statements on astronomy that book knowledge is not as effective as common sense reasoning.

Dispatcher **Jack Farber** is believed to be awaiting his chance to play "big time" ball now that he has assumed the "clean-up" role on the Guard team. Of course, it is a hard ball and not a soft ball, in "big time."

Lt. Robert Bodley has no use for telephones, for two reasons: first, they bother him at the most inopportune moments and, secondly, he talks loud enough to be heard without a phone.

Lt. Harry Dowden leaves next week to join the Marines. An ex-marine, Harry will need little training to get in shape. He will be missed greatly in the Guard Department.

Lotis Parsons left the Guards, as he received a call from Uncle Sam.

James Conner, who spent six months working for Uncle Sam, is back. He was an MP on trains, and since his return he has received much kidding about being a "subway commando."

Darwin Matter has resigned because of ill health. He served the department faithfully for a long period.

Uncle Sam is continuing to beckon additional good men. **Sgt. Arthur Patterson** expects to don khaki in about two weeks, and **Carl Anderson** was called recently.

Sgts. Harry Murphy, Joe Kelly and **George Wells**, Front Gate, supervise their station wagon very diligently these days.

Harry Watts, congenial squad man, would be a handy man to have here now. He not only is a fine item writer, but gets around where items can be found.

Arlein Martin, who served two years in this department, left to make his home in New Mexico.

A bosom pal, the angel-face of the Fire Department, a human dynamo with recording machine attachments, **Stuart "Pasqualas" Moloney** is the subject of this item. This effervescent gentleman has all the attributes awarded human nature, uses them to the best of his ability, is a first-class musician, but alas, there is a startling weakness in his abilities. When he attempted to masquerade as an athlete in a softball game, still wearing that grin of confidence, he was actually "speechless" and unable to explain his opponents' prowess.

Word has been received that **Sgt. Clare Cosgrove**, Administration Building, is enjoying a vacation to the utmost; thanks to the kind consideration of **Casimir Klafta.** Dispatcher Klafta is also on vacation and it is possible that he may find Cosgrove and show him how to catch those big fish. **Lt. Will Kreuger** also is on vacation.

With the Women

Sarah Vam Slyke has gone to Texas to spend a vacation with her son, **Earl.**

Lt. Gladys Koerner was pleasantly surprised when the girls from the "G and E" shifts lined up in the office and did the "lazy Jitterbug" for her benefit, after they had finished working the afternoon shift.

Margaret Cavolt has been called to Oklahoma. Her mother is seriously ill.

Mary E. Smith is on vacation. **Bea McInerney** is in Boston. Her husband is stationed there temporarily. Bea had her first plane ride on the trip. **Opal Wright** and **Geneva Puckett** have returned from vacations.

Inspection

LORRAYNE OSTREM
Correspondent

Anita DuPuis, Lucille Boudreau and **Betty Meents** are planning a trip to California soon. Lucille and Betty, talented singers, may crash Hollywood.

Fern Valiente is going to do a little aisle walking soon, and already is saving her quarters.

It is reported that **Olive Bisping** has difficulty taking sun baths. The overlooking YMCA building is just a short distance from her home in Joliet.

Helen Feeney experienced life's darkest moment when she lost her point ration books.

Elaine Trudeau, champion debater, was finally stopped for words! It happened when **Mary Brown** mentioned that Elaine was leaving work to get married. At any rate Elaine blushes like a bride and best wishes are extended to her.

James Glade is now shift supervisor here.

Group 6
By Betty Johnson

Welcome is extended to **Christine Ecimovich**, formerly of Group 8.

Congratulations are sent to **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fey**, who are the proud parents of a daughter.

Wilma Robinette was married July 13 at Gilman to **Sgt. Irwin Anderson.** Sgt. Anderson has been in the Army three years and is stationed at Chanute Field.

Farewells were said to **Roger Anderson** who left for Tennessee.

Group 62 South
By Thomas F. Dillon

Everett Thompkins found that long distance travel has its drawbacks after he stood for four hours on a train to Emporia, Kans.

Thomas Dillon has turned his back yard into a miniature chicken farm. He said he is not going to have to worry over "Red Coupons" this winter.

Alex Stein, who recently joined the armed forces, is at Camp Custer, Michigan.

Paul Mosteller was the chef on a recent fishing trip to Wisconsin.

Group 7
By Genevieve Karpel

Some things to know about the inspectors here . . . **Marge Ghigo** and **Delphine Vota** with their pierced ears—what dieting did to **Lillian Nesst—Eloise Lane** and the sailors—**Pauline Hagerman** and her hair ribbons—**Jim Nolan's** version of Sammy Kaye—**Leona Brault** and her quart of milk—**Ann Dedinsky** and all her cousins—**Marge Bradbury's** understanding nature—**Irma Wilhelmi's** permanent—**Arlene Nash** and her Jim—**Jennie Ostafin's** sweet disposition—**Josephine Kein's** Saturday night dances—**Lucille Heine's** turbans.

Group 8
By LaVerne Gomora

The group is anxiously awaiting the return of Group Inspector **Ralph Pratt**, who is on an eight-day vacation. If he can catch fish as well as he can tell stories, there'll certainly be a fish fry.

The inspectors of this group welcome Shift Inspector **James Nolan**, transferred from Group 7.

Group 3
By Kenneth R. Meyer

Boys expecting a call from Uncle Sam very shortly are **Mel Canaday, Irving Heck, Raymond Stehlik, Bob Karges** and **Hugo Vicini.**

Henry Huseman, of Pontiac, would like to see it rain good and hard for two or three days—cause his garden is blowing away.

Ambrose Legris wrote to his congressman to find out why the Air-Cadet exam had to be so tough.

George Wetterhahn took the remaining days of his vacation—still has work to do on his car.

Take Salt Tablets

Salt tablet dispensers throughout the Area are serviced by the group safety engineers this summer, it was announced. Workers are advised to take the tablets daily to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

Material Warehouse

PAUL ROY
Correspondent

Among those who have returned from vacations are **Fred Nelson, Tom Martin, Phil Parks, LaVelle Grindrod** and **Pat Croxen.**

The warehouse gang welcomed **Leo Gaffey, Gail Starkey, John Vollmer, Carlyle Ammon** and **Al Heffron**, who were here taking inventory.

Oscar Horn thinks if you have any money you'd better hold on to it while **John Braderich** is around. Oscar claims Johnny makes half dollars disappear too rapidly.

Among those who are now having their turn at fun in the sun or the pause that refreshes are **Paul Koy, Felix Senesac, Frank McCormick** and **Al Krovitz.**

All are wondering where **Fred Nelson** got that beautiful sun tan. He certainly couldn't have gone to the Hawaiian Islands and back in two weeks.

Herman Guard added a few pounds to his waistline while Freddy was on a vacation. It could have been because Herman had to eat all of the extra food he brought for the gang in the office.

A card from **Pvt. Joe Serena** said he is now stationed in Pennsylvania and is feeling fine.

The well dressed man around the warehouse on Monday morning is the one who wears a white shirt which he wore the day before.

Supt. Charles Herbig has gone to New York on vacation.

High Explosives

MARJORIE HOWERTON
Correspondent

Group 63
By Paul Hall and Floyd Borah

Russell Keys, truck driver, has joined the Navy and left July 24.

Tony Togliatti, inspector, passed out cigars this week. "It's another boy," says Tony.

Group 68
Elmer Zost

Coming August 4, 1943—**Lawrence Welk** and his Champagne Music—to the Ivy Way Gardens in Marseilles. **Ray Offerman** was so enthralled by Russ Morgan and his band last week that he was late getting home for the morning chores.

George Cramer made 100 per cent profit on an old puddle jumper he bought in Chicago.

Lewis Campo leaves soon for the Army.

A delicious chicken dinner was enjoyed July 20 by members of the High Explosives Department at Rivals Lodge. Those who attended were: **Irving Bovee, Supt. P. J. Stazel, Clyde Wade**, Superintendent of Transportation; **Claude Sayre**, Assistant General Superintendent of Utilities; **Albert Augustine, Rex Thomas, Claude Heap** and Mr. Offerman from Group 63; **John Richards, E. P. Redmon** and **Edward Berens** from Group 66; **Chester Tucker** and **James Tormey** from Group 66-A; **Joe Studyvin** and **Thomas Harrop** from Group 65; **Earl Gresham** and **Frank Perino** from Group 68.

I wish to thank those in the various groups of our Department who have so faithfully and generously contributed to my column in The Bomb-Shell.—Marjorie Howerton.

Inert Storage

CHARLES MANN
WILLIAM DENVER
Correspondents

George Soteropulos, formerly of South Inert, spent a few hours with his old pals in the warehouses . . . George is stationed at Jefferson Barracks in Missouri. **Matt Reay** is receiving an extra long letter from the Inert men with tidbits from each man's pen.

Supt. A. P. Balston finds his duties too important for a lengthy vacation and is taking it a half day a week. **Charles H. Mann**, assistant superintendent, and his EOP bride, the former **Margaret Hayden**, are seeing Illinois wonderland at Starved Rock and Illinois River Valley.

Bill Denver returned from the West. He visited Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and New Mexico.

Winfield Arthur returned from a trip to Michigan with an over supply of fish . . . anyone wanting red ration coupons should get in touch with him.

Charles Berro spent a Sunday viewing a double header White Sox vs. Detroit game and came home a little let down over the results.

Among the Girls at 27

Ann Baldwin visited over the week-end with relatives in Carlinville. . . . **Amelia "Midge" Mayo** and family visited with parents in Canton, Illinois. . . . **Estelle Glasshagel** and family spent July 4 at Starved Rock. . . . **Mary Berg** bid fond farewell to Group 27 last week and the gang sure hated to see Mary go. . . . **Helen Witts** new nickname is "Olive Oil." . . . **Grace Tibbin** was ill for several days, but is back in her stride again. . . . **Mary Bigham** hasn't recovered from the July 4th holiday yet. . . . You must not forget to view the barefoot girls at Group 27 with feet so brown and colored toenails.

A revelation in gardening has been inaugurated by **John Ney** which he claims is the California method . . . high towers are provided for the plants to climb and the entire garden can be watered from one point following a ridge to each and every plant.

Richard Ashworth received a vacation gift of Indian moccasins for the newcomer in his family.

PRESENT ENGINEERING FORCE is much smaller than it used to be during construction days. This important group of office and field workers is quartered in the Administration Building. In the third row, at extreme right, is A. E. Frosch, chief engineer, and at extreme left is Paul Deylitz, industrial engineer.

Ordnance

HELEN McGINNIS
Correspondent

The time has come for all good things to end . . . as everyone knows, this is the last issue of this homey sheet . . . seems sort of too bad but then who knows what might be born of this? . . . anyway, it has been fun and even if we did gripe once in a while about getting the darn thing out . . . still when some one would comment about it, whether good or bad . . . all the effort put forth in "putting it to bed" should be rewarded.—Helen McGinnis.

Reminiscing a little, it seems so much water has gone over the dam . . . **Col. T. C. Gerber, Lt. Col. Don M. Hoffman** and **Lt. Col. Kenneth Haber** . . . former commanding officers, now gone on to other plants and positions . . . **Maj. Curtis Nelson, Capt. Kenneth D. De Young** of the Area Engineers and **Maj. David P. Tunstall, Capt. John Hardy, Capt. Ralph Pinnick, Lt. Fielder G. Kuether** and many others have gone either on troop duty or assumed supervisory capacities in other war industries.

Many of the faces so familiar among the civilian populace of EOP are now serving in the armed forces . . . all pitching to the best of their ability and with a heart full of hope for the future.

Remember . . . the first thrill of seeing the American Flag raised in front of the Administration Building, the "E" Award, signaling to the world that EOP had done its share in giving the lads at the front the stuff they needed. When this war is over and the boys come marching home again . . . don't forget that you and you and you had a part in this and only hope that you can be as proud of your efforts as they will be of theirs.

Bill Leeland's daughter is going to strut down that middle aisle with the soldier boy . . . Dad is quite disturbed about losing his only *cheeild*.

Speaking about the Public Relations office . . . there are bets going the rounds that if and when **Bernece Carlson** takes the vacation trip to California that she will return as a Mrs. . . . the odds are 20 to 1 as of this date.

Do you suppose that the cares of the day are getting too much for **Lt. C. R. Crandell?** . . . Everyone has noticed that he has such a troubled look and a long face these days.

Life can be beautiful . . . ask **Bernie Jones** of Payroll . . . she claims that she wouldn't trade her hubby, **Bill**, for all the guys in the world . . . and that's a lot of men. . . . **Marion Yeager** of the same department has been taking the horse for a gallop . . . she has been ably helped by **Ann Kulpa** and **Kay Reubart** . . . 'course that probably accounts for her sort of taking the telephone calls from a standing position the last few days.

Danny Considine's "jolly circus," yep, the kids from Payroll, got together Sunday, July 18 . . . could be they were invading the big city . . . saw **Kay Cusick, Dottie Herbst, Pat Haley, Juanita Kliegl.**

That cutie pie, **Marge Glover**, takes many trips to Springfield these days . . . has something to do with the Army . . . has two legs and is of the male species.

Charlotte Matheny's husband is being transferred to Fort Sheridan and little Char has gone to be with him . . . everyone misses her.

The Dix family must have priorities on hospitals: first **Lois Dix** had to have an operation and then little **Evelyn Dix** had to have her tonsils out.

Josephine Vilt, the executive officer's efficient sec, has now assumed more responsibility. She is supplementing the mail and record section and is helping **Jo Kush** no end.

Welcome to two new officers . . . **Capt. Edwin Page** and **Capt. Robert Kurtz**, both nice guys. . . . The welcome mat would surely be out for **Marge Jesberger** and **J. Thomas Haigh** , , , their nicknames are "Hamburger" and "T-Bone."

Evelyn Tecotsky is leaving for the big city.

Ordnance Inspection

CATHERINE TOMLIANOVICH
Correspondent

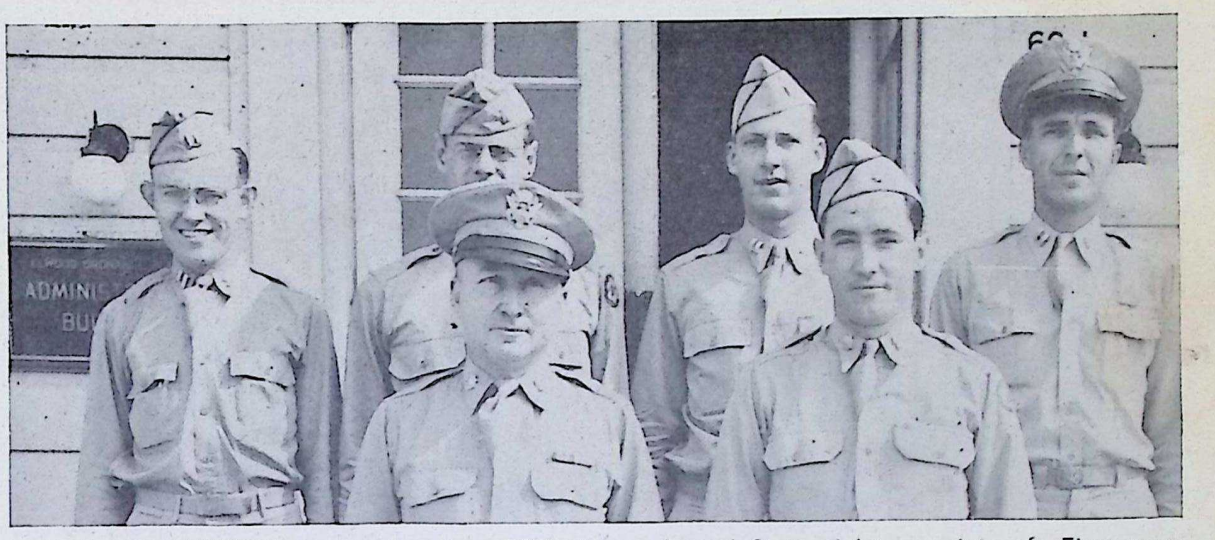
Your correspondent was in a dither all day endeavoring, in vain, to pry from her associates choice bits of news for this column. From an anonymous source, however, she learned that **W. F. Douville's** needed presence in the office prevents him from enjoying more of the sandy beach . . . that **E. L. Eisler** is in want of a vacation to avoid "digs" on radishes . . .. that **Clara Wehner's** trips to Havana, Ill., are not all business . . . that **Lois Martin** is much too far from Panama . . . that **Bernice Shroba** is now interested only in one . . . that **Betty Ross** is on her way East to see the giver of that gorgeous diamond . . . that **Linnetta Parry's** two-children problems are a source of amazement to all . . . that **Clara Brennan** is a secret admirer of "Moonlight" Sinatra, the crooner . . . that **Dolores "Penny" Dagon** knows a movie is worth seeing if it brings tears and sobs to onlookers . . . that **Esther Noffke** would be "out of this world" to receive a certain telegram and that **Ethel Campbell's** secret ambition is to keep a secret.

Seems as though **Robert Harbison's** life is not destined for picnics as he came to work literally covered with little red spots.

Elizabeth Heim wears sun glasses every morning when she comes to work and yearns only for calm days and more hands. . . . **Saveta Dorsey** is on her toes again after being ill for six weeks. . . . **Marion Westcott** should be more careful in the mornings so as not to get her signals crossed. . . . **Kay Ochs** doesn't worry about shoe rationing as she has two pairs of shoes to work in—high heels in the a.m. and low heels in the p.m.

Should a popularity contest ever be staged in the rope room of Group 4, **Lucille Olson** would surely win as she is the main attraction walking around with rope hanging on the back of her smock.

Frances Olroyd celebrated the week-end when her brother-in-law came home from Iceland. . . . **Marie Plankar** says that riding horseback is the berries if you can get the horse to come up at the same time that you do.



STAFF OF OFFICERS, now assigned to EOP, shown here left to right, consists of: First row: Lt. Col. Byron Rife, commanding officer; Maj. G. A. Grant, executive officer; second row: Capt. E. R. Page, chief, Ordnance advisory; Lt. C. R. Crandell, adjutant; Capt. Paul D. Cooper, public relations and military intelligence; Capt. R. W. Kurtz, chief, safety and security.

POSING beneath a dwarfed tree in the Administration area, this is Byron Rife, Jr., three-year-old son of Lt. Col. Byron Rife, commanding officer of EOP and KNK, and Mrs. Rife, who reside within the Kankakee Ordnance Works reservation.

Gladys Cain says she now meets herself coming back to work since she has to leave home at 4:30 a.m.

Harriet Nadelhoffer is very patriotic. She plans to spend her vacation at home.

Small reports coming from Virginia Beach are that **Margaret Olszta** is enjoying her stay with her husband. . . . **E. J. Nemanich** is looking chipper after his three weeks' stay in Hot Springs.

Melvin Dugan's return to EOP is anxiously awaited. . . . Now it can be told that **Kermitt Long's** hesitancy to enter Room 3 is due to the chief clerk's "pickings." . . . **Basil Steinhoff's** farewells were tearfully acknowledged. All will be happy to know he has returned. . . . The welcome mat was also extended for **William Cody**, of Group 3.

All are patiently waiting for **Frances Kraus** to finish that lovely little cottage so there can be a real old-fashioned house warming. . . . One of **Cecelia Temple's** favorite topics is "food" cooked southern style.

No wonder **Arah Lovel** has that contented smile. Besides doing her bit for the duration, she has one daughter in training for a nurse and another a WAC. . . . During the boss's absence, **Lea Dalton** kept up her smooth routine as usual.

An informal supper was given at the home of **Mary Meaux** by the Ordnance Inspection Department, Group 6, in honor of **Marie Donahue**, who is leaving the service. Those attending besides the honored guest were **Lorraine Barger, Margaret Carter, Kathryn Eberhart, Elizabeth Button, Edna Siekert, Gertrude Collins, Edythe Krzich, Robert Cretcher** and Miss Meaux.

Dorothy Haag is back at work following a pleasant vacation with the folks back home. . . . **Edna Siekert** attended a baseball game at the Sox Park July 18. Mrs. Eberhart's son, **Merle**, was called to the colors and is stationed at Camp Haan, California, where he is attending school for radio communications in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

Robert Cretcher, line inspector, is spending a vacation among the sand dunes in Indiana.

Ruth Phillips mourns woefully over her feet and blisters. She'll learn to wear shoes. (**Elinor Gudath** mourns also but she sits down most of the time.)

William "Bill" Proudley is spending a week at the Dunes in Indiana. **Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson** left for an Army Camp in Louisiana July 27. . . . **Helen Burns** is a walking recipe book, all tested and highly approved. Aren't women marvelous the way they can manage careers and cook, too?

Edna Siekert acquired a wonderful coat of that Wisconsin suntan while on vacation.

Marcella Morton thanks Groups 5, 7, 8, 9 and the Chem. Lab. for the lovely flowers, cards and thoughtful gifts that made her stay in the hospital much pleasanter.

Congratulations go to **Margaret Kertes** and **Elizabeth Elias** in Group 8 who celebrated birthdays this month. . . . **Helen Ballack**, formerly of Group 8, is now **Mrs. Edward Rozich**. . . . **Margaret Kertes** enjoyed a ten-day vacation.

Jean Gunderson receives gifts from her boy friend who is with the Army in Alaska. . . . **Kathryn Vlasic** enjoyed herself at the picnics July 18. . . . **Marcella Morton** is looking fine since her return and has gained almost three pounds. . . . **Pvt. William Rimbey**, former inspector, is now in New Guinea. . . . **Ethel Cooley**, better known as "Buttercup," was busy fixing a flat last week.

Group 3-A

F. G. TAMBLYN
Correspondent

Vacations are 'in the news.' **Supt. J. J. Fitzpatrick** returned full of pep and reminiscences. **Howard Gueller** and **Gilber Simmons** are away. "Howie" went up into Wisconsin. "Slim" took his wife to Alton to stay for a visit, so he is "on the loose." **Bill Baer** says he 'did nothing, but rest and eat.' He did, however, admit to a trip to Chicago.

Best wishes go to **Della Hinshaw** who was married while on leave of absence.

Otis Wasson, former guard here, left for the Sea-Bees. He is a mechanics mate, first-class. His wife, **Geneva Wasson**, who is a matron at 20-A, has had a short vacation in order to spend the last few days of Otis' furlough with him.

Group 3-A had as a visitor **Lt. Ormond K. Siron**, son of **William Siron** of this group. Lt. Siron has received his wings as a bombardier pilot and is stationed at Salt Lake City with the Army Air Corps.

Another visitor who arrived just as this went to press is **T/Sgt. William A. Fitzpatrick**, son of **John Fitzpatrick** of this line. Sgt. Fitzpatrick is back from nine months in New Guinea with the 90th Bomb Group of the 5th Air Force. He is a tail gunner.

Doug Oram and **Ollie Ehrsam** play golf by moonlight.. They say it is easier to find lost positions, since the white golf ball shows up better.

During the absence of Mr. Gueller, **Dan Palmer** is acting as assistant superintendent.

Some of the girls surprised **Amy Losby** with a pot-luck lunch in honor of her birthday. The cake had 12 candles (unlit), but some think there should have been only 10!

In the "Dreams for After the War" Department comes **Mary Rigoni's** desire to spend about a year traveling abroad, visiting relatives she hasn't seen for years and years.

Steve Faletti is back from vacation. His visit at home and three squares a day of home-cooking put Steve "in the pink."

Congratulations are sent to the **Emmett Slaters** on the arrival of their new baby. The little tyke is going to be well supplied with vitamins, because Emmett is canning beans from his Victory garden by the bushel.

CIVILIAN DEPARTMENT HEADS of the War Department at EOP are shown here left to right: First row, Frederick G. Robinson, chief safety engineer; Helen J. Harmon, payroll chief; William F. Douville, chief inspector; Joseph P. Zagade, field auditor; Beatrice M. Berge, personnel chief; William R. Wright, advisory; second row: Stanley L. Eisler, chief of inspection statistics; Harry C. Gunchin, chief of procurements, invoices and material receiving; James Pavel, transportation auditor; Josephine Kush, chief of mail and records; Lewis S. Miner, chief of property; John F. Welch, assistant field auditor, and Daniel J. Considine, chief of payroll and time auditing. Frank L. Kadlec, fiscal chief, and W. J. Leeland, chief investigator, were not present.

ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES are developed and guided by the Employees' Activities Committee, members of which, shown here left to right, are: First row, Lorrayne Ostrem, Inspection; Sarah Gervase, Group 9; Dara Prew, Personnel; Colby Erickson, Group 3-A, chairman; Beverly Garing, Group 1; Villa Eggleston, Women Guards; second row: Myrna Faris, Recreation; Eva Sweda, Timekeeping; Paul Becker, Group 70; Raymond Potter, Bus Transportation; Dorothy Lehman, Group 8; Mary Rigoni, Group 3-A, and E. L. Walkup, recreation director.

Recreation

E. L. WALKUP
Director

Tennis players are requested to register at the Recreation Office for the tennis tournament. The tennis courts have been getting a heavy work-out during the last month. Whether you are considered a good player, or not, you should get into the tournament, it will improve your game and give you an opportunity to meet other players.

New horseshoe pitching courts are springing up around the plant, showing that this is getting to be a major sport. The latest spots developed are at Group 8, Group 9, Bus Transportation at Gate 19, and Group 1. Watch your bulletin boards for announcements regarding a tournament.

Another service of the Recreation Department is to assist you with plans for picnics. If you want to have a program of novelty races and events, or just want to borrow equipment, such as bats and balls, horseshoes, etc.; whether it is a large or small picnic, use this service.

Gardeners are reaping quite a harvest in the many Victory gardens right now. It has been learned that there are many real farmers who know how to make their gardens produce. Winners of the Victory garden contest cannot be announced yet, but some are going to find that their gardens produce more than vegetables within a few days.

Dorothy Williamson, Ruby Armbrusch, Mary Jane Fulton and **Eleanor Peronciak** of the Fuze & Booster area are regular visitors in the Recreation Department. Tuesday evenings finds the girls bowling, and tennis and archery are the major interests Thursday evenings.

Jo Donna, the champ of the women's ping pong tournament, was in to bid adieu before leaving for northern Wisconsin for a two-weeks vacation.

Group 1 Leads Girls' Softball League

Completion of the first round of the Girls' Softball League ended with Group 1 leading as undefeated victors with the Fuze & Booster team in second place.

Standings after the first round follow:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Group 1	4	0	1.000
Fuze & Booster	3	1	.750
Group 8	2	2	.500
Group 60	1	3	.250
Group 9	0	4	.000

In the first game of the second round of play, the Fuze & Booster girls came back strong after a 17 to 0 defeat from Group 1 and won from the Group 60 girls 12 to 9. The victors scored nine runs in the fourth inning to come from behind to win. **Barbara Greenwood** and **Gertrude Freeman** led the winners with two hits each.

Group 3 Wins First Softball League Round

Group 3 won the first round of the Men's Softball League by defeating Group 60, 6 to 5 in a thrilling game which was not decided until the last inning when **Bob Hankes** made a spectacular catch of **Harold Troupe's** line drive with men on second and third with two outs. The fielding of both teams was outstanding.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R.	H.
Group 3	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	6	7
Group 60	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	5

Batteries: Group 60—Sheridan and Kusinski; Group 3—Cunningham and Juricic.

The Guards got off to a good start in the second round by defeating Group 60, 9 to 8. Group 3 defeated Fuze & Booster 14 to 5 in the first game of the second round and Group 70 was the winner over Group 1 by a score of 8 to 4.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R.	H.
Group 60	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	8	7
Guards	3	1	0	2	1	0	2	9	11

Batteries: Group 60—Sheridan and Kusinski; Police Guards — Kelley, Dunham and Baker.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R.	H.
Group 3	0	3	0	3	6	0	2	14	15
Fuze & Booster	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	6

Batteries: Group 3 — Haake and Juricic; Fuze & Booster—Moran and Burris.

Production Planning

MARY McGOVERN

As this is the last issue of THE BOMB SHELL, *I wish to thank everyone who has helped me write this column. Special mention goes to George Sangmeister, now on vacation, who managed to keep us well informed of the activities of the equipment checkers and traffic auditors. Next is Mae Norem, who is vacationing in the East. Bernadine Klausing, Dorothy Maxwell and Mary O'Connor furnished most of the humorous notes, while Johnny Williamson did a good job of covering the Group 2 news. Being asked to write this column was one of the biggest honors I ever received.—Mary McGovern.*

Geraldine Weir spent a delightful one-week vacation with her husband, who was home on furlough at the same time. St. Louis bound is **Harry Brown.**

Betti Welch spent a weekend in Chicago which turned out to be quite an expensive one. Some poor person who neatly possess themselves of some one else's purses, seemed to like hers and took it. The most important item in the purse was a return ticket home, but an indulgent cousin helped her out.

Betty Grady left to take another position.

Did you notice the twins (in one respect only) in the office the other morning—none other than **Eleanor Goss** and Miss Klausing?

Knute Ashmy is doing a swell job of pinch-hitting for Mr. Brown.

Salvage

ANDY VAIL
Correspondent

Art Voss cannot understand how a girl who spends all day splashing around in a swimming pool can put up an awful argument about water spoiling her hands when asked to wash the dishes.

Advice from **Ralph Hoehn** . . . treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you. Just remember to show courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one.

Harry Pesdon says there were just as many careless drivers 30 years ago, but the horses had more sense.

At last it dawned on **Earl Eads** what the young lady meant when he asked if he might have the last dance with her and she replied "You've just had it."

The first time **Cap Eads** saw the cat-tails growing along the road here he thought it was a hot-dog garden.

Rita Borgra's definition of a gentleman is one who thinks of others' feelings, not of his own rights and more of others' rights than his own feelings. A lady is one who thinks of others and never forgets herself.

Joseph Green (one-man gang) has returned after a week's fishing trip along the Mississippi River.

The Nazis salutes adopted by the subjects of Mussolini and Hitler was the sign made by slaves in ancient times, so historian **Harlan Kadow** related.

Supt. Hugh S. Robb is spending a vacation at Sister Lakes, Mich.

Swan Sandhal is leaving next week for Indiana on a fishing trip.

Dom Astorino is back on a doughnut diet, since his wife is away visiting relatives.

Frank Lebo is proud of his flowers blooming around the Salvage Department office.

Negro Workers Fill Important Places at EOP

Burns, Walsh Praise Efforts of Men and Women Employees

By Chastine C. Mason
Interviewer, Personnel Dept.

Since construction began, back in 1940, Negro workers have played an important part in the building and operational activities of the Elwood Ordnance Plant.

From the removal of the first shovel of dirt, to the driving of the last nail; from the digging of the first post hole to the stretching of the last length of wire; from the grading of the first railroad level to the driving of the last spike; from mid-December and its frigid winds to mid-August and its scorching sun, Negro workers toiled, labored, laughed and sang, conscious of the fact that a miracle in speedy construction was being performed—nobody grumbled, nobody complained. White men, black men, side by side working together, harmoniously with a spirit of retribution soon to be hurled across the seas at the common foe.

Thus EOP was born. Sanderson & Porter had broken all records for speedy construction and consistency of purpose.

Many Opportunities Offered

Elwood Ordnance Plant has offered many opportunities to Negro workers, both during construction and operations. Various types of jobs are daily performed in different sections of the plant—male laborers, explosives operators, truckers, storage men, janitors, window washers and clean-up men—female laborers, explosives operators, laundry workers, machine operators, janitresses and change-house matrons.

A vast sewing project is operated in connection with the Laundry Department where more than 75 per cent of the power machine operators are women and girls of the Negro race. Negro floorladies assist in supervising the work.

"Our power sewing machines are being successfully and skillfully handled by these efficient operators," said **F. P. Walsh**, superintendent of the Laundry Department. Thousands of work-uniforms utilized throughout the plant are kept in repair by these Negro girls. Said one machine operator to another, "I may never get the chance to shoot a bullet at Hitler, but I can sew h—l out of him."

Renovation Work Progresses

Renovation of inert fuze and booster components is being carried on in Group 45 by a staff of Negro workers under the direct supervision of **Supt. William Blonske** and **Bea McQuarry**, operational foreman. **Frank Carter** and **Howard Owings** are the assistant foremen of the group.

"Actual machine operations, cleaning, recutting and renovating of these inert parts are expertly carried on by this efficient group of Negro workers and splendid results are shown in this reclamation project at a surprisingly low cost," said **T. M. Burns**, general superintendent of Fuze & Booster area. "One year ago," added Mr. Burns, "these colored boys had no knowledge of machine operations and the use of precision instruments whatsoever. Today they are turning out a fine class of work that anyone would be proud of."

Other groups of Negro workers are employed throughout the plant, including Inert Storage Groups 62, 63, 64, 68 and 27. Workers on the loading lines are found in Groups 1 and 3. Representatives of the Negro race are also found in the Material Warehouse division with **J. T. Baldon**, who has been employed by Sanderson & Porter since the beginning of construction, acting as warehouse supervisor.

EOP has always enjoyed a friendly spirit of racial tolerance between race groups throughout the plant. Frictions of magnitude are unknown and the embryo has never been tolerated. All public facilities of the plant including canteens, cafeterias, change houses, rest-rooms, etc., are open to all employees, regardless of race, color or creed.

Red Cross Organizes Class for EOP Swimmers

Swimmers who would like to take the Red Cross lifesaving and water safety tests are asked to get in touch with the Recreation Department at once.

Wilomene Hammel of the Joliet Red Cross is organizing a class for EOP employees to start August 2 and end August 11. Any man or girl who is in good physical condition, able to swim 220 yards, float, tread water 1 minute, may enter, and at the completion of the course will be given a certificate and a badge.

All classes will start at 6 in the evening and the pool will be given over to this group alone. Nowell Park pool will be used, and you may register at the pool or with the Recreation Department.

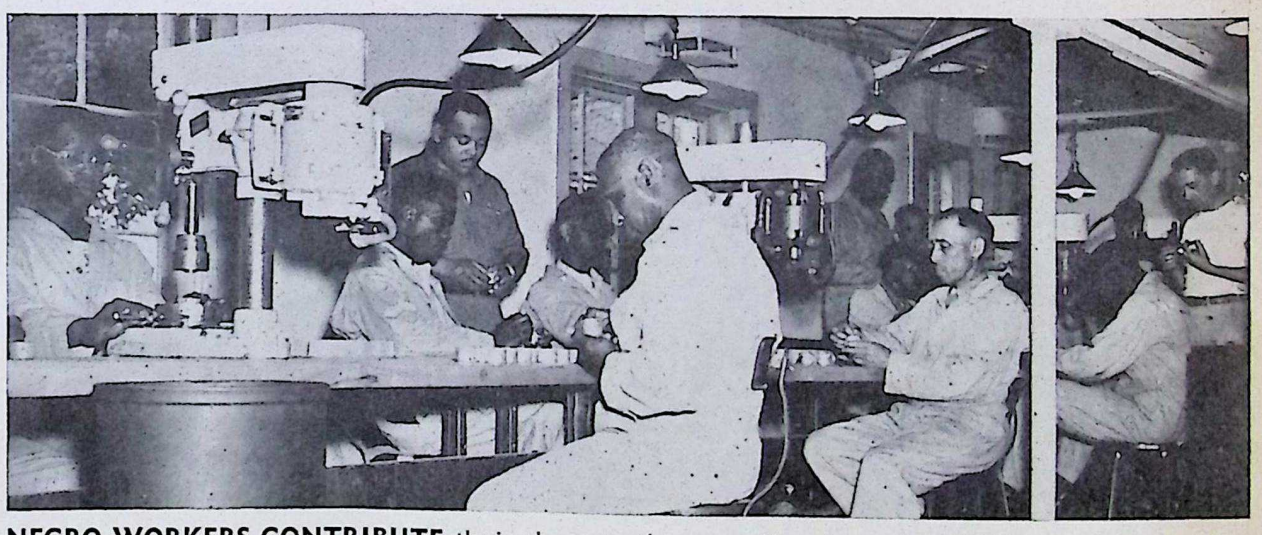
Workers Are Urged To Attend Song Service

Employees of EOP are invited to attend a weekly religious song service and meeting, sponsored by the YMCA, at the Joliet "Y" Building at 8 o'clock each Wednesday evening. An inspirational program of music and fellowship talks is arranged, according to **C. E. Taylor**, chairman of the Joliet Gospel Team.

Emergency Calls

To report a fire . . . . . Dial 17
To call police . . . . . Dial 2229
To call ambulance
(emergency only) . . Dial 4262

Report the nature of the emergency. Be prepared to answer all questions a doctor may ask. He has good reasons for asking these—in order that he may come prepared with the necessary equipment.



NEGRO WORKERS CONTRIBUTE their share to the war effort in various EOP departments. This scene shows some of them at important tasks in Group 45, Fuze & Booster Area. Pictured left to right are: Front row: Robert Morris, George Peacher, Ben Gavin and Inspector Walter Gable; back row: Martin Wilkerson; Walter Dillard, Howard Owings, William Pinnick, Joe Carter, Benjamin Carter, William Blonske, superintendent, Group 45, and Bea McQuarrey, foreman.

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Happy Birthday to You!

This is a regular feature in which the birthday anniversary of as many EOP workers as possible will be listed for 2 weeks in advance. Watch for your own. Call your friends.

August 1

Ella Adams, Group 1; **Samuel Africano,** Group 1; **John Bergstrom,** Group 6; **Blanche Bond,** Group 1; **Speros Chellios,** Inert Warehouses; **Bennie Clapp,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Caphas Ends,** Utilities; **Peter Hoeller,** Group 4; **Marion Hollmeyer,** Group 6; **Mille Jessie,** Group 1; **Harry Larsen,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Joseph Link,** Finished Rounds; **Roscoe Melling,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Pauline Moore,** Laundry; **Walter Penosky,** Group 66; **Ernest Peterson,** Utilities; **Mary Price,** Group 3-A; **Ezra Ross,** Utilities; **Cecelia Ryan,** Group 7; **Floyd Synder,** Nitrate Ammonia; Mary **Tadey,** Group 1; **Phillip Frost,** Group 1; **Lea Wagner,** Group 3; **Lillian Wilfong,** Group 7; **Percy Williams,** Inert Warehouses.

August 2

Jess Barksdale, Utilities; **Lloyd Baugham,** Group 3; **Edward Diedrick,** Utilities; **Robert Dow,** Group 3; **Doraine** Gallais, Group 1; **Frank Humbert,** Group 1; **Osa Keith,** Group 3-A; **Frank Kraft,** War Department; **Walter Krueger,** Utilities; **Donald Kurbis,** Group 1; **Harry Lenney,** Group 3-A; **Bernadette Lewis,** Group 6; **Arthur McDougall,** General Accounting; **John Machino,** Group 1; **Fred Mielke,** Group 5; **Delbert Mossberger,** Laundry; **William Nichols,** High Explosives; **Marvin Patterson,** Group 1; **Franklin Pitt,** Inspection; **Margaret Sackman,** Group 3-A; **Leo Scoggin,** Utilities; **Edward Washburn,** Engineering, Design; **William Zauratsky,** Finished Rounds.

August 3

Helmer Billquist, Utilities; **Elmer Boulware,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Irene Clark,** Group 6; **Thomas Cox,** Utilities; **John Davis,** Plant Protection, Fire; **Colby Ericksen,** Group 3-A; **Evelyn Fish,** Group 1; **James Gordon,** Group 5; **Albert Heffern,** Gen. Offices; **Joseph Kupitz,** Group 3-A; **William Legg,** Utilities; **Benjamin Parsons,** Finished Rounds; **Mary Percich,** Group 4; **Henry Piontkowski,** Utilities; **Clarence Reading,** Nitrate Ammonia; **Charles Renvis,** Finished Rounds; **David Ruehle,** Group 1; **Edmond Schoenfelder,** Group 3; **Merwin Styck,** Group 1; **George Zelke,** Plant Protection, Fire.

August 4

James Arthur, Group 1; **John Baldon,** Material and Stores; **Lorraine Barger,** War Department; **Ray Bassana,** Group 3; **Camille Curby,** Group 3-A; **Carl Fiedler,** Group 1; **Robert Graham,** Plant Protection, Fire; **Victor Hendrix,** Group 1; **Loretta Homer,** Group 1; **Noble Horton,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Amos Jack,** Utilities; **Dorothy Lenzie,** Group 4; **Myron McKiernan,** Group 6; **Lafe Martin,** Plant Protection, Fire; **Edith Olson,** Group 7; **Alexander Smith,** Utilities; **Russell Sweeney,** Utilities; **Harry Watts,** Plant Protection, Guards.

August 5

William Agrue, Group 3; **Ann Baird,** General Office; **Clare Hayden,** Group 4; **Henry Hyde,** Finished Rounds; **Eldon Kistler,** Group 3; **Dorothy Lambert,** Group 4; **Benjamin Money,** Inert Warehouses; **Joseph Neiswender,** Group 1; **Timothy O'Donnell,** Group 3; **Myrtle Pantaleone,** Group 4; **James Piercy,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Dorothy Reed,** Group 1; **Ruth Schaubel,** Group 45; **Julius Schayer,** Group 4; **Carlile Spencer,** Group 1; **John Trevena,** Utilities; **Elizabeth Wilson,** Group 1.

August 6

William Anglun, Utilities; **Harold Beach,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Benjamin Birchar,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Anderson Buckner,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Marian Burke,** Group 4; **Kathleen Conway,** Gen. Offices; **Alberta Delgado,** Group 1; **Eldora Erickson,** Group 8; **Francis Farrar,** Group 3; **Evelyn Gamble,** Group 1; **Charles Hallam,** Utilities; **Merlin Hanks,** Group 3; **Robert M. Harbison,** War Department; **Harold Hapeman,** Utilities; **Dorothy Hoffman,** Group 1; **Elizabeth Kase,** Group 1; **Harlow Larson,** Utilities; **Kermitt Long,** War Department; **Patrick McDonnel,** Group 1; **Mary Matesi,** Production Planning; **Clifton Morley,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Marilyn Morsch,** General Accounting; **William Oldani,** General Accounting; **Jennie Peel,** Group 7; **Emerald Peterson,** Group 7; **Carroll Robinson,** High Explosives; **Charles Schaub,** Utilities; **Elbert Smith,** Group 3-A; **A. E. Sommerfeld,** Group 1; **Linae Steele,** Group 4; **Phyllis Steffes,** Group 1; **Raymond Whalen,** Group 3; **John Wieremann,** Inert Warehouses.

August 7

Peter Antonucci, Utilities; **Leslie Arnold,** Utilities; **John Baldwin,** Utilities; **George Eckels,** General Accounting; **William Friedling,** Utilities; **James Giacherio,** Group 1; **Nelson Hensler,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Richard Jensen,** Group 5; **Adolph Koca,** Group 1; **Ralph Lord,** Safety; **Karl Pfeiffer,** Group 1; **Bert Powers,** Group 66; **Clinton Reese,** Utilities; **Michael Roach,** North Inert; **Charles Scroggins,** Finished Rounds; **Vasar Smith,** Group 1; **Margaret Suca,** Group 6; **Harry Taylor,** Group 66; **Clifford Van Buskirk,** Utilities; **Louis Walsh,** Group 3; **Mildred Zupancic,** Group 1.

August 8

Peter Cacello, Group 3-A; **Dorothy Carter,** Group 1; **Frank Cassidy,** Utilities; **Joseph Cotton,** Group 1; **Martha Deffenbaugh,** Group 1; **George Farthing,** Utilities; **Lee Gadberry,** Group 1; **Thomas Gaiglione,** Group. 1; **Frank Hart,** Finished Rounds; **Lorraine Hequet,** Group 1; **Glenn Hunter,** Utilities; **Earl Kime,** Group 3; **William Kirban,** Inspection; **Donald Long,** General Accounting; **Lorraine Luksic,** Group 1; **Louis Mavrich,** Group 1; **Robert Marin,** Group 9; **Daniel Murphy,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Kedric Robinson,** Group 1; **Lester Sovinski,** Utilities; **Vernon St. John,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Marie Ustaski,** Group 5; **Carmela Valentino,** General Accounting; **Louis Yost,** Utilities.

August 9

John Brewer, Utilities; **Harold Brill,** Group 1; **Harry Bryant,** Inert Warehouses; **Lt. Col. Byron Rife,** Commanding Officer; **Laura Carlson,** Group 5; **Fred Cooper,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Cecil Cox,** Group 3-A; **Harold Fones,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Waldo Kaiser,** Inspection; **Dorothy Knearem,** Group 1; **Fred Leonard,** Production Planning; **Ernest Link,** Group 1; **Donald Maniel,** Group 3; **Noble Pemberton,** Utilities; **June Schick,** General Office; **Marie Stark,** Inert Warehouses; **Pearl Wilfong,** Group 1.

August 10

Harvey Allain, High Explosives; **Ralph Altland,** Utilities; **Helen Arambasich,** Group 5; **Edna Broch,** General Office; **Lorraine Bettenhausen,** Group 5; **Hermine Bidgood,** Plant Protection, General; **Sonia Bielec,** Group 6; **Marge Bittles,** Personnel; **Robert Case,** Group 1; **Charles Coder,** Utilities; **Daniel Defrancis,** Group 1; **Oliver Ehrsam,** Group 3-A; **Anton Fernim,** Group 1; **Albert Gierich,** Inert Warehouses; **Howard Gill,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Betty Griffith,** Group 1; **Robert Hartman,** Group 9; **Mathias Kinsella,** Comptroller's Office; **Eva Marma,** Group 5; **William Obrien,** Group 1; **Jesse Pope,** Utilities; **Elbert Richey,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Evelyn Richards,** Medical; **Lawrence Swital,** Group 3-A; **Josephine Tomac,** Group 4; **Charles Watkins,** Group 3-A; **Edith Wood,** Group 3-A; **Helen Zivic,** War Department.

August 11

Emil Bruni, War Department; **Aubrey Bloxam,** Group 1; **Nicholas Bahler,** Utilities; **Keyron Breen,** Utilities; **Charlotte Cummings,** Group 1; **Howard Fread,** Group 1; **Dolone Furrow,** Utilities; **William Head,** Group 1; **John Iler,** Finished Rounds; **August Juricic,** Group 3; **Lawrence Kearns,** Utilities; **Edward Kien,** Group 1; **Bertha Longhini,** Group 4; **Vada McNutt,** Group 1; **Theodore Melzer,** Utilities; **Attilio Residori,** Utilities; **Laurance Schultz,** Water and Sewer; **Frank Stevens,** Finished Rounds; **Irene Thomas,** Plant Protection, General; **Orville Tracey,** Utilities.

August 12

Donald Anderson, Utilities; **Floyd Barber,** War Department; **Robert Rimm,** Timekeeping; **Bernard Brockett,** Group 1; **John Burdette,** Group 1; **Steward Butler,** Group 3-A; **Giltner Curtis,** Group 3; **Carl Eglin,** Utilities; **James Elmore,** Utilities; **Charles Genz,** Group 1; **Maxine Gibson,** Group 1; **William Hartley,** Plant Protection, Guards; **William Kelly,** Group 1; **Howard Mau,** Group 3-A; **Linnetta M. Parry,** War Department; **Daniel Speckman,** Group 1; **Sylvester Stearns,** Group 1; **Albert Sturgess,** Group 3-A; **William Sullivan,** General Accounting; **Barbara Vilt,** Group 3-A.

August 13

Joseph Beallis, Utilities; **Thomas Bretto,** Plant Protection, Fire; **Harold Carlson,** Utilities; **Jack Clancy,** Group 3; **Benoni Crepel,** Utilities; **Mary Frost,** Group 1; **Clifford Gardner,** Utilities; **Clarence Harris,** Group 1; **Frances Mores,** Production Planning; **John Neely,** Group 9; **Theresa Rager,** Group 5; **Rollin T. Read,** Safety Director; **Roy Ripsch,** Group 1; **Niculia Simmons,** Group 1; **Grace Sullivan,** Group 1; **Oscar Swanson,** Group 1; **Kathryn Vlasic,** War Department.

August 14

Joseph Cavannugh, Utilities; **Francis Corrigan,** Group 3-A; **Eleanor DeGrush,** Group 8; **Andrea Ferrero,** Group 3-A; **Edith Gaffney,** Group 5; **Vivian Green,** Group 3-A; **Zelma Gruenberg,** War Department; **Arthur Hanson,** Plant Protection, Guards; **Clarence Howen,** Utilities; **Floyd Jehle,** Group 1; **Gernald Kintzel,** Equipment Manager; **Olive McDonald,** Utilities; **Norman Matthews,** Group 1; **Ray Montgomery,** Utilities; **Harold Moline,** Plant Protection, Guards; **S. T. Policandriotes,** Utilities; **Clark Scott,** Group 3; **Helen Swier,** Group 9; **Wlado Weaver,** Utilities; **Willard Wilhoyt,** Group 3.

CHILDREN OF EOP WORKERS are shown here as they assembled after a session of the Vacation Church School conducted by the Wilmington Presbyterian Church, the Rev. L. H. Knight, pastor. Three head teachers were employed by the denomination in New York to conduct the school, which includes handicraft projects, and they are assisted by 20 local teachers. J. Frederick Speer, shown at extreme right, was employed to serve the war workers of this area in this and similar undertakings.

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Harry Andes, Jr.
Benjamin F. Angus
Issaac Babbington
Robert Francis Barry
Dwight W. Batson
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Roland Edward Bennett, Jr.
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Alfred Frank Bloch
Joseph L. Bouhl
Dominick William Bosone
Vernon J. Boudrea
John Richard Bowman
Glenn M. Bradley
Robert R. Bright
Samuel Briones
William Arling Brockman
Thomas Sayers Buberle
James R. Bunting
Herbert Dean Buss
John W. Cann
Paul Angelo Calligaris
Jesse Wayne Chambers
Nick Choronzy, Jr.
Denzell Ray Clay
Clifford E. Coash
Theodore P. Colabuono
Charles Edward Cox
George Cramer, Jr.
Roberts James Currie
Arthur Daniel Cwudzinski
Edward Joseph Czajkowski
Argyle W. Dalziel
Rene Joseph Dandurand
Leonard Earl Dandurand
Francis Ronald Darche
John Fielding Davidson
Darrell N. Davis
Erma Decker
Richard Clarence Dempsey
Russell L. Dennis
Peter Josberto Dinelli
Jesse Earl Dixon
Rollin William Downey
Reno Ray Downs
Charles Joseph Doyelle
Herbert G. Drummond
William G. Dwyer
Merle Alan Eberhart
Peter Kenneth Eckman
Emil A. Engelman
Victor F. Enoch
Henry E. Esser
Charles B. Easter
Richard C. Farley
Almon Verne Farman
Roy Edward Fields
William Edward Fiene
Robert Raymond Flood
Stephen French Frost
Benedict A. Furto
Ogle T. Garrett
John Lester Gates, Jr.
Clarence William Gierich
Donald L. Glasgow
Benjamin S. Goldstein
William Richard Gornik
Francis Patrick Granger
George Edwin Grant
Carlyle Paul Guenther
Lorraine Elizabeth Hansen
David Loris Hart
John T. Hartley
John F. Heavens
Roy Edward Hodina
Robert Hugh Inman
Donald E. Ireland
Francis Xavier Kennedy
John Francis Kinney
William E. Kilgore
Edward Joseph Knezevic
Fred Edwin Koenig
Michael Kon, Jr.
Carl Vernon Kornmeyer
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Clyde Clifford Kurtz
George Joseph Kusnir
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Wilford C. Langeland
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Richard L. Leidig
Robert Charles Libersher
George Clare Lindberg
Keith Earl Lockwood
Donald Lukich
John W. McCarthy
Robert J. McCleary
Robert Earl Magee
August Julius Manau
John Michael Mandzuk
Robert John Maren
Sylvester Pete Matuszewski
Clyde Bernard Miller
Earl Lester Miller
Dominic Raymond Minnito
Robert Gene Moberly
Joseph Francis Monroe
Robert B. Morrison
Norman Jennings Muntz
Wayne E. Munyon
Robert Russell Murphy
Jerry H. Muzzarelli
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Lucille Frances Nahas
Thomas Ralph Nally
Arthur Leonard Neilsen
Donald Howard Nelson
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Robert Adam Sherwood
Russel John Siemsen
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Arthur Joseph Skorupa
Forest David Slick
LeRoy Smith
Richard D. Smith
Waldo E. Smith
Albin J. Smrekar
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Elmer John Stahl
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Edwin James Sullivan
Carl Edwin Swanson
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William Edward Thomas
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Frank Henry Woodin
Merlyn Sherwood Wright
Harold Herbert Zagar
Donald Zobel
Edward John Zobel
George Zobel
William C. Zobel.

EOP Topples Crackers And Camp Des Plaines

The EOP baseball team defeated Camp Des Plaines 12 to 8 in a twilight game at Camp Des Plaines. **Elmer Emanuelson,** relief pitcher, starred after Camp Des Plaines knocked **Lou Hoffman** out of the box in the first inning.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R.	H.
Camp Des Pln's.	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	7
EOP	1	0	2	1	2	2	4	12	11

Batteries: Camp Des Plaines—Valentine, Neeley, Isadore and Lawrence; EOP—Emanuelson, Hoffman and Juricic.

Elwood Ordnance defeated the Moran Crackers 5 to 1 to revenge the defeat handed to them by the Crackers earlier in the season. **Harold Wagner,** pitching, and **Bob Plese,** fielding, featured for Elwood.

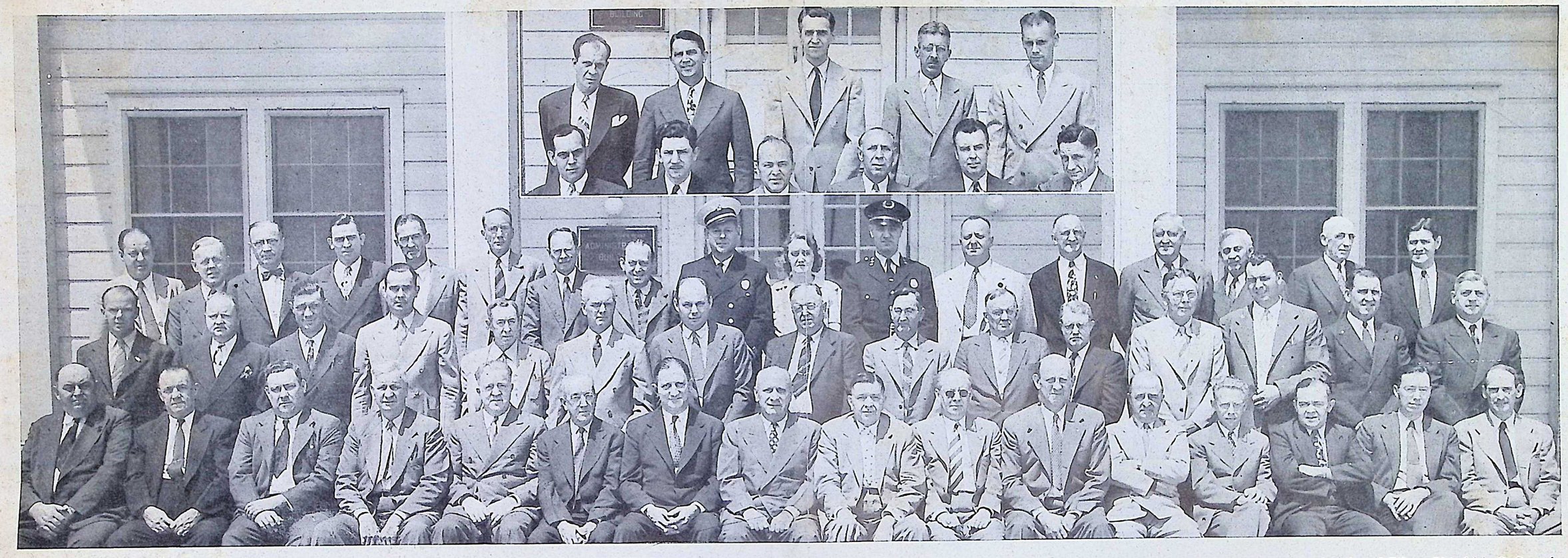
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.
M. Crackers.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
EOP	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	5	8

Batteries: Crackers—McCoulough, Cavaretta and Ambrosich; EOP—Wagner and Hagen.

SCORCHY . . . yes, 'tis he, in the flesh . . . but a h— of a lot younger than he is now. Scorchy was only eight months old when this picture was made. The mystery of his identity has been solved.

EOP Management and Supervision Family

OPERATIONS ENGINEERING MAINTENANCE SERVICE



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE in all phases of the operation of a gigantic institution such as Elwood Ordnance Plant—some of it gained in World War I—are represented by the management and supervision family of EOP. Members of the family shown here, left to right, are: First row: E. O. Huey, superintendent of Plant Protection; J. J. Fitzpatrick, superintendent of Group 3-A; H. D. Dougherty, superintendent of Group 3; James J. Murphy, superintendent of Group 2; Joseph E. Salmon, superintendent of Group 1; E. J. Walsh, general superintendent of loading lines; John J. Cole, assistant general manager; W. E. Canniff, general manager; Harrison Smith, resident partner for Sanderson & Porter; Louis J. Kessel, comptroller; A. E. Frosch, chief engineer; T. M. Burns, general superintendent of Fuze & Booster Area; J. E. Truka, superintendent of Groups 6 and 7; J. H. Walker, superintendent of Groups 8 and 9; W. D. Whaley, Jr., superintendent of Groups 4 and 5; George F. Bent, personnel director; second row: Francis P. Walsh, Laundry; R. A. Brown, Radio; D. I. Watchorn, Water and Sewers; C. W. Wade, Railroad Operation; J. A. Cocker, Machine Shop; C. J. Taylor, Building Maintenance; Paul J. Stazel, High Explosives; Claude Sayre, assistant general superintendent of Utilities; A. M. Lockwood, general superintendent of Utilities; E. G. McAloon, master mechanic; W. M. Ryan, Sheet Metal Shop; W. B. Manchester, Grounds; W. M. Dale, Pipe Shop; C. C. Hassel, Carpenter Shop; W. H. White, Electric Shop; third row: Vernon C. Bailey, editor, *The Bomb-Shell;* C. J. Coburn, auditor; G. B. Pumphrey, assistant comptroller; E. C. Carlson, purchasing director; P. L. Deylitz, industrial engineer; R. T. Read, safety director; A. P. Balston, superintendent of Inert Storage; E. L. Walkup, recreation director; Chief R. W. Mortenson, Fire Department; Dagmar Peterson, Mail and Files; Chief M. C. Baughman, Guards; G. R. Kintzel, equipment manager; John C. Schmeh, Production Planning; A. J. MacLellan, chief inspector; Dr. H. L. Schultz, medical director; Charles Reilly, chief accountant; R. T. Bassett, service manager. Inset—first row: F. C. Schauland, assistant personal director; John O'Connell, chief timekeeper; John F. Dolan, paymaster; Charles Herbig, Material Warehouse; H. H. Clark, chief expediter; V. L. Knudson, Supplies; second row: Karl J. Ulrich, assistant safety director; G. B. Ward, meteorologist; J. Beukema, Tabulating; Victor M. Dagenais, office manager, and H. E. Hafele, High Explosives Laboratory. W. A. Buck, Telephone Communications; C. H. Mann, assistant superintendent of Inert Storage; H. D. Brown, Jr., managing clerk; E. S. Craik, chief buyer, and H. S. Robb, Salvage, were on vacation when photograph was made.

All EOP Employees Were Awarded Army-Navy "E" Flag January 9, 1943